

004:131. Physical chemistry I. Spring 2007.

Syllabus

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Office Hours:

Mon 10:00-11:00; Wed 10:00-11:00. Appointments available.

Teaching Assistants: TBA

Main textbook: *Physical Chemistry, 8th ed*, by Atkins P. and de Paula J.; Student solutions manual.

Supplementary textbooks: *The Feynman Lectures on Physics*; Berry S., Rice S.A., Rose J. *Physical Chemistry*;
Prigogine, I., Defay R. *Chemical Thermodynamics*.

Prerequisites:

004:012 or 004:014, and 22M:022 or 22M:026 or 22M:036 or 22M:046, and 029:012 or 029:082

Objectives:

Physical chemistry is a discipline, which studies and interprets chemical phenomena in a quantitative, physical way.

This course will cover basics of one branch of physical chemistry - chemical thermodynamics, with some extensions to electrochemistry.

Primary target audience for the course are chemistry, biochemistry and chemical engineering majors.

Lectures: TBA

Discussion Sessions:

You should be registered for a discussion session. A teaching assistant will conduct discussion sessions at the times listed below. This provides a good opportunity to have questions answered, to work assigned problems, and to have concepts explained from a different perspective.

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Dis 002 TBA

Problem sets will be given about three times per month.

Exams:

Two intermediate two-hour exams are to be scheduled as below. The final exam is TBA.

Tentative schedule:

	Section	
1	Introduction and outline of the course.	
2	Ideal gases.	1
3	Real gases. Fugacity. Virial equations.	1
4	Work, heat, energy.	2
5	Heat capacity.	2
6	State functions. The first law of thermodynamics. Enthalpy.	2
7	Entropy.	3
8	The second and third laws. Ortho-para conversion of hydrogen. Gibbs paradox.	3
9	The Gibbs and Helmholtz energies. Redox potential.	3
10	Adiabatic processes.	2.6
11	Chemical potential and equilibrium	7.1-7.4
12	Equilibrium in heterogeneous systems.	
13	Liquid-vapor equilibrium	18.6-18.8
14	Liquid-solid equilibrium. Surface tension. Capillary action.	18.6-18.8
15	Liquid-liquid equilibrium. Steam distillation.	5.4-5.5
16	Solid-gas equilibrium. Sublimation.	
17	Thermodynamics of the surfaces. Adsorption. Adsorption isotherms.	25.1-25.5
18	Review session	
19	Solutions. Solvation. Concentration and activity.	5
20	Raoult and Henry's laws.	5
21	Boiling and freezing points.	5
22	Gibbs-Duhem equation.	5
23	Ionic strength. Debye-Huckel theory. Osmosis.	F5.1; I5.2
	Spring break	
24	Phase definition. The phase rule.	6
25	One-component systems. Definition of phase transitions.	4
26	Phase stability. Clausius-Clapeyron equation.	4

27	Phase diagrams.	4, 6	
28	Two component systems.	6	
29	Distillation. Azeotropes.	6	
30	Crystallization. Eutectics. Congruent and incongruent melting.	6	
31	Electron transfer. Half reactions. Nernst equation.	7.5-7.9	
32	Electric double layer.	25.8	
33	Electrochemical equilibrium. Pourbaix diagrams.	7.5-7.9	
34	Review session		
35	Phase space. Configuration points.		
36	Microscopic and macroscopic state.	16	April
37	Statistical ensembles.	16	
38	Partition function.	16	
39	The statistical entropy.	16	
40	Maxwell-Boltzmann, Fermi-Dirac, and Bose-Einstein distributions	16	
41	Applications of statistical thermodynamics.	17	
42	Statistics of polymer chains.	116.1	
43	Concluding remarks		May