

MSE-431

Physical chemistry of polymeric materials

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| Cursus | Sem. | Type |
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| Chimiste | MA2 | Opt. |
| Ing.-chim. | MA2, MA4 | Obl. |
| Materials Science and Engineering | MA2, MA4 | Opt. |

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| Language of teaching | English |
| Credits | 3 |
| Session | Summer |
| Semester | Spring |
| Exam | During the semester |
| Workload | 90h |
| Weeks | 14 |
| Hours | 3 weekly |
| Courses | 2 weekly |
| Exercises | 1 weekly |
| Number of positions | |

Summary

The student has a basic understanding of the physical and physicochemical principles which result from the chainlike structure of synthetic macromolecules. The student can predict major characteristics of a polymer from its chemical structure and molecular architecture.

Content

- Introduction
- Dilute solutions
- Concentrated solutions and phase behavior
- The amorphous state
- The crystalline state
- The glass-rubber transition
- Rubber elasticity
- Viscoelastic properties

Keywords

dilution solutions
 concentrated solution
 glass transition
 rubber elasticity
 viscoelastic behaviour

Learning Prerequisites**Recommended courses**

General chemistry, Inorganic chemistry, organic and polymer chemistry

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Predict polymer characteristics based on chemical structure and molecular architecture
- Discuss dilute and concentrated solution and bulk behaviour of synthetic polymers

- Use insights from physicochemical experiments to discuss the composition and architecture of polymers

Transversal skills

- Use a work methodology appropriate to the task.
- Assess one's own level of skill acquisition, and plan their on-going learning goals.
- Continue to work through difficulties or initial failure to find optimal solutions.

Teaching methods

Lectures and exercises

Assessment methods

written

Resources

Ressources en bibliothèque

- [Polymer Chemistry / Hiemenz](#)
- [Introduction to Physical Polymer Science / Sperling](#)