

## Enquiry for Course Details

<b>CHEM1042 General chemistry I (6 credits)</b>	Academic Year	2020
Offering Department	Chemistry	Quota
Course Co-ordinator	Dr A P L Tong, Chemistry < apltong@hku.hk >	
Teachers Involved	(Dr A P L Tong, Chemistry)	
Course Objectives	The course aims to provide students with a solid foundation of the basic principles and concepts of chemistry. It also provides students with hands-on training of basic laboratory skills and techniques including volumetric analysis, preparation, purification and characterization of chemical substances and some basic instrumental methods. Students will be equipped with a good foundation of theoretical and practical knowledge and skills for further studies in Chemistry.	
Course Contents & Topics	<p>1. Chemistry: its nature and method Physical properties; chemical changes and chemical properties; elements and compounds; measuring mass, length, volume and temperature; atomic structure and subatomic particles; the mole concept and stoichiometry; solutions and concentrations; uncertainty in measurement and significant figures.</p> <p>2. Atoms: the quantum world Electromagnetic radiation and matter; Planck's quantum theory; the Bohr model of the hydrogen atom; the quantum mechanical model of the atom; quantum numbers, energy levels, and atomic orbitals; shapes of atomic orbitals; electron configurations; periodic trends: atomic radii, ionic radii, ionization energies, and electron affinities.</p> <p>3. Chemical bonding and structures Review on covalent, ionic and metallic bond. Covalent bonds and molecular structures (VSEPR, VB theory).</p> <p>4. Energetics and kinetics of reactions Heat and work; the first law of thermodynamics; heat of reactions; spontaneity of changes. Reaction rate; factors that influence reaction rate; rate laws: differential and integrated rate laws; temperature and reaction rate; reaction mechanisms.</p> <p>5. Acid-Base equilibria Acid-base concepts; equilibria in solutions of weak acids and in weak bases; ionization constants; molecular properties and acid strength; acid-base properties of salt solutions; buffer solutions; acid-base titrations.</p>	
Course Learning Outcomes	<p>On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:</p> <p>CLO 1 demonstrate a basic knowledge and understanding of the microscopic nature of atomic structure and concepts of chemical bonding and their relationships with the bulk properties of matter</p> <p>CLO 2 demonstrate knowledge and understanding in relation to thermodynamics and kinetics of reactions as well as aqueous equilibria including acid-base equilibria</p> <p>CLO 3 apply the theories and concepts introduced in the course to solve problems, perform calculations, make predictions and rationalize trends</p> <p>CLO 4 carry out chemical experiments with proper procedures, record experimental observations accurately, and interpret and evaluate the experimental data</p> <p>CLO 5 organize and present chemical ideas in a clear, logical and coherent way</p> <p>CLO 6 demonstrate awareness and appreciation of the relevant applications of chemistry in society and in everyday life</p>	
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Level 3 or above in HKDSE Chemistry or equivalent or a pass in CHEM1041. Not for students having taken any level 1 Chemistry course (except for CHEM1041) or above or any equivalent Chemistry course.	

Course Status with Related Major/Minor /Professional Core	2020 Major in Biochemistry ( Core/Compulsory ) 2020 Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) ( Core/Compulsory ) 2020 Major in Chemistry ( Core/Compulsory ) 2020 Major in Chemistry (Intensive) ( Core/Compulsory ) 2020 Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) ( Disciplinary Elective ) 2020 Major in Environmental Science ( Core/Compulsory ) 2020 Major in Food & Nutritional Science ( Disciplinary Elective ) 2020 Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) ( Core/Compulsory ) 2020 Minor in Chemistry ( Core/Compulsory ) 2020 Minor in Environmental Science ( Disciplinary Elective ) 2019 Major in Biochemistry ( Core/Compulsory ) 2019 Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) ( Core/Compulsory ) 2019 Major in Chemistry ( Core/Compulsory ) 2019 Major in Chemistry (Intensive) ( Core/Compulsory ) 2019 Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) ( Disciplinary Elective ) 2019 Major in Environmental Science ( Core/Compulsory ) 2019 Major in Food & Nutritional Science ( Disciplinary Elective ) 2019 Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) ( Core/Compulsory ) 2019 Minor in Chemistry ( Core/Compulsory ) 2019 Minor in Environmental Science ( Disciplinary Elective ) 2018 Major in Biochemistry ( Core/Compulsory ) 2018 Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) ( Core/Compulsory ) 2018 Major in Chemistry ( Core/Compulsory ) 2018 Major in Chemistry (Intensive) ( Core/Compulsory ) 2018 Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) ( Disciplinary Elective ) 2018 Major in Environmental Science ( Core/Compulsory ) 2018 Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) ( Core/Compulsory ) 2018 Minor in Chemistry ( Core/Compulsory ) 2018 Minor in Environmental Science ( Disciplinary Elective ) 2017 Major in Biochemistry ( Core/Compulsory ) 2017 Major in Biological Sciences (Intensive) ( Core/Compulsory ) 2017 Major in Chemistry ( Core/Compulsory ) 2017 Major in Chemistry (Intensive) ( Core/Compulsory ) 2017 Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) ( Disciplinary Elective ) 2017 Major in Environmental Science ( Disciplinary Elective ) 2017 Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) ( Core/Compulsory ) 2017 Minor in Chemistry ( Core/Compulsory ) 2017 Minor in Environmental Science ( Disciplinary Elective ) 2016 Major in Biochemistry ( Core/Compulsory ) 2016 Major in Chemistry ( Core/Compulsory ) 2016 Major in Chemistry (Intensive) ( Core/Compulsory ) 2016 Major in Ecology & Biodiversity (Intensive) ( Disciplinary Elective ) 2016 Major in Environmental Science ( Disciplinary Elective ) 2016 Major in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology (Intensive) ( Core/Compulsory ) 2016 Minor in Chemistry ( Core/Compulsory ) 2016 Minor in Environmental Science ( Disciplinary Elective )
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Course Grade	A+ to F															
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Course Teaching & Learning Activities	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Details</b>			<b>No. of Hours</b>											
	Laboratory				24											
	Lectures				24											
	Tutorials				6											
	Reading / Self study				100											

Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)	Assessment Methods to CLO Mapping
	Examination		60	CLO 1,2,3,5,6
	Laboratory reports		25	CLO 1,2,3,4,5,6
	Test		15	CLO 1,2,3,5,6
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Petrucci; Herring; Madura; Bissonnette: General Chemistry: Principles and Modern Applications, latest edition, Pearson. Zumdahl; Decoste: Chemical Principles, latest edition, Cengage. Brown; LeMay; Bursten; Murphy; Woodward; Stolzhus: Chemistry - The Central Science, latest edition, Pearson.			
Course Website	NIL			
Additional Course Information	Laboratory classes are mandatory. Students must complete ALL experiments and laboratory reports to pass this course.			

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