University of Wisconsin Madison

CHEM 505 section 001 Syllabus
Aspects of Industrial Chemistry and Business Fundamentals

COURSE INFORMATION

Aspects of Industrial Chemistry and Business Fundamentals
CHEM 505 001 ( 3 Credits )
Spring 2017-2018 [1184]

Description
The objective of this course is to educate students in the chemistry and chemical engineering that defines societies' standard of living. Commercial chemical processes will be reviewed. Practical realities of how a discovery moves from research to commercial product will be taught through examples and case studies. Financial concepts that guide investment will be reviewed.

Prerequisite(s)
Junior standing and Chem 345

Instruction Mode
Classroom Instruction

Department: CHEMISTRY
College: Letters and Science

Canvas Course URL
https://canvas.wisc.edu/

2017-2018 Spring [1184]
Term Start Date: Tuesday, 23-Jan-2018  Term End Date: Friday, 18-May-2018

Location and Schedule: Chemistry Building B371 TR 1:00 PM-2:15 PM
CRN: 224024296

How the Credit Hours are Met
This class meets for two 75-minute class periods each week over the semester and carries the expectation that students will work on course learning activities (reading, writing, problem sets, studying, etc) for about 3 hours out of classroom for every class period. The syllabus includes more information about meeting times and expectations for student work.

INSTRUCTORS AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Instructors

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Instructor Availability
after lecture and by appointment

TA Office Hours

GRADING AND COURSE MATERIALS

Course Learning Outcomes

Provide students with an overview of the most important value-chains in the chemical industry and connect the fundamental chemistry and chemical engineering principles learned in other courses with real-world applications. Teach students how laboratory discoveries can be legally protected and successfully commercialized and how to assess alternative technologies against the state-of-the-art.

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Grading
Grading will be based upon the evaluation of research problems (40%), a midterm exam 20%, a cumulative final exam (30%), and homework-business simulations/class participation (10%).

Letter grades will be assigned, relative to the overall performance of the class using the following intended grading scale as a starting point:
Discussion Sessions

N/A

Laboratory Sessions

N/A

Required Textbook, Software, & Other Course Materials

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OTHER COURSE INFORMATION

Other Course Information

Topics covered include the following:

1. Chemical industry integration, feedstock, product flow.
2. Industrial important inorganic chemistry (e.g., Chlor-alkali, nitric, sulfuric, and phosphoric acid)
3. Industrial important organic chemistry including:
   1. Organic Feedstocks (petroleum, natural gas, bio-derived)
   2. C1-chemistry (methane, syn-gas, methanol and formaldehyde)
   3. C2-chemistry (ethane, ethene, ethylene oxide, ethylene glycol and key derivatives)
   4. C3-chemistry (propane, propene, propylene oxide, propylene glycol)
   5. C4-chemistry (butane, butenes and butadiene)
   6. C6 – aliphatic (from cyclohexane to nylon)
   7. Aromatics (benzene, toluene and xylenes (BTX) and their key-derivatives like phenol, benzoic acid and terephtahlic acid)
   8. Long chain linear acids, alcohols and surfactants
   9. Plastics (overview of the most important crystalline and amorphous polymers and their applications)
4. Industrial Business fundamentals including:
   1. Financial fundamentals (NPV, IRR, Cash Flow)
   2. Source of Competitive Advantage (IP)
   3. Large Corporations, Small Company, Start-up VC
5. business simulation, and a variety of case studies

Recommended Texts for additional information (not required):


ACADEMIC POLICIES

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

By enrolling in this course, each student assumes the responsibilities of an active participant in UW-Madison’s community of scholars in which everyone’s academic work and behavior are held to the highest academic integrity standards. Academic misconduct compromises the integrity of the university. Cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration, and helping others commit these acts are examples of academic misconduct, which can result in disciplinary action. This includes but is not limited to failure on the assignment/course, disciplinary probation, or suspension. Substantial or repeated cases of misconduct will be forwarded to the Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards for additional review. For more information, refer to https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/academic-integrity/

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http://mcburney.wisc.edu/facstaffother/faculty/syllabus.php

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https://diversity.wisc.edu/