

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
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 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

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