



**Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani – Pilani Campus**  
**Instruction Division**  
**First Semester 2016-2017**  
**Course Handout (Part-II)**

**Date: 02/08/2016**

In addition to Part I (General Handout for all courses appended to the Time Table), this portion gives further specific details regarding the course.

**Course No.** : CHE G533  
**Course Title** : Petroleum Product Characterization  
**Instructor-in-Charge** : HARE KRISHNA MOHANTA

### 1. Course Description

Methods of estimation of characterization parameters for pure hydrocarbons; methods of characterization of petroleum fractions and products; experimental methods on measurement of basic properties obtained from laboratory testing; methods of prediction of properties for defined mixtures from pure-component properties (normal boiling point, density, molecular weight, critical properties, etc.); methods of prediction of properties for undefined mixtures based on certain bulk properties; characterization methods for light and heavy as well as narrow and wide boiling range mixtures; predictive methods for some characteristics specifically applicable to petroleum fractions that affect the quality of a fuel; standard test methods recommended by ASTM for various properties; minimum laboratory data needed to characterize various fractions as well as analysis of laboratory data and criteria for development of a predictive method; introduction to characterization of crude oils and reservoir fluids; associated Petroleum Laboratory experiments.

### 2. Scope and Objective

The primary objective of this course is to give a theoretical as well as a practical experience on the treatment and testing techniques involved in petroleum refineries. Its scope is limited to the analysis and characterization of petroleum products.

### 3. Text Book

T1. Riazi.M.R, '*Characterization and Properties of Petroleum Fractions*', First edition, ASTM International Standards Worldwide, 2005.

T2. J.G. Speight, '*Handbook of Petroleum Product Analysis*', Wiley, 2001.

### 4. Reference Books

R1. W.L. Nelson, '*Petroleum Refinery Engineering*', McGraw Hill, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., 1968.

R2. M.A. Fahim, T.A. Al-Shhaf, A.S. Elkilani, '*Fundamentals of Petroleum Refining*', Elsevier, 1<sup>st</sup> Ed., 2010.

### 5. Course Plan:

Lecture No.	Learning Objectives	Topics to be covered	Ref. to TB/RB Chap.
1-3	Petroleum and Petroleum Products	Composition of petroleum; Refinery Products and Test Methods.	2,3 (R1) 2 (T2)
4-10	Thermophysical Properties of Petroleum Fractions and Crude Oils	Classification, Characterization and evaluation of crude oil, Properties of petroleum products and crude oils.	4 (R1) 3 (R2)
11-16	Characterization and	Prediction of Molecular Weight, Boiling Point,	2 (T1)



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	properties of pure Hydrocarbons	Specific Gravity, Critical properties and Acentric factor.	
17-22	Characterization of Petroleum Fractions	Boiling Point and Distillation Curves; Conversion of Distillation Data; Properties of petroleum fractions; Properties of mixtures.	3 (T1)
23-28	Characterization of Reservoir Fluids and Crude Oils	Specification of Reservoir Fluids and Crude Assays; Calculation of Properties of Crude Oils and Reservoir fluids.	4 (T1)
29-32	PVT Relations and Equations of State	Phase rule; Cubic Equation of State; Noncubic Equations of State; Rackett Equation.	5 (T1)
33-36	Thermodynamic Relations for Property Estimation	Fundamental Thermodynamic Relations; Properties of ideal gases; Phase equilibria of Mixtures.	6 (T1)
37-38	Estimation of Thermophysical Properties	Density; Vapor Pressure; Enthalpy; Heat Capacity.	7 (T1)
39-40	Estimation of Transport Properties	Viscosity, Thermal Conductivity, Diffusivity, Surface Tension.	8 (T1)
41-42	Phase Equilibrium Calculations	Bubble Point and Dew Point Calculations; True Critical Properties; Asphaltene prediction; Enhanced Oil Recovery.	9 (T1)

#### 6. Evaluation Scheme:

EC No.	Component	Duration (Minutes)	Weightage (%)	Date & Time	Remarks
1.	Mid-Semester Test	90	90 (30%)	<TEST_1>	CB (10%) +OB (20%)
3.	Petroleum Lab	2 hours per week	90 (30%)		-
3.	Comprehensive Exam.	180	120 (40%)	<TEST_C>	CB

**7. Chamber Consultation Hour:** To be announced in the class

#### 8. Notices:

All notices concerning this course will be displayed in Nalanda Portal (<http://nalanda.bits-pilani.ac.in/>) and on the Chemical Engineering Notice Board.

#### 9. Make-up Policy:

Make-up will be granted only for genuine cases.

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