

MSE-431

**Physical chemistry of polymeric materials**

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

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

**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 solutions  
 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
- Discuss dilute and concentrated solutions and bulk behaviour of synthetic 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**

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