

**Course offered for the PhD program
in Civil, Chemical and Environmental Engineering
Curriculum in Chemical, Material and Process Engineering –
a.a. 2016/2017 (cycles XXXII, XXXI e XXX)**

(possibility of participation for students in other PhD cycles or other PhD courses)

1. Title

Characterization of powdered materials

2. Course Description

The course aims to provide to future PhDs notions and fundamentals on relevant techniques for material characterization.

The course will include the following topics:

1. **Elemental composition**; atomic absorption and emission spectroscopies, X-ray fluorescence and Energy-dispersive X-ray (EDX) analysis.
2. **Structural properties of inorganic materials and its characterization**: X-Ray diffraction, vibrational and UV-vis spectroscopies.
3. **Morphology characterization**: Surface area and porosity and scanning electron microscopy (SEM).
4. **Analysis of the surface structure and composition**: X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS), surface acidity and basicity characterization using probe molecules and studies of the surface redox behavior.
5. **Laboratory training**: analysis of one sample of PhD student interest through vibrational spectroscopies at catalysis laboratories.

3. Course Organization

The course, organized into a single module, will consist of classroom lessons and practical laboratory training. The course will be held in English.

4. Teacher

The course teacher will be Dr. Gabriella Garbarino.

5. Duration and credits

The course (18 hours) will consist of 5 lessons, 3 hours each, and a 3 hours tutorial in the laboratory, for a total of 3 credits.

6. Activation mode and teaching period

The course will be held during the period November-December 2016 and a detailed calendar for lessons will be given to registered students.

7. Deadline for registration

Registration to the course must be made before November 15th. Students are requested to inform teacher by e-mail (gabriella.garbarino@unige.it) about their registration.

8. Final exam

The final exam will consist in an interview on the topics covered by the course. The students are requested to contact teacher by email to establish the date of the exam.