Module: Applied Electrochemistry: Batteries, Fuel Cells and other applications

University/department/institute: Freie Universität Berlin/Department of Biology, Chemistry and Pharmacy/Institute of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Responsible for the module: module lecturers

Admission requirements: none

Qualification aims: The students have deepened their knowledge and know the current applications of electrochemistry, including everyday applications. They have experience of the current state of fundamental research and understand the steps in the process chain leading to application. In the accompanying seminar, students research examples of current research, present them and discuss them critically in the group.

Content: Principles (double layer models, Nernst equation, Butler-Volmer equation, Tafel equation, electrochemical cells), batteries for storing energy (structure using the example of a lithium ion battery, discussion of challenges and limitations of battery technology, use of modern materials and concepts such as Li-O and Li-S, redox-flow batteries); fuel cells for energy conversion (development of fuel cell technology, comparison of low temperature systems (polymer electrolyte membrane fuel cell – PEMFC, Direct methanol fuel cell – DMFC) and high temperature systems (solid oxide fuel cell – SOFC), design of new materials and production processes); materials and methods (carbon materials in fuel cells and batteries, carbon nanotubes, graphene, new electrolytes (solid and liquid)); methods for in-situ examination of batteries and fuel cells; current research topics in focus: water electrolysis, chloralkali electrolysis, concept of photoelectrochemical hydrogen generation; electrochemical sensors; electroluminescence; electrophoresis; corrosion protection

Teaching and learning units	Attendance (Semester hours per week = SH)	Forms of active participation	Study time (hours)	
Lecture	2	-	Attendance L Preparation and follow-up L Attendance S Preparation and follow-up S Examination preparation, examination	30 30 30 30 30
Seminar	2	Contributions to discussion		
Language of instruction		German or English		
Compulsory regular attendance		Attendance recommended		
Study time, total hours		150 hours		5 CP
Duration of module		One semester		
Module offered		Not regularly		
Application		Master's program in Chemistry		