

Chemical Engineering 6Z3 – Interfacial Engineering

Course Outline: 2012, winter term

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Schedule: Winter Term, Monday (9:30-11:20), Wednesday (10:30-11:20), all in JHE 342

Course Objectives: *To teach the students the fundamentals controlling the properties and processing of nano-structured materials. Both chemical and physical characteristics are emphasized.*

Outline of Topics:

1. General Introduction
2. Interfacial Forces
3. Pure Liquid Interfaces
4. Solutes at Liquid Interfaces
5. Surfactants
6. Solid Surfaces
7. Polymers at Interfaces
8. Self-assembling Systems
9. Nano Particles

Examples will include both biological and non-biological systems.

Format: *The learning experience will include lectures, some demonstrations, in-class examples and assignments.*

Assessment: ***Course Project 25% (5 pages single spaces, 20 minute presentation), and Final Exam 75%. The course project will be ½ a literature review and ½ a research proposal.***

The course project and presentation topic by must be completed and a final mark greater than 49% in the final exam must be achieved to pass the course. The final percentage grades will be converted to letter grades using the Registrar's recommended procedure. Statistical adjustments (such as bell curving) will not normally be used". The maximum mark for late assignments will be decreased by 50% accumulatively for everyday late including weekends.

Calculator requirement for tests and examinations: *any calculator.*

Resources: *there is no required text – copies of the lecture notes will be provided as well as supplementary recourse material.*

Policy Reminders:

Senate and the Faculty of Engineering require all course outlines to include the following reminders:

“The Faculty of Engineering is concerned with ensuring an environment that is free of all adverse discrimination. If there is a problem, that cannot be resolved by discussion among the persons concerned, individuals are reminded that they should contact the Department Chair, the Sexual Harassment Officer or the Human Rights Consultant, as soon as possible.”

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