Department of Chemical Engineering

# 820527 - FQ - Physical Chemistry

**Coordinating unit:** 295 - EEBE - Barcelona East School of Engineering  
**Teaching unit:** 713 - EQ - Department of Chemical Engineering  
**Academic year:** 2018  
**Degree:**  
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Teaching unit Compulsory)  
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Teaching unit Optional)  
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BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Teaching unit Optional)  
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**ECTS credits:** 6  
**Teaching languages:** Catalan, Spanish  

## Teaching staff

**Coordinator:** Zanuy Gomara, David  
**Others:** David Zanuy Gómar  
Nuria Borras Cristofol  
Joan Torras Costa

## Opening hours

### Timetable:

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## Prior skills

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## Requirements

Having Passed Chemistry and Termodynamics classes.

## Degree competences to which the subject contributes

### Specific:

1. Understand the basics of physical chemistry.  
4. Solve mathematical problems that may arise in engineering. Apply knowledge of linear algebra; geometry; differential geometry; differential and integral calculus; differential equations and partial differential equations; numerical methods; numerical algorithms; statistics and optimisation.  
5. Summarise information and undertake self-directed learning activities.  
6. Understand the basics of organic chemistry.
7. Understand the fundamental principles of general, organic and inorganic chemistry and apply them in engineering.

Transversal:
2. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES - Level 3. Planning and using the information necessary for an academic assignment (a final thesis, for example) based on a critical appraisal of the information resources used.
3. SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING - Level 3. Applying the knowledge gained in completing a task according to its relevance and importance. Deciding how to carry out a task, the amount of time to be devoted to it and the most suitable information sources.

Teaching methodology

Learning objectives of the subject
To expand the knowledge of basic thermodynamics to real cases of material equilibrium, which determines both transport phenomena and chemical equilibrium. To understand the actual behavior of gases. To study mixtures of substances in different phases. In real solutions, to define chemical activity - concentration relationships. To establish equilibrium criteria in mixtures and chemical reactions. To determine the energy exchange in chemical reactions. To study electrolyte solutions and properties whose presence affects. To study electrochemical processes, galvanic cells and corrosion processes. Study of kinetics of adsorption in surfaces and the kinetics of chemical reactions.

Study load

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# Content

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<th>Chapter 0. Mass Equilibrium</th>
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**Description:**
Gibbs equations, equilibrium condition. Chemical Potential, condition of material equilibrium: phase equilibrium, chemical equilibrium

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<th>Chapter 1. Chemical potentials and equilibrium constant.</th>
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**Description:**
Potencial químico de un gas ideal puro. Potencial químico en una mezcla de gases ideales. Equilibrio químico en una reacción entre gases ideales. Constante de equilibrio. Tipo de constante (Kp, Kc, etc).

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**Description:**
Non-ideal dissolutions and chemical activity. Collaborative properties. Cryoscopic and ebulliscopic constant. Osmotic pressure. Phase diagram of a system of two or more components.
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## Chapter 4. Thermochemistry

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**Description:**
Thermochemistry: study of the heat transfer that accompanies chemical reactions in systems formed by a chemical reactor and its contents. Calorimetric measurements to determine the heat absorbed or produced in a reaction; Calculation of thermodynamic magnitudes of these processes and study of endothermic and exothermic reactions.

## Chapter 5. Electrolytic solutions

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**Description:**
Electrolytic solutions. Study of the behavior of electrolytes dissolved in ionizing solvents; Laws of Kohlrausch. Properties of electrolyte solutions, conductivity measurement, conductivity, molar conductivity, equivalent conductivity and molar conductivity at infinite dilution. Concept of ionic strength and Debye-Hückel equation. Applications of electrolytic solutions: measure of concentration, solubility, neutralization, the equilibrium constant of an acid and the degree of dissociation.

## Chapter 6. Galvanic Cells

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**Description:**
Concept of electrochemical potential. Equilibrium condition in electrochemical systems. Potential difference in systems with more than one phase. Concept of galvanic cell. Concept of electrodes. Type of electrodes. Standard reduction potential. Nernst equation and f.e.m. Type of commercial electrochemical batteries and accumulators.

## Chapter 7. Corrosion

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**Description:**
Chapter 8. Kinetics

Learning time: 15h
Theory classes: 6h
Self study: 9h

Description:

Qualification system
Exams 85% (Mid term (EP) and final (EF))
Assignments and papers 15% (NE)

Regulations for carrying out activities
There will be two exams, one mid term and one final.

Bibliography

Basic:

Complementary: