



# SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAICS : PRINCIPLES, TECHNOLOGIES & MATERIALS

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**PRE-REQUISITES** : Basic physics knowledge

**INDUSTRIES APPLICABLE TO** : Most companies related to solar photovoltaics

### **COURSE OUTLINE :**

This course is an introductory course on solar photovoltaics materials and devices covering fundamentals of operation of solar cells, physics of semiconducting materials, P-N junction device characteristics in dark and light. We will also discuss various solar photovoltaic technologies and their status with a brief discussion of the fabrication aspects of the devices. The course will also discuss the materials and technologies issues as well as device measurement techniques.

### **ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :**

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### **COURSE PLAN :**

**Week 1:** Introduction and Solar radiation fundamentals

**Week 2:** Basic physics of semiconductors

**Week 3:** Carrier transport, generation and recombination in semiconductors

**Week 4:** Semiconductor junctions

**Week 5:** Essential characteristics of solar photovoltaic devices

**Week 6:** First Generation Solar Cells

**Week 7:** Second Generation Solar Cells

**Week 8:** Third Generation Solar Cells