This course covers techniques to characterize the structure and properties of materials whose characteristic dimensions range from nanometers to macroscopic. These include crystalline and noncrystalline materials, with a special attention to materials of current technological interest. The course will include guest lectures from experts and laboratory demos of a number of important techniques.

Course Goal
Students learn the basics of scanned probe microscopy, electron microscopy and x-ray scattering techniques for characterization of materials at the nm scale.

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Topics

Lectures:
Light Microscopy & Resolution
Scattering & Small Angle X-Ray Scattering (SAXS)
X-Ray Diffraction (XRD)
Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)
Scanning Electron Microscopy & X-Ray Elemental Analysis (SEM/EDS)
X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS)
Scanned Probe Microscopies
  Scanning Tunneling Microscopy
  Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM)
Secondary Ion Mass Spectroscopy
Optical spectroscopy
Thermal Characterization

Lab Demos:
SAXS, XRD, TEM, SEM/EDS, XPS, AFM, Thermal Characterization (tentative)
Class Times and Place
Class will be held Tuesday/Thursday from 12:30 pm-1:45 pm. Lectures will be held in CHE2136. Laboratories will be performed at AIMLab, MEMIL and the Chemistry Department’s Surface Analysis/XRay Center.

Textbook:

Recommended:

Recommended Review Articles

Suggested References (Books):


**Approach**
The course is taught following the text, from lecture notes and readings from the current literature. It includes lab demos in which measurements are observed and images/data are analyzed.

**Course Objectives**
This course is intended to introduce a number of techniques used to characterize materials including structure at length scales from atoms to macroscopic dimensions, composition, electronic structure, as well optical, electric, magnetic and transport properties. The emphasis is on what each technique measures, how the measurements can be interpreted, and what the limits are to the information which can be obtained.

Students taking this course learn:
1. Scattering phenomena and their application to characterizing materials.
2. Microscopy and image formation with light and charge particles, like electrons.
3. About surface forces and potentials, and how these are used in scanning force microscopy and force curve interpretation.
4. Elements of quantum mechanical confinement and tunneling, and how these are used in scanning tunneling microscopy and spectroscopy.
5. To analyze research results critically and to communicate the analysis effectively.

**Course Documents**
Course documents, including assignments will be posted on https://elms.umd.edu/

**Grading Method (441)**
Homework Assignments 30%
Data Analysis Reports 30%
Attendance & Participation 10%

**Grading Method (641)**
Homework Assignments 20%
Data Analysis Reports 20%
Final Term Paper 20%
Attendance & Participation 10%

Both 441 & 641: Final exam on Monday, December 16 1:30-3:30pm 30%

You are expected to submit a report for each the demos even if you are not present during the demo. The questions to be answered for every demo are on ELMS.
Assignment Submission Expectations
All assignments are expected to be submitted online in valid PDF format unless otherwise specified or permitted in advance. Numerous resources are available for creating, editing, and checking PDF files. Please see the tutorial document on ELMS.

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