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CHE 682-102: Polymer Structure and Properties

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Office Hours:  Monday: 1:00 – 2:00 PM;  Friday: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Other hours by appointment only

Text: Polymer Physics, Michael Rubinstein and Ralph H. Colby, ISBN: 9780198520597

Class:  Wednesday 6:00 PM-8:50 PM Room Tiernan Hall 106

Course:  The course provides an overview of polymer structures and properties and their relationships from the molecular viewpoint to phenomenological descriptions. Topics include thermodynamics of a single molecule, dynamic theory and viscoelasticity of polymers, polymer solids and mechanical properties, rubbers, polymer blends and composites, biological polymers, and special applications. New areas and innovative applications of polymers will be introduced.

Prerequisites: Undergraduate physical chemistry, a materials related course or CHE 503 or equivalent

Withdraw Deadline: April 8, 2019

Homework:  Homework assignments will be given in class or posted on Moodle. Homework is for you to practice and will not be graded. Solutions to the problems will be posted on Moodle.

Exams:  There will be two exams and one final exam. All exams are closed book and closed notes, however an equation sheet will be provided. If you miss an exam or final, you must contact the Dean of Students with your excuse. No makeup exams or finals will be granted unless the Dean of Students contacts me about your reason for missing and it is deemed an acceptable excuse.

Project:  Details of the project will be announced in class.

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Grades will be based on:

- **A**: 90 – 100%
- **B+**: 80 – 89%
- **B**: 70 – 79%
- **C+**: 60 – 69%
- **C**: 50 – 59%
- **F**: 0 – 49%

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**Topics**
- Single Chain Conformation
- Dilute Solutions
- Semidilute Solutions
- Concentrated Solutions/Blends
- Chain Dynamics
- Glasses
- Crystals
- Rubber Elasticity

**Key Dates**
- Exam 1 Wednesday, March 6
- Project Due Wednesday, April 3
- Exam 2 Wednesday, April 17
- Final Exam TBA
  (will take place during the May 10 – May 16 Final Exam period)

*Exam dates and topics may be subject to change.*

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