

Computational Chemistry – CHM 6586 Syllabus

CHM 6586, Fall 2023, Monday 9:35 am – 10:25 am, Wednesday 8:30 am – 10:25 am

Room: Weil 408D. Lectures scheduled for synchronous delivery on Canvas

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Course Description. This class will cover different aspects of computational chemistry tools from quantum mechanical calculations to classical molecular dynamics simulations.

Course Coverage. Basic of quantum mechanics, HF theory, density functional theory, approximations, QM packages (Gaussian, Quantum Espresso), MD packages (LAMMPS, Amber)

Course Goals. • Understand when, which and how to use computational tools to gain insights into chemical systems.

- Gain a basic understanding on how to run QM calculations on molecules and materials.
- Gain a basic understanding of how to run classical mechanics tools for MD simulations.
- Understand and analyze the results from computational chemistry.
- An introduction to software packages for computational chemistry.
- Hands-on exercises using Gaussian, Quantum Espresso, LAMPPS, and Amber.

Tentative Schedule of Classes:

Date	Topic (lecture)	Topic (lab)	Homework
Aug 23	Introduction to the course;	Install software (windows, mac, linux)	
Aug 28	Basic of QM, HF theory, approximations		
Aug 30	Density functional theory	Structure generation and visualization	HW1
Sep 4	Holiday – no class		
Sep 6	Intro to HiperGator (Matt Gitzendanner)	File transfer to HiperGator	
Sep 11	Small molecule QM simulation		
Sep 13	Understanding Gaussian inputs	First calculation with Gaussian	
Sep 18	Gaussian calculation results analysis		
Sep 20	Basis sets and functionals	Analysis the output from Gaussian	
Sep 25	Geometry optimizations		HW2
Sep 27	Large molecule QM simulation	Analysis the output from Gaussian	
Oct 2	Predicting chemical properties		
Oct 4	Studying reaction mechanisms	Analysis the output from Gaussian	
Oct 9	Solid state physics		
Oct 11	Understanding Quantum Espresso input	First calculation with QE	
Oct 16	Electronic structure-I		
Oct 18	Electronic structure-II	Analysis the output from QE	
Oct 23	2D materials calculation		HW3
Oct 25	Defects, formation energy	Analysis the output from QE	
Oct 30	Studying the surface reaction		
Nov 1	Discussion (QM and DFT)	First calculation with LAMMPS	
Nov 6	Molecular Mechanic-I		
Nov 8	Molecular Mechanic-II	Analysis the output from LAMMPS	
Nov 13	Molecular Mechanics-III		
Nov 15	Introduction to AI in chemistry	First calculation with Amber	HW4
Nov 20	Introduction to Quantum Computing		
Nov 22	Holiday – no class		
Nov 27	Student Presentation		
Nov 29	Student Presentation		
Dec 4	Student Presentation		
Dec 6	Student Presentation		

Recommended Textbooks:

Exploring Chemistry with Electronic Structure Methods 3rd Edition by J. B. Foresman and Æ. Frisch

Molecular Modeling: Principles and Applications 2nd Edition by A. R. Leach

Essentials of Computational Chemistry: Theories and Models 2nd Edition by C. J. Cramer

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Class Requirements:

- 1) Four homework (12.5 points each = 50 points)
 - 2) Final project (15 points)
 - 3) Project presentation (15 points)
 - 4) Attendance and in-class participants (20 points)
- = 100 points total**
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Homework. Homework due date is posted on the class calendar. Late homework (if it is turned in on the same day, but after the deadline) will have a 20% deduction on the grade. The day after, the solutions will be posted, and no more homework will be accepted for grading.

Final Projects. Students will use the techniques they have acquired to simulate their systems of interest and prepare a report.

Presentation. The final projects results will be presented at the end of the semester with 15min + 5min Q&A.

Grading. Grades will be curved based on points earned out of 100.

85-100	A
75-85	B+
65-75	B
60-65	B-
< 60	C

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 next class meeting after the date the assignment was returned to the class.

Office Hours. Wednesday 1-3 pm, LEI 240C by email appointment.

TA Office Hours.

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