

BHASKARACHARYA COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCE
B.Sc. (HONOURS) POLYMER SCIENCE

Category I

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE -1 (DSC-1) – :
INTRODUCTION TO POLYMER SCIENCE**

**CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF
THE COURSE**

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
INTRODUCTION TO POLYMER SCIENCE	4	3	0	1	PCM	PCM

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To familiarize with the structure of polymers.
- To acquaint students with knowledge of molecular weight determination and polymersolubility.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- Understand physical state of polymers
- Develop fundamental knowledge of thermal transitions of temperature
- Understand structure-property relationship of polymers
- Apply mathematical formulae to depict polymer solution properties

SYLLABUS OF DSC-1
UNIT – I (9 hours)

INTRODUCTION TO POLYMER SCIENCES

Introduction and history of polymeric materials, classification of polymers, configuration and conformation of polymers, nature of molecular interaction in polymers, cumulative interaction, entanglement, random chain model and RMS end-to-end distance, Various structures of copolymers such as linear branched and cross-linked copolymers and their types.

UNIT – II (6 hours)

POLYMER CRYSTALS

Crystal morphologies, extended chain crystals, chain folding, lamellae, spherulites, crystallization, crystallinity, crystallizability & orientation, crystalline melting point, crystallization kinetics, effect of orientation and crystallinity on polymer properties, determination of crystallinity.

UNIT – III (9 hours)

PROPERTIES OF POLYMERS

Physical properties, introduction of mechanical properties (stress–strain curves, tensile, flexural, impact, fatigue, hardness, creep and abrasion), electrical properties (dielectric strength, volume resistivity and power factor)

UNIT – IV (9 hours)

POLYMER MOLECULAR WEIGHT

Nature and structure of polymers: structure-property relationships, molecular weight of polymers (M_n , M_w , M_v and M_z), polydispersity, molecular weight distribution and determination of molecular weight by solution viscosity and end group analysis,

UNIT – V (6 hours)

SOLUTION PROPERTIES OF POLYMERS

Polymer solutions, solubility parameter, athermal solvents, theta solvents, solution viscosity, thermodynamics of polymer solutions, Flory-Huggins theory

UNIT – VI (6 hours)

GLASS TRANSITION BEHAVIOUR OF POLYMERS

Glass transition temperature (T_g) and measurement of T_g , factors affecting the glass transition temperature, WLF equation

Practical component – (30 hours)

1. Chemical identification of polymers- • Unsaturation • Testing of functional groups(associated with polymers).
2. Measurement of glass transition temperature (T_g).
3. To determine the melting point of crystalline polymers.
4. To check the solubility of the given polymeric sample in different solvents.
5. Determination of molecular weight by solution viscosity.
6. Determination of number average molecular weight by end group analysis.
7. To find out the acid number and hydroxyl number of a given polymer.
8. To measure volume resistivity of polymer samples.

Essential/recommended readings

1. Odian, G., (2004) Principles of Polymerization, Wiley-interscience.
2. Gowarikar V.R., (2019) Polymer Science, New Age International Publishers Ltd, 3rd Edition.
3. Billmeyer F.W., (2007) Textbook of Polymer Science, Wiley, India.
4. Shah V., (1998) Handbook of Plastics Testing Technology, Wiley Interscience.

5. Seymour R.B., Carraher C.E., (2003) Polymer Chemistry, Marcel Dekker.
6. Teraoka, I. (2002). Polymer solutions: an introduction to physical properties.
7. Hiemenz, P. C., & Lodge, T. P. (2007). Polymer chemistry. CRC press.

Suggestive readings

1. Brydson J.A., (2016) Plastics Materials, Butterworth Heinemann, 8th Edition.
2. Schultz J.M., (2001) Polymer Crystallization, American Chemical Society.
3. Ghosh P., (2010) Polymer Science and Technology: Plastics, Rubbers, Blends and Composites, Tata McGraw Hill.
4. Shah V., (2006) Handbook of Plastics Testing and Failure Analysis, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 3rd Edition.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – 2 (DSC-2): RAW MATERIALS FOR POLYMERS

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Prerequisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
RAW MATERIALS FOR POLYMERS	4	3	0	1	PCM	

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To learn about the resources of polymers
- To learn about basic concepts of polymer latex
- To gain knowledge of properties of monomers and their synthesis XXX

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- Apply the knowledge of latex manufacturing and compounding
- Apply the knowledge of techniques used in monomer production