

Course Description – Winter 2024/2025

Title	Fundamentals of Laser Technology
Faculty	Mechanical Engineering
Professor	Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Christian Rödel
ECTS	5
Level	Bachelor
Requirements	-
Add. Information	https://www.hs-schmalkalden.de/hochschule/fakultaeten/fakultaet-maschinenbau/internationales/englische-kurse.html
Content	<p>On completion of this course, the students should have some background knowledge on the special properties of laser radiation and the functional principles of a laser. They should know the design and some typical applications of some basic laser types. They should know how to measure the beam quality of a laser and the fundamentals of frequency doubling and the generation of short pulses.</p> <p>Physical properties of laser radiation; laser principles: light amplification, 4-level-laser system, gain profile and longitudinal modes, laser resonator, transverse modes; generation of short pulses, frequency doubling, propagation of Gaussian and non-Gaussian beams; laser types: HeNe-laser, CO₂-laser, Nd:YAG-laser, fiber laser; laser applications: interferometry, holography, materials processing</p>