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CHE-360 Separation Processes I – S001-F21

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Class: T/Th; 2:30-3:50PM; Face-To-Face

Room: Please check the NJIT Course Schedule for room:

<https://uisnetpr01.njit.edu/courseschedule/>

Office Hours: By arrangement only - please sign up online at <https://drcimino.youcanbook.me>

Office hours this semester will take place using my personal WebEx room:
njit.webex.edu/meet/ciminonjit.edu

Course Description and Requirements

This is the first course in separations, examines traditional methods and technologies by which chemical engineers separate and purify mixtures. Emphasis here is on strippers, absorbers, distillations, and extractions.

Prerequisites: CHE 342, CHE 370

Corequisites: None

Course Objectives

Taking this course, a motivated student will learn to:

1. Define the concept of single and multiple stage processes and write the material balances.
2. Identify the thermodynamic equilibrium relations and diagrams used in distillation/absorption column design. Illustrate their use.
3. Define the interphase mass transfer models and illustrate their use.
4. Identify the absorption/stripping, distillation processes and various types of towers.
5. Develop and apply the graphical methods of absorption/stripping, and distillation tower design.
6. Apply the interphase mass transfer models to design packed absorption/stripping towers.
7. Define different types of efficiencies and use them to design absorption/stripping and distillation towers.
8. Identify the basic concepts of design: relations between the process efficiency and economic constraints.
9. Use ASPEN to design separation processes.

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Learning Materials

Textbook

Required: Phillip C. Wankat, Separation Process Engineering: Includes Mass Transfer Analysis, 4th Ed. Prentice Hall, 2017. ISBN 13: 978-0-13-344365-3. The textbook is the main source for preparing for classes and reading the textbook before each class is necessary. Additional materials will be posted on Canvas.

Calculator: A high-end calculator (TI-83, TI-84 or TI-84SE) is required for solving numerical problems.

Required Hardware:

A working computer equipped with Windows is necessary if you intend to run ASPEN and other software on your own computer. *Apple and/or Linux systems are not recommended for this course if you intend to run ASPEN on your own computer (need to dual boot or use a virtual machine with Windows). If you do not own a PC, you are welcome to utilize the computer labs to complete ASPEN assignments.*

Required Software: MS Excel, MATLAB, AspenOne chemical process modeling software (will be introduced in class).

Internet Access: You must have a reliable internet connection for your device, as you will need to connect to NJIT's VPN to access the ASPEN site license.

Additional Materials:

Graphing or engineering paper and a ruler/straightedge. Software for modifying images such as MS Paint, PDF Expert, etc...

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Course Outline

Week	Date(s)	Topic (subject to minor changes)
1	9/2-7	Intro to Separations, Flash Distillation
2	9/9-14	Flash Distillation and ASPEN Labs 1-2
3	9/16-21	Intro to Column Distillation
4	9/23-28	Binary Distillation
5	9/30-10/5	Binary Distillation, ASPEN Lab 3
6	10/7-12	Exam 1 Review, Exam 1
7	10/14-19	Batch Distillation
8	10/21-26	Column Design
9	10/28-11/2	ASPEN Lab 4, Absorption & Stripping
10	11/4-9	Absorption & Stripping, ASPEN Lab 5
11	11/12-16	Exam 2 Review, Exam 2
12	11/23	Extraction
13	11/30-12/2	ASPEN Lab 6, Mass Transfer Methods
14	12/7-9	Mass Transfer Methods, Final Exam Review

Assessment and Grading

Homework: Homework assignments will be posted weekly on Canvas. Homework assignments are due one week after they are assigned, and must be submitted electronically on Canvas. No late homework will be accepted. Students must submit homework individually.

Aspen Labs: These will be due at fixed points throughout the semester. Students must work independently on all labs (except for Lab 5), and submitted lab memos must be representative of your own work.

Mini Project: There will be one Aspen-related mini-project (Lab 5) in this course, to be completed in teams of two, or alone (at your discretion). The mini project lab is worth 2x the points of a normal lab, because it will require a more comprehensive write up.

Quizzes: Regular reading quizzes will be given based on the weekly reading material, including both concepts and problems. The quizzes will be due BEFORE the topic is covered in class. No make-up quizzes will be allowed. All quizzes will be closed book with no material allowed. The quizzes will take place asynchronously on Canvas.

Exams: There will be two midterm exams (80 min long) and one final exam (2.5 hours long). All exams will be open book, and a handwritten sheet (double-sided, letter size) with materials used to prepare for exams will be allowed for the midterm exams. Two sheets will be allowed for

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the final exam. Shared or copied preparation sheets will be considered as a violation of academic integrity.

Grading: Your final course grade will be calculated by weighted average, using the following weights:

Category	Weight
Homework	15%
Reading Quizzes	5%
Aspen Labs	20%
Midterms (x2)	40%
Final Exam	20%
Total	100%

Final course grades will be assigned according to the following rubric:

Lower Bound	Letter Grade	Upper Bound
90	A	100
85	B+	89
80	B	84
75	C+	79
70	C	74
60	D	69
0	F	59

Important Dates

Add/Drop: Sep 8, 2021

Midterm exam #1: Oct 12, 2021

Withdraw Deadline: Nov. 10, 2021

Midterm exam #2: Nov 16, 2021

Final Exam: Week of Dec. 13, 2021

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Policies

NJIT Honor Code: The NJIT Honor Code will be upheld and any violations will be brought to the immediate attention of the Dean of Students.

Special Needs: If you need accommodations due to a disability please contact Chantonette Lyles, Associate Director of Disability Support Services, Fenster Hall Room 260 to discuss your specific needs. A Letter of Accommodation Eligibility from the Disability Support Services office authorizing your accommodations will be required.

Lectures

This course is a face-to-face course. This means that each lecture will take place in-person during the class hours. Attending the sessions is mandatory. Failure to attend the sessions may result in being marked as "unattended" for the course, which may negatively impact your financial aid status. Additionally, the examples discussed in the class are not necessarily from the main textbook and therefore missing a class will have consequences for your preparation for quizzes and exams. *Note, if at any point the course is forced to go converged or completely online due to COVID-19, you will be provided with additional information on how to access the course lectures.*

Classes start at 2:30 PM and students must be in the classroom by that time. Being late to class may have consequences for your final course grade.

No audio or video recording is allowed. All sessions will be automatically recorded for you to review at a later date.

Cellphones should be turned off during both lectures and exams and not allowed under any circumstances.

Course materials, office hours and correspondence

The course Canvas page is the main platform for delivering information about the course. All relevant course materials and assignments will be posted on Canvas, so a student should check it regularly.

Students must upload a professional-looking head shot for their Canvas profile.

Students are strongly encouraged to attend Office Hours. Long questions which require derivations will be discussed only during the Office Hours and will not be answered by email. Questions regarding grades can be discussed only during the Office Hours.

E-mail and Canvas correspondence is intended only for quick questions. Questions which require a detailed discussion should be discussed in person during the Office Hours.

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All correspondence should be conducted in a professional style, using formal English.

To assure a quick response to your emails, please add "ChE360" in the subject of your emails.

The instructor reserves the right not to respond to emails at his personal discretion.

Exams, Quizzes, Homework and Grades

A letter grade is based on the final score, calculated using Canvas in accordance with the Tables given in this syllabus. The assigned letter grade is final and cannot be negotiated.

A student can dispute the exam scores within a week after the announcement of the score. Exam scores can only be disputed during the official Office Hours, not during class time or via email.

Students will get zero for not coming to quizzes, exams, or any other course activity. If students miss an exam due to extreme circumstances (such as a medical problem), they need to notify the instructor via email before the beginning of the exam, and bring proof of the circumstance to the Dean of Student's office. Only in the case of official approval from the Dean of Student's office, may a make-up be given at the discretion of the instructor.

A student must show full details when solving a problem during an exam or a quiz. Not showing the work will cause the losing points even if the final answer is correct.

Partial credit can be given for solving the exam and quiz problems, though no partial credit will be given if there are not enough details to follow.

The final answer should be always evaluated with respect to its reasonability. No partial credit will be given if the final answer is wrong and unreasonable, and it is not stated.

If a student misses a quiz due to a legitimate reason (absence approved by the Dean of Students), this quiz is excluded from the quiz average calculation.

Student handwriting must be legible in order to receive points.