

**SS849 PHOTOCATALYSIS: MATERIALS, METHODS AND APPLICATIONS 3-1-0-4**

**Unit 1:** Introduction: Introduction to photocatalysis and fundamentals of semiconducting materials

**Unit 2:** Characterization of photocatalytic materials:

Physicochemical characterization - Diffuse reflectance spectroscopy, Photoluminescence spectroscopy, Raman spectroscopy including the revision of general materials characterization techniques such as XRD, FT-IR, SEM and TEM

Electrochemical characterization – Flat band potential, Photocurrent measurements, Schottky-Mott model, Electro Chemical Impedance (EIS)

**Unit 3:** Mechanism of Photocatalysis: Advanced oxidation process, Reactive oxygen species (ROS), Identification of ROS, Photo-Fenton process, TiO<sub>2</sub> as photocatalyst, band engineering and surface modifications to TiO<sub>2</sub>, alternative catalysts to TiO<sub>2</sub> and visible light photocatalysts (any 3-4 examples)

**Unit 4:** Applications of Photocatalysis: Removal of organic/inorganic, microbial pollutants, disinfection, mechanism and its models; self-cleaning materials, basics of photocatalytic reactor design and immobilization of photocatalyst

**Unit 5:** Photocatalytic water splitting: Fundamentals of water splitting, water oxidation and water reduction reactions and design of the catalyst for the photocatalytic water splitting

**TEXT BOOKS/ REFERENCES:**

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