The Organic Chemistry of Polymers - CHM 5275 Syllabus

CHM 5275-3504, Fall 2012, Tuesday, Thursday, 11:45 am – 12:35 pm
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Course Coverage. Mechanisms of polymerization reactions of monomers and molecular weight distributions of products; principles, limitations, and advantages of most important methods of molecular weight determination; relationship of physical properties to structure and composition; correlations of applications with chemical constitution. Topics will include: basics of polymerization; condensation polymerization, radical chain polymerization, ionic chain polymerization, copolymerization, ring-opening polymerization, metal-catalyzed polymerization, chemical modifications of polymers, recent developments in polymers, polymer characterization, polymer properties, and biological polymers.

Prerequisites. CHM 2210, 2211 (sophomore organic chemistry) or equivalent.

Recommended. CHM 3120 (junior analytical chemistry) or equivalent.

Course Goals. • Deduction of monomer(s) given a polymeric structure
  • Deduction of polymer given a monomeric structure
  • Understanding basic techniques for polymer characterization
  • Understanding of monomer(s) given a polymeric structure
  • Understanding basic techniques for molecular weight determination
  • Understanding of polymerization mechanisms
  • Recognition of compatibility of monomers with various polymerization mechanisms/reaction conditions
  • Understanding polymer structure/polymer property relationships
  • Classification of polymers based on chemical structure

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1 August 23 Introduction, Overview, History, Polymer Types, Mechanism 1-1
2 August 28 Nomenclature, Structure, Molecular Weight 1-2, 1-3, 1-4
3 August 30 Physical State, Applications 1-5, 1-6
4 September 4 Step Polymerization, Reactivity, Kinetics, Equilibrium 2-1, 2-2 – 2-2a-3, 2-3, 2-4
5 September 6 Cyclization, Thermodynamics, Stoichiometry, Process 2-5, 2-6a, 2-7 – 2-7a, 2-8c
6 September 11* Polyesters, PC, Polyamides, Crosslinking 2-8d – 2-8g, 2-10 – 2-10a-1, 2-12 PS#1 (*September 6)
7 September 13* Step Copolymerization, High Performance Polymers 2-13, 2-14 (*September 17)
8 September 18 Heterocyclic Polymers, Conjugated Polymers 2-14
9 September 20 Inorganic and Organometallic Polymers, Dendrimers, Miscellaneous 2-15, 2-16, 2-17 PS#2
10 September 25 Midterm Examination I. (Chapters 1, 2)
11 September 27 Radial Chain Polymerization, Structure, Rate, Initiation 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 (not b-2, c-3, g)
12 October 2 Molecular Weight, Thermodynamics 3-5, 3-6d, 3-9b, 3-9c
13 October 4 Commercial Polymers via Radical Polymerization 3-14
14 October 9 Living Radical Polymerization, Other Polymerizations 3-15, 3-16
15 October 11 Ionic Chain Polymerization, Cationic Polymerization 5-1, 5-2 – 5-2c, 5-2h, 5-2l PS#3
16 October 16 Anionic Polymerization, Group Transfer Polymerization 5-3
17 October 18 Block Architectures, Carbonyl Polymerization, Miscellaneous 5-4, 5-5, 5-6, 5-7 PS#4
18 October 23 Midterm Examination II. (Chapters 3, 5)
19 October 25 Chain Copolymerization, 6-1, 6-2 – 6-2d, 6-2g
20 October 30* Radical Copolymerization, Q-e Schemes, 6-3 – 6-3b (*October 25)
21 November 1* Ionic Copolymerization, Dienes, Other Copolymerizations, Applications 6-4, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8 (*Nov. 2)
22 November 6 Ring-Opening Polymerization, Cyclic Ethers 7-1, 7-2 – 7-2b-4, 7-2b-6-b, 7-2b-7 PS#5
23 November 8 Ring-Opening Polymerization, Lactams, Lactones, Heterocyclcs 7-3, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6a, 7-8, 7-11a
24 November 13 Stereochemistry of Polymerization, Stereospecificity, Stereoregularity, Ziegler-Natta, 8-1, 8-2
25 November 15 Metallocene Polymers, Ziegler-Natta Metallocenes, Applications 8-3, 8-4, 8-5, 8-11 PS#6
26 November 20 Midterm Examination III. (Chapters 6, 7, 8)
27 November 22 No Class. Thanksgiving
28 November 27 Reactions of Polymers, Principles of Polymer Reactivity, Crosslinking 9-1, 9-2
29 December 4 Natural Polymers, Polysaccharides, Polypeptides, Nucleic Acids Stevens 18 PS#7
30 December 13 Final Exam. (Chapters 1-3, 5-9, 18) Thursday, December 13, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, LEI 142


(E-book, licensed for UF students, faculty and staff)

Highly Recommended Textbook:

Recommended Textbooks:

E-Learning in Sakai. All students will have access to E-Learning. The homepage for this course can be found at:

https://lss.at.ufl.edu/

You will login with your Gatorlink account username and password. This is where you will find general class information, important news, office hours, handouts, class notes, and keys. This is also where you will be able to find out your point totals and histograms.

Class Requirements:

1) Seven problem sets (35 points each; 210 points max; the lowest score will be dropped)
2) Ten in-class quizzes (10 points each = 100 points)
3) Three midterm examinations (150 points each = 450 total)
4) Final examination (240 points)

= 1000 points total

Problem Sets. Problem sets will be due at 4:30 pm on the designated due dates. Answer keys will be posted around this time. Please write only on the paper provided. The problem sets may be spot-graded; this means that only some or parts of the problems may be scored and contribute to the 35 points. The lowest of the seven scores will be dropped. You may work in groups or alone. But, you may not copy answers. The problem sets are designed to prepare you for the examinations. Problem sets cover the following chapters:

PS#1 Chapters 1, 2
PS#2 Chapter 2
PS#3 Chapter 3
PS#4 Chapter 5
PS#5 Chapter 6
PS#6 Chapters 7,8
PS#7 Chapters 9, Stevens 18

In-class Quizzes. The ten in-class quizzes, which will be unannounced and randomly distributed during the semester, will be short and are designed to encourage you to attend class and to keep up with the course. They may occur at the beginning, middle, or end of class. They should be very easy for those who have read the assigned material. The quizzes can only be taken during the class period in which they are administered. They cannot be made up.
Midterm Examinations. There will be three midterm examinations and each will focus on the chapters designated. The midterms are not designed to be cumulative; but you may expect some natural amount of material from a previous midterm to be important and necessary.

Final Examination. The final examination will be cumulative. The best way to study for it is to keep up during the semester and review all notes and assignments for the course.

Extra Credit. Additional opportunities should arise for extra credit (e.g., extensive class participation, attending a lecture outside of class, extra credit quizzes, extra credit problems on the homework, or an extra credit question on an exam). In any event, no more than 50 extra credit points may be earned. Extra credit will be applied after the curve is assigned for the course. This may allow some students to raise their grade by one grade increment (e.g., B+ to A–).

Grading. Grades will be curved based on points earned out of 1000. The extra-credit will then be added to those who have earned it to determine if an increase in the final grade is achieved.

Assignment Regrading. If you have a question concerning the grading of an assignment, you may submit the entire assignment for complete regrading. The assignment must be submitted for regrading by the second class meeting after the date the assignment was returned to the class.

Online Notes will be available on E-Learning (see above) in pdf format. They are organized by book chapter. They are made and posted to help you follow the lecture; hopefully this will allow you to spend less time writing and more time thinking. Students are encouraged to print the notes and bring them to class to facilitate notetaking.

Office Hours. Office hours will usually be held Thursdays from 3:00 to 3:50 pm in LEI 328 (but check for migration to my office, LEI 318A). Additional office hours should be possible and should be scheduled by email.

Makeup Examinations. Makeup examinations will be given only for University-excused absences provided the appropriate documentation is supplied within the allowed time frame.

Returning Assignments. To facilitate the return of assignments, I request that you write your name and number (to be assigned) on the back of each assignment that is turned in. Thus, I will be able to turn them upside-down and alphabetize them for mass distribution on a table at the front of class.

Accommodations for students with disabilities. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

UF Honor Code: We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity. On all work submitted for credit by students at the university, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The university requires all members of its community to be honest in all endeavors. A fundamental principle is that the whole process of learning and pursuit of knowledge is diminished by cheating, plagiarism and other acts of academic dishonesty. In addition, every dishonest act in the academic environment affects other students adversely, from the skewing of the grading curve to giving unfair advantage for honors or for professional or graduate school admission. Therefore, the university will take severe action against dishonest students. Similarly, measures will be taken against faculty, staff and administrators who practice dishonest or demeaning behavior.

Cheating and Plagiarism. Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated. The minimum penalty will be an automatic zero on the assignment in question. Suspension from the University may also result. Do not risk it. It is not worth it. Plagiarism consists of passing off as one’s own the ideas, words, writings, etc. that belong to someone else. You are committing plagiarism if you copy the work of another person and turn it in as your own, even if you have that person’s permission. See: http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/honorcode.php

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