



FIRST SEMESTER 2015-2016

Course Handout (Part II)

Date: 03 Aug., 2015

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** : CHEM C311  
**Course Title** : Chemical Kinetics  
**Instructor-in-charge & Instructor** : S.C SIVASUBRAMANIAN

**1. Course Description:**

Discussion of reaction rate theory, kinetics and mechanism of various types of reactions, effect of temperature on reaction rates, energy of activation, theories of reaction rates and photochemistry.

**2. Scope and Objective of the course:**

Chemical kinetics is concerned with the study of the dynamics of chemical reactions. The raw data of chemical kinetics are the measurement of rates of reaction; the desired final product is the explanation of these rates in terms of complete reaction mechanisms. The objective of the present course is to introduce the foundation of the subject by studying series of reactions of increasing complexity and to show how experimentally measured parameters may be used to propose new models (mechanism) or verify existing models.

**3. Text Book :**

**T1.** Levine Ira N., *Physical Chemistry*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., Tata McGraw-Hill, New Delhi, 2011.

**Reference Book :**

**R1:** Peter Atkins and Julio de Paula, *Atkins' Physical Chemistry*, 9<sup>th</sup> Ed., Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2010.

**4. Course Plan :** [ Topics in () correspond to computer applications; depending on time available a tutorial introduction followed by take home problems from these topics will be assigned for computer solving.]

Lecture No.	Topic	Learning Objectives	Ref. to Text Book/Ref. book
1-3	Rates of chemical reactions; Integrated rate laws; Finding of rate law.	Definition of rate, derivation of concentration time relationship for simple reactions, determination of rate law, half-life of reactions, reactions approaching equilibrium, Exptl. Procedures to obtain rate laws.	<b>T1:</b> 16.1 - 16.4 (16.7)
4-6	Elementary reactions, Mechanisms	Elementary reactions, composite reactions, steady-state approximation, rate determining step, rate constants and equilibrium constants; rate laws for non-ideal systems.	<b>T1:</b> 16.5 - 16.6, 16.9-16.10
7	Temperature effects on rates	Concept of activation energy	<b>T1:</b> 16.8
8-9	Unimolecular and Trimolecular reactions	Lindemann-Hinshelwood mechanism	<b>T1:</b> 16.11 - 16.12





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10-11	Chain reactions	Polymerization kinetics, free-radical polymerization reactions	T1: 16.13
12-14	Fast reactions and reactions in solutions	Concepts of relaxation, diffusion controlled reactions	T1: 16.14 - 16.15
15-16	Homogeneous catalysis	Enzyme catalysis, Michaelis-Menton equation	T1: 16.16 - 16.17
17-18	Adsorption of gases on solids	Extent of adsorption, Physisorption and chemisorptions, Adsorption isotherms	T1: 16.18
19-20	Heterogeneous catalysis	Rates of surface processes	T1: 16.19
21	Theories of reaction rates	Collision Theory	T1: 22.1,
22-23	"	Reaction trajectory; Molecular reaction Dynamics	T1: 22.2-22.3
24-25	"	Transition State Theory	T1: 22.4, 22.6-22.7
26	Reactions in solution	Extending the gas phase theories to the solution phase	T1: 22.8
27	Weak forces	Electric dipole moment, Polarization, Interaction between dipoles, Interaction between induced dipoles, Hydrogen bonding, Total attractive and repulsive interactions	R1:17.5 - 17.6 T1: 13.14, 21.10
28-29	Surface Chemistry	Molecular interactions in gases, Liquid-vapour interface, surface films, Thermodynamics of surface layers	T1: 7.6 - 7.8 R1: 17.9 – 17.10
30-31	Colloids, micelles, and reverse micellar structures	Classification, Preparation, Structure & stability of colloids, Micelle formation, Reverse micellar structures, bilayers, Determination of size & shape	R1: 18.6 – 18.9 (b) T1: 7.9
32-35	Statistical Mechanics	Partition function, thermodynamic information from canonical partition function.	T1: 21.2 – 21.4
36-38	"	Molecular partition function, equilibrium constants	T1: 21.6 – 21.8
39-40	Transport processes	Kinetics, viscosity, diffusion, sedimentation, electrical conductivity of solids and electrolyte solutions	T1: 15.1 - 15.7

#### 5. Evaluation Scheme:

Components	Duration	Marks	Date & Time	Venue	Remarks
Mid-Sem-Test	1½ hrs	60	5/10 8:00 - 9:30 AM	To be announced	-
Tutorials	20 mts	60	Continuous		@
Comprehensive Examination	3 hrs.	80	1/12 FN		Partly OB

@ **Tutorials:** The tutorial hour will be used for a quick review of the highlights of the material covered in the lectures, clarification of doubts and problem solving. Further, a set of problems will be assigned periodically, of which the Instructor will specify one to be solved by the students in the tutorial hour of the following week. **Students must bring the tutorial problem sheets to the subsequent tutorial session without fail; they should not write anything on those sheets except their name and Id no.** Some problem sets may require usage of computer software during solving; evaluation of such problems will be done differently (by viva voce for





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example). The second method of evaluation in tutorial will be of a short quiz based on the lectures covered recently. Totally there will be six such tutorial evaluations out of which the best five will be accounted. Each tutorial evaluation will be for 12 marks.

**6. Chamber Consultation Hour:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Hour (12-12:50pm) at 3165(CAHU).

**7. Makeup Policy:** See Part I for details. However, it may be noted that there will be no make up for tutorials since the best five out of six evaluations are only taken into account.

**8. Notices:** Notices, if any, concerning the course will be displayed on the notice board of Chemistry Department only.

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