

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – 5: POLYMER RHEOLOGY (PR)

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		
POLYMER RHEOLOGY (PR)	4	3	0	1	12 th Pass	---

Learning Objectives

- To enhance fundamental knowledge of flow behaviour of polymer melts
- To understand the concept of mixing of polymers

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- Apply the knowledge of measurement of viscosity in handling of rheological instruments
- Interpret rheology of polymer melts by mechanical models

SYLLABUS OF DSC- 5

UNIT – I

(12 Hours)

RHEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES

Viscosity and polymer processing, rheological properties of fluids, shear stress in polymers, Newtonian & non-Newtonian flow, polymer melt viscosities (ideal molten chains, microscopic studies of melts), flow in channels, simple shear flow, melt-flow index, Weissenberg effect, die swell, melt fracture, creep & creep compliance, stress relaxation, isochronous stress-strain curves

UNIT – II

(15 Hours)

MELT FLOW ANALYSIS

Types of fluid & rheological models, rheological measurements by capillary, parallel plate and cone & plate viscometers, simple elongational flow and its significance, dynamic flow behavior, time dependent fluid behavior

UNIT – III

(09 Hours)

RHEOLOGICAL MODELS

The elastic and viscoelastic state of polymers – viscoelasticity, viscoelastic models: Maxwell model, Voigt-Kelvin model, Boltzmann superposition principle, dynamic mechanical testing

UNIT – IV

(09 Hours)

MIXING OF POLYMERS

Types of mixing, concept and importance of master batches, mixing of additives with the polymers, melt compounding

Practical -

30Hours

- Determination of melt flow index of a polymer such as PP, PS, LDPE etc.
- Determination of intrinsic viscosity by Ubbelohde viscometer.
- Determination of rheological properties of polymer melts by rheometers.
- Measurement of resin/paint viscosity by Ford cup 4.
- Measurement of dynamic viscosity by Brookfield Viscometer.
- Compounding of polymers and investigation of their rheological behavior.
- Industry/R&D organization visit.

Essential/recommended readings

- Gupta B.R., (2004) Applied Rheology in Polymer Processing, Asian Books.
- Rosen S.L., (2012) Fundamental Principles of Polymeric Materials, Wiley-Interscience.
- Ghosh P., (2010) Polymer Science and Technology of Plastic and Rubber, Tata McGraw Hill.
- Aklonis J., Macknight W.J., (2005) Introduction to Polymer Viscoelasticity, John Wiley & Sons
- Middleman, S. (1968). Flow of high polymers; continuum and molecular rheology.

Suggestive readings

- Bird R.B., Armstrong R.C., Hassager O., (1977) Dynamics of Polymeric Liquids (volume 1), John Wiley & Sons, New York.
- Shaw M.T., (2012) Introduction to Polymer Rheology, John Wiley & Sons.
- Dealy, J. M., & Wissbrun, K. F. (2012). Melt rheology and its role in plastics processing: theory and applications. Springer Science & Business Media.
- Hiemenz, P. C., & Lodge, T. P. (2007). Polymer chemistry. CRC press.

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