Study Programme: Master academic studies of forensics

Course Unit Title: Methods of measurement of nuclear and other radioactive material

Course Unit Code: FM-07

Name of Lecturer(s): Associate Professor Jovana Nikolov

Type and Level of Studies: Master Academic Degree

Course Status (compulsory/elective): Elective

Semester (winter/summer): Summer Language of instruction: English

Mode of course unit delivery (face-to-face/distance learning): Face-to-face

Number of ECTS Allocated: 6

Prerequisites: None

Course Aims:

Understanding of the basic principles of acting in the case of nuclear or other radioactive material out of the regulatory control (MORC). Basic properties of nuclear and radioactive material and main detection techniques.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful finishing of this course students are able to meet the needs of forensics in the following:

- 1. detect and adequately respond to a presence of nuclear and other radioactive material on the terrain;
- 2. apply the obtained knowledge and understanding in the case of finding MORC;
- 3. appropriate use of detection techniques and handling of the nuclear or radioactive samples respecting basic principles of radiation protection (ALARA principle);
- 4. reliably, precisely and accurately report the results of the preliminary analysis;
- 5. provide basic measurements and identification of MORC.

Syllabus:

Theory

Interaction of ionizing radiation with matter. Biological effects of ionizing radiation. Dosimetry and dosimetry quantities and units. Radiation detectors and detection systems. Detection of neutrons. Detection of charged particles. Gamma spectrometry. Activation analysis. Destructive measuring techniques. Radiation protection.

Practice

Demonstration of radiation detectors and in-situ measurements. Laboratory work: alpha, beta and gamma emitters.

Required Reading:

- 1. INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, Arrangements for Preparedness for a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency, IAEA Safety Standards Series No. GS-G-2.1, IAEA, Vienna (2006).
- 2. INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, Method for Developing Arrangements for Response to a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency, EPR-METHOD 2003, IAEA, Vienna (2003).
- 3. INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, Postgraduate Educational Course in Radiation Protection and the Safety of Radiation Sources, Standard Syllabus, Training Course Series No. 18, IAEA, Vienna (2002).
- 4. FIRESTONE, R.B., BAGLIN, C.M., FRANK-CHU, S.Y., Table of Isotopes, 8th edn, Wiley, New York (1999).

Weekly Contact Hours: 5 (75) | Lectures: 2 (30) | Practical work: 2+1 (30+15)

Teaching Methods:

Lectures, laboratory exercises and mentoring.

Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points): 100

Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
Active class participation	10	written exam	20
Practical work	30	oral exam	10
Seminar(s)	30		