

Syllabus

Midterms and Final Exam dates also subject to minor changes

August 26th 2020

Lecture 1: Introduction to the course:

Expected learning outcomes

Organization of lectures and subject content

Homework, midterms and grading

Overview of the course: Thermodynamics, Inter-molecular Forces, Spectroscopy, Binding and Reaction kinetics, Enzyme kinetics

Lecture 2 Thermodynamics

Properties of Ideal Gases

Gas Laws: Equations of state

Partial pressures: Mixtures of gases

Definitions and glossary of thermodynamic terms

August 28th 2020

Lectures 3a and 3b Thermodynamics

Derivation of expressions in the kinetic molecular theory

Root mean squared velocity of gas molecule motion

Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution of velocities – meaning of velocity terms

The Boltzmann constant, Temperature and the Internal Energy of a system

Collisions and mean free path

Kinetic energy, temperature and Internal energy of gases

August 31st 2020

Lecture 4 Thermodynamics

Energy, Work and Heat

Ideal Gas Thermometer

The Kelvin scale and absolute zero temperature

Van der Waal's equations of state for Real gases

September 2nd 2020

Lecture 5 Thermodynamics

First law of thermodynamics

Systems and their surroundings
State variables and State Functions
Internal Energy
Expansion against constant pressure
Reversible and irreversible expansion
Isothermal Reversible expansion of an ideal gas
Cyclical processes: Heat machines

September 4th 2020

Lecture 6 Thermodynamics

Energy Transactions in thermodynamic systems
What happens when you heat atoms and molecules
Distribution of energy in translational, rotational and vibrations states.
The equipartition theorem – derivation
Worked example of the partition of energy in vibrational states of Iodine gas

Release of Homework #1

September 7th 2020

Labor Day – no lecture

September 9th 2020

Lecture 7 Thermodynamics

Heat capacity, constant volume and constant pressure, including their derivations.
Adiabatic processes:
Derivation of the PV relationship for adiabatic processes

September 11th 2020

Lecture 8 Thermodynamics

Enthalpy
Calorimetry
Thermochemistry
Hess' Law

Homework #1 due before class

September 14th 2020

Lecture 9 Thermodynamics

On reversibility and irreversibility – the arrow of time
The Second Law of thermodynamics
Entropy as a state function

Carnot Engine and the Carnot cycle

September 16th 2020

Lecture 10 Thermodynamics

Clausius inequality

Entropy changes in isolated systems: mixing, expansion and thermal equilibration

The third Law of thermodynamics

Absolute measurements of entropy

September 18th 2020

Lecture 11 Thermodynamics

Gibbs free energy

Gibbs free energy properties with temperature and pressure

Partial molar volume and Partial molar Gibbs energies

Maximum non-expansion work

Free energy change and the equilibrium constant

September 21st 2020

Lecture 12 Thermodynamics

Statistical thermodynamics

Postulates and definitions

Calculations of Macrostates and Microstates for large numbers of states

Stirling's approximation (and a derivation of Stirling's approximation for those interested)

Equivalence of macroscopic and microscopic considerations of entropy

Boltzmann entropy

Release Homework #2

September 23st 2020

Lecture 13 Thermodynamics

Chemical potential

Chemiosmotic theory

September 25th 2020

Lecture 14 Thermodynamics

Equilibria

Equilibrium constants

Energetics and Chemical Equilibria

Select examples relevant to Bioengineering

September 28th 2020

Lecture 15 Inter-molecular Forces I

Electric Dipoles in gases, solvents and proteins
Ion-ion interactions

Homework #2 due before class

September 30th 2020

Lecture 16 Inter-molecular Forces II

Ion-dipole interactions
dipole-dipole interactions
dipole-induced dipole interactions
Dispersion forces
van der Waals interactions

October 2nd 2020

Lecture 17 Inter-molecular Forces III

Hydrogen bonding
Intermolecular forces and protein conformation
Select examples relevant to Bioengineering

October 5th 2020

Lecture 18 Inter-molecular Forces IV

Protein structure
Protein folding and unfolding
Physicochemical properties of the protein matrix

Release Homework #3

October 7th 2020

Lecture 19 Spectroscopy

Interaction of light with matter
Bonding and anti-bonding orbitals in organic molecules
LUMO and HOMO
Transitions between states: Rotational, Vibrational and electronic
Particle in a 1-D box
Optically-induced transitions in Biomolecules

October 9th 2020

Lecture 20: Spectroscopy

Absorption

Derivation of the Beer-Lambert Law

Absorption of natural pigments

Human vision

Select applications in Bioengineering

October 12th 2020

Lecture 21: Spectroscopy

Fluorescence spectroscopy

Properties of the excited state

Perrin-Jablonski Diagram

Emission spectra

Instrumentation

Homework #3 due before class

October 14th 2020

Lecture 22 Spectroscopy

Dynamic properties of the excited states of ions and molecules

Derivation of rates of decay of excited states:

Fluorescence Lifetime

Derivation of expressions for exponential decay of excited states

Origins of single and multiple exponential decay of the excited state

October 16th 2020

Lecture 23 Spectroscopy

Static and dynamic quenching of excited states

Derivation of the Stern-Volmer equation

Applications of quenching

Protein topology and molecular environments

Triplet states and phosphorescence emission

Select applications in Bioengineering: Optical-based sensing of oxygen

October 19th 2020

Lecture 24 Spectroscopy

Design and performance of organic and inorganic optical probes and biosensors

Nanoparticles

Qdots, Phosphors and Mechanoluminophores

Select applications in Bioengineering

[Release mid-term Exam](#)

October 21st 2020

Lecture 25 Spectroscopy

Genetically-encoded fluorescent proteins

Photochemistry

Photophysics

Select applications in Bioengineering

October 23rd 2020

Lecture 26 Spectroscopy

Rotational properties of biomolecules and their complexes

Polarisation and anisotropy

Perrin equation

Instrumentation

Absorption and emission dipole moments

Molecular tumbling rates and their measurement using fluorescence anisotropy

Applications relevant to Bioengineering

October 26th 2020

Lecture 27: Spectroscopy

Foerster resonance energy transfer I

Dipole-dipole interactions in biomolecules

Non-radiative transfer of energy between dipoles

Orientation, overlap integral, quantum yield and lifetime

Calculations of distance using different orientations of dipoles

[a\), Midterm exam due before class](#)

[b\), Final exam topics released](#)

[– you will have plenty of time to think about your scholarly-written article](#)

October 28th 2020

Lecture 28: Microscopy

Part 1: Foerster resonance energy transfer II

Applications relevant to Bioengineering

Part 2: Optical Microscopy

Optical resolution in the microscope

[Release Homework 4](#)

October 30th. 2020

Lecture 29: Microscopy

Single molecule Imaging

Confocal microscopy (1-photon and 2-photon)

Total internal reflection imaging microscopy" protein activity in cells

Fluorescence correlation spectroscopy/microscopy: protein interactions

Applications relevant to Bioengineering: Molecular motors

Actomyosin, Kinesin and F_0/F_1 -ATPase

November 2nd. 2020

Lecture 30: Microscopy

Super-resolution Imaging microscopy

Single molecule imaging techniques: PALM/ fPALM and STORM

Ensemble approaches: STED

Applications relevant to Bioengineering: Dynamics in nuclear membrane protein pores

November 4th. 2020

Lecture 31: Binding and Kinetic reactions

Interactions between molecules: reversible and irreversible

Uni-molecular interactions

Derivation of equations for reversible and irreversible uni-molecular interactions

Homework # 4 due before class

November 6th. 2020

Lecture 32: Binding and Kinetic reactions

Reversible and irreversible Bi-molecular interactions

Derivation of equations for reversible and irreversible reactions

November 9th. 2020

Lecture 33: Binding and Kinetic reactions

Molecularity

Reaction rates

Temperature effects on reaction rates

Rate Laws

Integrated rate laws for uni- and bi-molecular reactions

November 11th. 2020

UC Administrative Holiday: No Lecture

November 13th. 2020

Lecture 34: Binding and Kinetic reactions

Derivations of rate laws for parallel and consecutive reactions

Experimental approaches to study reaction kinetics

Transient kinetic methods: T-jump, P-jump, stopped-flow, photochemical approaches

Applications relevant to Bioengineering

Release homework # 5

November 16th. 2020

Lecture 35: Enzyme Kinetics

Overview

Binding and kinetic reactions in enzymes

Inhibitors and activators

Cyclical pathways, reversibility and work output

Applications relevant to Bioengineering

November 18th. 2020

Lecture 36: Enzyme Kinetics

Michaelis-Menten equation

Derivations of MM and other equations

Plotting kinetic data

November 20th. 2020

Lecture 37: Enzyme Kinetics

Case studies relevant to Bioengineering

November 23rd. 2020

Lecture 38: Wrap-up

Homework #5 due before class

November 25~27th. 2020 Thanksgiving Week: No Lecture

Final exam due date TBD