# **CHEM6007: Physical Chemistry**

| Module Details       |  |  |  |  |
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| Module Code:         | CHEM6007   |  |  |  |
| Title:               | Physical Chemistry APPROVED  |  |  |  |
| Long Title:          | Physical Chemistry   |  |  |  |
| NFQ Level:           | Fundamental  |  |  |  |
| Valid From:          | Semester 1 - 2019/20 ( September 2019 )  |  |  |  |
| Duration:            | 1 Semester   |  |  |  |
| Credits:             | 5  |  |  |  |
| Field of Study:      | 4421 - Chemistry   |  |  |  |
| Module Delivered in: | 3 programme(s)   |  |  |  |
| Module Description:  | This module develops the concepts of thermodynamics, chemical equilibrium and kinetics, and electrochemistry |  |  |  |

| Learning Outcomes  |  |  |  |
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| On successful completion of this module the learner will be able to: |  |  |  |
| #  | Learning Outcome Description   |  |  |
| LO1  | Describe the gaseous and liquid states of matter and their properties                                  |  |  |
| LO2  | Explain basic physicochemical laws, concepts and equations   |  |  |
| LO3  | Explain the thermodynamic basis of chemical and physical equilibria                                    |  |  |
| LO4  | Perform unit-based physicochemical calculations in a problem-solving context                           |  |  |
| LO5  | Use a range of experimental techniques for the measurement/determination of physicochemical parameters |  |  |
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| Dependencies                   |  |  |  |  |
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| Module Recommendations         |  |  |  |  |
| Incompatible Modules           |  |  |  |  |
| No incompatible modules listed |  |  |  |  |
| Co-requisite Modules           |  |  |  |  |
| No Co-requisite modules listed |  |  |  |  |
| Requirements                   |  |  |  |  |
| No requirements listed         |  |  |  |  |

#### Indicative Content

States of Matter

Gases: Ideal and real gases; theoretical models; liquefaction; critical region; Liquids: viscosity; surface tension; refractive index

Thermodynamics
Laws of thermodynamics; thermodynamic parameters (Free energy, enthalpy, entropy) and relationships; reaction spontaneity; chemical equilibria and reaction quotient

Phase equilibria
Phase diagrams; ideal and non-ideal solutions; miscible and immiscible systems; distillation; eutectics; thermal analysis

**Chemical Kinetics** 

Collision Model Theory, Reaction Rate Determination Methods; Kinetic versus thermodynamic control; energetics of reactions, catalysis; rate laws;

Electrochemical concepts
Basic electrochemical cells, Nernst Equation; Electrolysis, electrode potentials and potentiometry; ; electrochemical applications

Practical Physical Chemistry
The practical programme will involve (i) the investigation and measurement of physical properties of liquids, (ii) the determination of the enthalpies of processes, (iii) determination of equilibrium constants, (iv) phase equilibrium studies, (v) kinetic studies, and (vi) electrochemical measurements.

| Module Content & Assessment |         |  |  |
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| Assessment Breakdown        | %       |  |  |
| Coursework                  | 100.00% |  |  |

### Assessments

| Coursework   |  |                   |         |  |
|--|--|-------------------|---------|--|
| Assessment Type  | Short Answer Questions                           | % of Total Mark   | 25      |  |
| Timing   | Week 7   | Learning Outcomes | 1,2,4   |  |
| Assessment Description<br>Theory test                        |  |                   |         |  |
| Assessment Type  | Short Answer Questions                           | % of Total Mark   | 25      |  |
| Timing   | Week 13  | Learning Outcomes | 1,2,3,4 |  |
| Assessment Description<br>Theory test                        |  |                   |         |  |
| Assessment Type Practical/Skills Evaluation                  |  | % of Total Mark   | 50      |  |
| Timing   | Every Week                                       | Learning Outcomes | 4,5     |  |
| Assessment Description Practical performance, calculations a | and practical reports. Lab data manipulation and | assignments.      |         |  |

No End of Module Formal Examination

### Reassessment Requirement

Repeat examination

Reassessment of this module will consist of a repeat examination. It is possible that there will also be a requirement to be reassessed in a coursework element.

# Module Workload

| Workload: Full Time                              |              |   |            |                                    |       |
|--|--------------|---|------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| Workload Type                                    | Contact Type | Workload Description                        | Frequency  | Average Weekly Learner<br>Workload | Hours |
| Lecture  | Contact      | Delivery of Theory and related calculations | Every Week | 3.00                               | 3     |
| Lab  | Contact      | Practical Skills Development                | Every Week | 2.00                               | 2     |
| Independent & Directed<br>Learning (Non-contact) | Non Contact  | Personal study                              | Every Week | 2.00                               | 2     |
| Total Hours                                      |              |   |            |                                    | 7.00  |
| Total Weekly Learner Workload                    |              |   |            | 7.00                               |       |
| Total Weekly Contact Hours                       |              |   |            | 5.00                               |       |

| Workload: Part Time           |              |   |            |                                    |       |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---|------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| Workload Type                 | Contact Type | Workload Description                        | Frequency  | Average Weekly Learner<br>Workload | Hours |
| Lecture                       | Contact      | Delivery of Theory and related calculations | Every Week | 3.00                               | 3     |
| Lab                           | Contact      | Practical Skills Development                | Every Week | 2.00                               | 2     |
| Independent Learning          | Non Contact  | Personal Study                              | Every Week | 2.00                               | 2     |
| Total Hours                   |              |   |            |                                    | 7.00  |
| Total Weekly Learner Workload |              |   |            | 7.00                               |       |
| Total Weekly Contact Hours    |              |   |            | 5.00                               |       |

# **Module Resources**

Recommended Book Resources

Peter Atkins, Julio de Paula. (2017), Elements of physical chemistry, 7th. OUP, [ISBN: 9780198796350].

Supplementary Book Resources

Peter Atkins, Julio de Paula, James Keeler. (2018), Physical chemistry, 11th. OUP, [ISBN: 9780198769866].

David W. Oxtoby, H. Pat Gillis, Alan Campion. (2012), Principles of Modern Chemistry, 7th.. Brooks Cole, [ISBN: 9780840049315].

W.L. Masterson, C.N. Hurley, E. Neth. (2012), Chemistry:Principles and Reactions, 7th.. Brooks Cole, [ISBN: 9781111572174].

This module does not have any article/paper resources

This module does not have any other resources

| Module Delivered in        |  |          |           |  |
|----------------------------|--|----------|-----------|--|
| Programme Code Programme S |  | Semester | Delivery  |  |
| CR_SCHQA_8                 | Bachelor of Science (Honours) in<br>Analytical Chemistry with Quality<br>Assurance | -1       | Mandatory |  |
| CR_SCHEM_7                 | Bachelor of Science in Analytical and Pharmaceutical Chemistry                     | -1       | Mandatory |  |
| CR_SCHEM_6                 | Higher Certificate in Science in Chemistry   | -1       | Mandatory |  |