Physical Chemistry Laboratory, 2 credits

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Course Description
This course consists of 16 laboratories. Laboratories include experiments in gas properties, thermochemistry, solution phase chemical equilibrium, phase behavior, electrochemistry, kinetics, electric, magnetic and optical properties of substances, IR spectroscopy, Raman spectroscopy, NMR spectroscopy, UV-visible spectroscopy, and reaction dynamics of polymer and nanoparticles.

Course Objectives
The purpose of the physical chemistry laboratory is to learn laboratory procedures to measure physical properties of chemicals and to interpret these measurements with the theories describing the phenomena. Laboratory learning objective performance is evaluated through the formal written reports describing the experiments and data analysis.

• Understand laboratory and chemical safety
• Comprehend concept of physical chemistry and perform chemical measurement calibration
• Relate the microscopic and macroscopic properties of matter to each other
• Use statistical methods for evaluating and interpreting data
• Assess sources of error in chemical and instrumental analysis and account for errors in data analysis
• Demonstrate competency in written and oral communication using mathematics if needed
• Comprehend the importance of stoichiometry, chemical equilibrium, spectroscopy, and kinetics
• Apply thermodynamic, kinetic, and quantum methods in an integrated way in all areas of chemistry and biochemistry

Required textbooks and other materials:

• Materials: textbook, bound laboratory notebook, safety goggles; laboratory coat, pencil, pen, etc.
Evaluation
Performance will be evaluated based on attendance, laboratory performance, data checks, notebooks, oral presentations, laboratory reports, and special project. 8 formal laboratory reports from 16 laboratories that are written using the data obtained during the laboratory session.

Grading
Grades are based on scores obtained on individual laboratory reports, the student’s laboratory notebook, oral presentations, and special project.

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<td>40</td>
<td>8 Laboratory written reports (5 points per report)</td>
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<td>Special Project (Design, feasibility, and completion)</td>
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The maximum letter grade ranges will be: A, 90-100%; B, 80-89%; C, 70-79%; D, 60-69%. The ranges may be lowered but will not be raised. Plus (+) and minus (-) grade modifier will be used. The upper 1/3 of a letter grade % range will be assigned (+), the lower 1/3 will receive a (-) modifier.

Formal Laboratory Written Reports
Laboratory reports are due two weeks after the laboratory is finished. 1 out of 7 points will be taken off for each late week. Read Chapter 1 in the text book for information regarding the format of these reports. Reports are typically 6-10 pages. The use of a computer to prepare the reports is recommended. Each student writes their own report. All figures and data should be included in the report. Submissions of the reports will be made on Canvas. Once when specified to a group, due dates of written reports are set in an alphabetic order in the group.

Treatment of Experimental Data
Chapter II is an overview of the statistical treatment of experimental data. Much of this is addressed in the CHEM 3000 lecture but it is good to review this all the same. New material covered in this chapter deals with the propagation of uncertainty.

Scientific Computer Software
Chapter III discusses the use of computer software for data collection and analysis. Of course, we also use computers for preparing laboratory reports. Students will have the opportunity to work on spreadsheets and other scientific software with the TA or the professor if needed.
Oral Communication Skills

There will be three oral presentations during the semester.

Presentation 1 will follow the first laboratory experiment on January 16th. Each group will prepare a 15-20 min presentation on the lab they were assigned for Week 1. This presentation will consist of an introduction of the physical chemistry concepts, a detailed experimental procedure (including tips and tricks for avoiding pitfalls), and finally a discussion of their results. The purpose of this is to practice communication of experimental results, open a discussion to aid in the preparation of your first lab report and finally to prepare other groups for performing the experiment.

Presentation 2 will follow the ninth laboratory experiment on February 13th. Each group will prepare a 15-20 min presentation on the lab they were assigned for Week 6. This presentation will consist of an introduction of the physical chemistry concepts, a detailed experimental procedure (including tips and tricks for avoiding pitfalls), and finally a discussion of their results. The purpose of this is to practice communication of experimental results, open a discussion to aid in the preparation of your first lab report and finally to prepare other groups for performing the experiment.

Presentation 3 will occur following the completion of special project on April 9th. Each group will present how you design your experiment and prepare a presentation/discussion of the experiment. This presentation should include a thorough discussion of the physical chemistry principles and properties measured during the experiment, a discussion on the results obtained by the number of groups this semester and a proposal for improving the accuracy of the experimental measurements/procedure.

Experiments

Students will work in groups of 2 to 4 (depending on enrollment). The department has the equipment for students to perform laboratories taken from the textbook. The following is a list of laboratories performed this semester.

I. Gases
   1. Joule-Thompson Effect
   2. Heat-Capacity Ratios for Gases

II. Transport Properties of Gases
   3. Viscosity of Gases

III. Thermochemistry
   4. Heats of Combustion

IV. Solutions
   5. Partial Molar Volume

V. Phase Behavior
   6. Vapor Pressure of Pure Liquid

VI. Electrochemistry
   7. Conductance of Solutions
   8. Temperature Dependence of EMF

VII. Chemical Kinetics
9. Method of Initial Rates: Iodine Clock

VIII. Electric, Magnetic and Optical Properties
   10. NMR Determination of Paramagnetic Susceptibility

XIV. Spectroscopy
   11. Vibrational-Rotational Spectrum of HCl and DCl
   12. Absorption Spectrum of Iodine (no emission spectrum)
   13. Spectroscopic and dynamical Properties of CdSe Nanoparticles
   15. NMR Determination of Keto-Enol Equilibrium Constants

Tentative Laboratory Schedule for CHEM 3090

Week 1 of Jan. 6th. Jan. 9th Organization meeting

Labs 1-4
Week 2 of Jan 13th January 14th,
   January 16th, presentation
Week 3 of Jan 20th
Week 4 of Jan 27th, January 27th

Labs 5-8
Week 4 of Jan 27th, January 30th
Week 5 of Feb 3rd
Week 6 of Feb 10th, February 11th

Labs 9-12
Week 6 of Feb 10th, February 13th,
Week 7 of Feb 17th, February 18th, Presentation
Week 8 of Feb 24th

Week 9 of March 2nd; Spring break

Labs 13-15
Week 10 of March 9th
Week 11 of March 16th

Special Project
April 9th, Presentation

Special Project
The purpose of the special project is to show how utilize the course knowledge you learned and experimental skills you mastered in the class to design your own project, and to measure physical properties of chemicals, and to interpret these measurements with the theories describing the phenomena.

Phase 1: Brainstorm for a special project (March 1st to March 14th);
Phase 2: Design a project (March 15th to March 28th);
Phase 3: Prepare for the designed project (March 29th to April 4th);
Phase 4: Demonstrate the project (April 4th to April 9th).

Laboratory Fee Statement
A laboratory fee ($75) is required for this course. The laboratory fee is used to pay for reagents, help maintain the instrumentation and replace broken glassware and covers a small portion of the lab Teaching Assistant's support.

Missed Examination Policy
Students may be excused from a laboratory in cases of emergency. Documentation must be supplied to be excused. In cases of excused absence, grades will be assigned based on % of adjusted total score. For other absences, late assignments will be penalized 10% of the maximum score per meeting day to a maximum of 50%. No repetition of experiments is permitted once a result is submitted.

Attendance Policy
Attendance is mandatory for successful performance in this course. Attendance is monitored through laboratory notebook checks.

Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibilities
Academic freedom is the right to teach, study, discuss, investigate, discover, create, and publish freely. Academic freedom protects the rights of faculty members in teaching and of students in learning. Freedom in research is fundamental to the advancement of truth. Faculty members are entitled to full freedom in teaching, research, and creative activities, subject to the limitations imposed by professional responsibility. USU Policy 403 further defines academic freedom and professional responsibilities.

Academic Integrity - "The Honor System"
The University expects that students and faculty alike maintain the highest standards of academic honesty. The Code of Policies and Procedures for Students at Utah State University (Student Conduct) addresses academic integrity and honesty and notes the following:

Academic Integrity: Students have a responsibility to promote academic integrity at the University by not participating in or facilitating others' participation in any act of academic dishonesty and by reporting all violations or suspected violations of the Academic Integrity Standard to their instructors.

The Honor Pledge: To enhance the learning environment at Utah State University and to develop student academic integrity, each student agrees to the following Honor Pledge: "I pledge, on my honor, to conduct myself with the foremost level of academic integrity". Violations of the Academic Integrity Standard (academic violations) include, but are not limited to cheating, falsification, and plagiarism

Plagiarism
Plagiarism includes knowingly "representing by paraphrase or direct quotation, the published or unpublished work of another person as one's own in any academic exercise or activity without full
and clear acknowledgment. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials." The penalties for plagiarism are severe. They include warning or reprimand, grade adjustment, probation, suspension, expulsion, withholding of transcripts, denial or revocation of degrees, and referral to psychological counseling.

**Grievance Process**
Students who feel they have been unfairly treated [in matters other than discipline, admission, residency, employment, traffic, and parking - which are addressed by procedures separate and independent from the Student Code] may file a grievance through the channels and procedures described in the Student Code: [Article VII Grievances](#).

**Sexual Harassment**
Utah State University is committed to creating and maintaining an environment free from acts of sexual misconduct and discrimination and to fostering respect and dignity for all members of the USU community. Title IX and [USU Policy 339](#) address sexual harassment in the workplace and academic setting.

The university responds promptly upon learning of any form of possible discrimination or sexual misconduct. Any individual may contact USU's Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity (AA/EO) Office for available options and resources or clarification. The university has established a complaint procedure to handle all types of discrimination complaints, including sexual harassment ([USU Policy 305](#)), and has designated the AA/EO Director/Title IX Coordinator as the official responsible for receiving and investigating complaints of sexual harassment.

**Students with Disabilities**
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation will be provided for all persons with disabilities in order to ensure equal participation in Chemistry 3090. A student who requires an accommodation must contact the Instructor. The disability must be documented by the Disability Resource Center. In cooperation with the Disability Resource Center, reasonable accommodation will be provided for students with Disabilities. Course material may be requested in alternate formats through the Disability Resource Center. USU welcomes students with disabilities. If you have, or suspect you may have, a physical, mental health, or learning disability that may require accommodations in this course, please contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) as early in the semester as possible (University Inn # 101, 435-797-2444, [drc@usu.edu](mailto:drc@usu.edu)). All disability related accommodations must be approved by the DRC. Once approved, the DRC will coordinate with faculty to provide accommodations.

**Withdrawal Policy, "I" Grade Policy and Dropping Courses**
If a student does not attend a class during the first week of the term or by the second class meeting, whichever comes first, the instructor may submit a request to have the student dropped from the course. (This does not remove responsibility from the student to drop courses which they do not plan to attend.) Students who are dropped from courses will be notified by the Registrar’s Office through their preferred e-mail account.
Students may drop courses without notation on the permanent record through the first 20 percent of the class. If a student drops a course following the first 20 percent of the class, a W will be permanently affixed to the student’s record (check General Catalog for exact dates).

Students with extenuating circumstances should refer to the policy regarding Complete Withdrawal from the University and the Incomplete (I) Grade policy in the General Catalog.

No-Test Days Policy
For classes that meet for a full semester, a five-day period designated as "no-test" days precedes final examinations. During this time, no major examinations, including final examinations will be given in order that students may concentrate on classwork, the completion of special assignments, writing projects, and other preparation for duly scheduled final examinations. Approved exceptions include final papers, weekly chapter quizzes, quizzes, projects, and examinations associated with a lab that does not meet during final examinations. This policy does not apply to classes that meet only during the second 7-week session of the semester or to classes offered during the summer term. Complete information related to Final Examination Policies can be reviewed in the General Catalog.

Assumption of Risk
All classes, programs, and extracurricular activities within the University involve some risk, and some involve travel. The University provides opportunities to participate in these programs on a voluntary basis. Therefore, students should not participate in them if they do not care to assume the risks. Students can ask the respective program leaders/sponsors about the possible risks a program may generate, and if students are not willing to assume the risks, they should not select that program. By voluntarily participating in classes, programs, and extracurricular activities, students do so at their own risk. General information about University Risk Management policies, insurance coverage, vehicle use policies, and risk management forms can be found at http://www.usu.edu/riskmgt/.

Mental Health
Mental health is critically important for the success of USU students. As a student, you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce your ability to participate in daily activities. Utah State University provides free services for students to assist them with addressing these and other concerns. You can learn more about the broad range of confidential mental health services available on campus at Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS).

Students are also encouraged to download the “SafeUT App” to their smartphones. The SafeUT application is a 24/7 statewide crisis text and tip service that provides real-time crisis intervention to students through texting and a confidential tip program that can help anyone with emotional crises, bullying, relationship problems, mental health, or suicide related issues.