



Republic of the Philippines

**POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**

**Course Title** : Chemistry for Engineers

**Course Code** : CHEM 20074

**Course Credit** : 4 units (3 units lecture, 1 unit laboratory)

**Pre-Requisite** : General Chemistry I and II (SHS – STEM) or equivalent Bridge Subject

**Course Description** : The course entitled “Chemistry for Engineers” is patterned in such a way that important topics overlapped by the Chemistry disciplines are emphasized. Topics include the chemistry of materials, thermodynamics, electrochemistry, nuclear chemistry, and the environment. Special topics related to the individual fields of engineering are integrated into the appropriate topics for easy understanding.

Institutional Learning Outcomes	Program Outcomes	Course Objectives
1. Creative and Critical Thinking		At the end of the course, students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain the chemical principles of structures and bonding of atoms, molecules, lattices, polymers, nanomaterials, and composite materials.</li> <li>Discuss the application of chemistry to the generation of energy, thermodynamics, electrochemistry.</li> <li>Discuss the chemical processes in the environment, and the balance of these systems.</li> <li>Apply special concepts of materials, semiconductors, engines, systems, electric conductors, and industrial chemicals in engineering.</li> </ul>
2. Effective Communication		
3. Strong Service Orientation		
4. Community Engagement		
5. Adeptness in the Responsible Use of Technology		
6. Passion to Life-Long Learning		
7. High Level of Leadership and Organizational Skills		
8. Sense of Personal and Professional Ethics		
9. Sense of Nationalism and Global Responsiveness		

# COURSE PLAN

## Lecture

Week	Topic	Learning Outcome/s	Methodology	Resources
Week 1	<b>Introduction to the course contents, activities, and requirements.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show interest and appreciation of the importance of knowing the course, prior prerequisites, and expectations.</li> </ul>	Orientation Review of the syllabus, learning activities and assessment Getting to know activity	Course Syllabus
Weeks 2 – 4	<b>Molecules and Materials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metals</li> <li>Crystal Lattices</li> <li>Polymers</li> <li>Nanomaterials</li> <li>Composite Materials</li> <li>Cement and Concrete</li> <li>Semiconductors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the bonding and interactions formed between molecules of various materials and identify the effects to its properties.</li> <li>Construct simple models of metal and crystal bonding.</li> </ul>	Class Lecture and Discussion Modeling of Structures Work – Along Exercises	Brown, L. S. and Holme, T. <i>A. Chemistry for Engineering Students</i> , 2nd ed., <b>2011</b> , Belmont: Brooks / Cole.  Chang, R. and Goldsby, K.A. <i>Chemistry</i> , 11 <sup>th</sup> ed., <b>2013</b> , New York: McGraw – Hill.
Weeks 5 – 8	<b>Energy and Thermodynamics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work and Heat</li> <li>First Law of Thermodynamics</li> <li>Enthalpy, Calorimetry</li> <li>Hess's Law</li> <li>Heat Engines</li> <li>Second Law of Thermodynamics</li> <li>Entropy and Gibbs' Free Energy</li> <li>Explosives</li> <li>Cooling Systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the representations of energy in a thermodynamic system.</li> <li>Apply descriptions and discussions of the Laws of Thermodynamics to different practical representations, like engines and refrigeration.</li> <li>Calculate values that represent heat flow, disorder and spontaneity of systems.</li> </ul>	Class Lecture and Discussion Work – Along Exercises	Brown, T. L., et. al. <i>Chemistry: The Central Science</i> , 10 <sup>th</sup> ed., <b>2011</b> , Pearson.
Week 9	<b>MIDTERM EXAMINATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illustrate mastery of previous topics through a written examination.</li> </ul>	None	Reviewer for Weeks 2 – 8 Topics

Week	Topic	Learning Outcome/s	Methodology	Resources
Weeks 10 – 12	<b>Electrochemistry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redox Reactions</li> <li>Cells and Batteries</li> <li>Electrolysis</li> <li>Corrosion</li> <li>Electric Conduction and Resistance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the parts of a reduction - oxidation reaction, and how this type of reaction is balanced.</li> <li>Define the cell and its constituents, and relate the electrolysis and corrosion processes to the cell.</li> <li>Relate standard reduction potentials to the efficiency of an electrochemical cell.</li> </ul>	Class Lecture and Discussion  Work – Along Exercises	Brown, L. S. and Holme, T. A. <i>Chemistry for Engineering Students</i> , 2nd ed., <b>2011</b> , Belmont: Brooks / Cole.  Chang, R. and Goldsby, K.A. <i>Chemistry</i> , 11 <sup>th</sup> ed., <b>2013</b> , New York: McGraw – Hill.  Brown, T. L., et. al. <i>Chemistry: The Central Science</i> , 10 <sup>th</sup> ed., <b>2011</b> , Pearson.
Weeks 13 – 14	<b>Nuclear Chemistry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nuclear Reactions</li> <li>Half – Life</li> <li>Fission and Fusion</li> <li>Decay Series</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Differentiate nuclear reactions from other reactions, and describe the types of nuclear reactions.</li> <li>Discuss the possible decay of a radioactive isotope until a stable isotope emerges.</li> <li>Identify nuclear fission and nuclear fusion, and describe its applications in the energy sector.</li> </ul>	Class Lecture and Discussion  Work – Along Exercises	
Weeks 15 – 17	<b>Chemistry of the Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Atmosphere</li> <li>The Hydrosphere</li> <li>The Lithosphere</li> <li>Pollution</li> <li>Industrial Chemicals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe chemical reactions that naturally takes place in the air, in water and in land and discuss the effects of pollution to these natural reactions.</li> <li>Demonstrate knowledge in the development of antipollution measures and methods.</li> </ul>	Class Lecture and Discussion  Work – Along Exercises	
Week 18	<b>FINAL EXAMINATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illustrate mastery of previous topics through a written examination.</li> </ul>	None	Reviewer for Weeks 10 – 17 Topics

## Laboratory

Week	Topic	Learning Outcome/s	Methodology	Resources
Week 1	<b>Chemical Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply laboratory protocols and rules in every laboratory activity.</li> <li>• Practice correct laboratory attire and personal protective equipment.</li> <li>• Identify key parts of a Material Safety Data Sheet and GHS Chemical Label.</li> <li>• Recognize certain measures in case an emergency occurs.</li> </ul>	Orientation on Laboratory Safety and Guidelines	Chemistry for Engineers Laboratory Manual
Week 2	<b>Polymers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss properties of various types of polymers.</li> <li>• Test the effects of changing or adding certain variables to the properties of polymers.</li> </ul>	Pre – Lab Discussion  Experimentation	
Week 3	<b>Cement and Concrete</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report the viability of different materials as an aggregate in concrete.</li> <li>• Analyze the effects of changing the ratios of the components in concrete making to the properties of the concrete made.</li> </ul>	Pre – Lab Discussion  Experimentation	
Week 4	<b>Discussion on Experiments on Molecules and Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the results of the previous experiments.</li> <li>• Report on various observations recorded.</li> <li>• Assess the compliance on laboratory protocols, laboratory attire and equipment, and the experimental processes.</li> </ul>	Laboratory Evaluation	

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Week 5	<b>Calorimetry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine important values of molar enthalpies of various systems.</li> <li>Evaluate the efficiency of heat transfer in certain metals via their specific heat.</li> </ul>	Pre – Lab Discussion Experimentation	Chemistry for Engineers Laboratory Manual
Week 6	<b>Heat of Combustion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine the heats of combustion of several fuels.</li> <li>Relate chain length of fuels to their heats of combustion.</li> </ul>	Pre – Lab Discussion Experimentation	
Week 7	<b>Discussion on Experiments on Thermodynamics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the results of the previous experiments.</li> <li>Report on various observations recorded.</li> <li>Assess the compliance on laboratory protocols, laboratory attire and equipment, and the experimental processes.</li> </ul>	Laboratory Evaluation	
Week 8	<b>Batteries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct simple voltaic cells from common electrolytes and various metal electrodes.</li> <li>Devise a makeshift battery capable of lighting a LED light.</li> </ul>	Pre – Lab Discussion Experimentation	
Week 9	<b>Corrosion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define the corrosion process on several metals.</li> <li>Describe rusting and develop methods on its prevention.</li> </ul>	Pre – Lab Discussion Experimentation	

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Week 10	<b>Electroplating</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the process of electroplating several metals.</li> <li>Relate the results of the experiment to previous experiments.</li> </ul>	Pre – Lab Discussion  Experimentation	Chemistry for Engineers Laboratory Manual
Week 11	<b>Discussion on Experiments on Electrochemistry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the results of the previous experiments.</li> <li>Report on various observations recorded.</li> <li>Assess the compliance on laboratory protocols, laboratory attire and equipment, and the experimental processes.</li> </ul>	Laboratory Evaluation	
Weeks 12 – 16	<b>Water Analysis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop skills in titration and standardization.</li> <li>Practice correct sampling techniques in the retrieval of water samples.</li> <li>Assess water quality of a specified area.</li> </ul>	Pre – Lab Discussion  Sampling  Experimentation	
Weeks 17	<b>Discussion on Experiments on Water Analysis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the results of the previous experiments.</li> <li>Report on various observations recorded.</li> <li>Assess the compliance on laboratory protocols, laboratory attire and equipment, and the experimental processes.</li> </ul>	Laboratory Evaluation	
Week 18	<b>Laboratory Practical</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illustrate mastery of laboratory skills through a practical examination.</li> </ul>	None	

## GRADING SYSTEM

### Lecture Grade

70% Class Standing

Recitation  
Assignments  
Seatworks  
Problem Sets  
Special Projects  
Chapter Examinations

30% Midterm / Final Examinations

### Final Grade

Final Grade =  $0.75$  (Lecture Grade) +  $0.25$  (Laboratory Grade)

### Laboratory Grade

70% Laboratory Results

Pre – Laboratory Activities  
Laboratory Proper  
Post – Laboratory Activities  
Group Reports  
Data Evaluation

30% Laboratory Practical

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