

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT****Code:** 33974**Name:** General Chemistry**Cycle:** Undergraduate Studies**ECTS Credits:** 6**Academic year:** 2025-26**STUDY (S)**

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1103 - Degree in Food Science and Technology	Facultat de Farmàcia i Ciències de L'alimentació	1	First quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1103 - Degree in Food Science and Technology	Chemistry	BASIC

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

General Chemistry is a basic course taught during the first semester of first year Grade in Food Science and Technology. Current study plan (curriculum) includes 4,5 theoretical credits and 1,5 laboratory credits.

The theoretical part attempts to provide the student the concepts and bases of chemistry in general, with special emphasis to those concerning the chemical elements and their compounds, while, at the same time, trying to highlight a scientific vision of reality, a fundamental aspect of university education. Students should achieve solid bases to interpret and build the potential applications and uses of inorganic compounds, not only to undertake the study of other courses with chemical contents, but also in carrying out the different aspects of the professional activities specific to this Grade, in research, teaching or industry.

Concerning theory lectures, they attempt that students consolidate and expand their knowledge on atomic structure, chemical bonding (both, in individual molecules and in solids), stoichiometric relationships, acid-base concepts, oxidation-reduction, and reactivity, as well as those principles determining kinetics and thermodynamic aspects of chemical transformations.

With respect to laboratory work, students should achieve basic technical skills and be able to perform experimental studies concerning some of the concepts covered in the theoretical lectures.



PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Formulation and stoichiometry basic knowledge

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Acquire skills for presenting a project orally or in writing.

Acquire the ability to interpret relevant data.

Be able to name and formulate inorganic and organic chemical compounds.

Be able to solve basic problems for determining empirical and molecular formulas of compounds.

Be able to solve simple quantitative problems related to chemical processes, both in equilibrium and from a kinetic standpoint.

Be capable of explaining phenomena and processes related to basic aspects of chemistry in an understandable style.

Develop skills to undertake further study.

Develop the ability to estimate the risks associated with the use of chemicals and laboratory processes.

Develop the capacity for organisation and planning.

Know how to apply that knowledge to the professional world contributing to the development of human rights, democratic principles, the principles of equality between women and men, solidarity, protection of the environment and promotion of the culture of peace, from a gender perspective.

Know reactions in solution, the different states of matter and the principles of thermodynamics.

Know the mechanisms of the most important chemical transformations.

Know the methods most commonly used for obtaining the different types of compounds.

Saber interpretar, valorar y comunicar datos relevantes en las distintas vertientes de la actividad profesional, haciendo uso de las tecnologías de la información y comunicación.

Students must be able to communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both expert and lay audiences.



DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF CHEMISTRY

Branches of Chemistry. Physical and chemical, intensive and extensive properties of matter. Classification of matter. Treatment of measurements in chemistry. Atomic composition. Atomic nucleus. Isotopes. Nuclear reactions. Applications of radioactivity. Chemical formulae. Rules for naming and formulating ionic compounds. Table of electrovalences and ionic radicals. Oxidation state. The chemical reaction. Stoichiometric calculations. Limiting reagent and percent yield of chemical reactions.

2. ATOMIC STRUCTURE

Quantum-mechanical atomic model. The Schrodinger equation for the hydrogen atom. Quantum numbers and atomic orbitals. Polyelectronic atoms. Electronic configuration. The Periodic Table. Periodicity.

3. THE CHEMICAL BOND

The concept of bonding and its different types. Electronegativity and bond polarity. Covalent bond. Lewis structures. Resonance. Molecular geometry: the VSEPR model. Valence bond theory. Hybridization. Multiple bonds. Intermolecular forces: Van der Waals forces. Hydrogen bond. Physical states of matter: gases, liquids, and solids.

4. THERMOCHEMISTRY AND THERMODYNAMICS

Energy, heat, and work. Principles of thermodynamics. State functions. Enthalpy of physical and chemical changes. Hess's law. Enthalpy of formation. Entropy. Gibbs free energy. Criteria of spontaneity of chemical changes.



5. SOLUTIONS

Spontaneity of the dissolution process. Dissolution of solids in liquids. Solubility rules. Dissolution of liquids. Dissolution of gases. Saturation. Solubility and solubility product. Effect of temperature on solubility. Molarity; mole fraction; percentage of solute w/w, w/v, v/v; normality. Equivalent. Colligative properties of solutions: vapor pressure depression, boiling-point increase, freezing-point depression, osmotic pressure. Osmolarity. Iso- hyper- and hypotonic solutions. Colligative properties and dissociation of electrolytes. Colloids. Tyndall effect. Hydrophilic and hydrophobic colloids.

6. CHEMICAL KINETICS

Basic concepts: rate of reaction, rate equation, order of reaction. Elementary reactions. Molecularity of elementary reactions. Net reaction. Rate determining step. Reaction mechanism. Activation energy. Activated complex or transition state. Stationary state approach. Effect of temperature on the rate of reaction. Catalysis.

7. CHEMICAL EQUILIBRIUM

Reversibility and dynamic nature of chemical equilibrium. Equilibrium spontaneity. Thermodynamic aspects of chemical equilibrium. Equilibrium constant and reaction quotient. Homogeneous and heterogeneous equilibria. Factors affecting chemical equilibria. Le Chatelier's law. Free energy and equilibrium constant.

8. ACID-BASE EQUILIBRIA

Acid-Base concepts: Arrhenius, Bronsted and Lewis. Bronsted acids and bases in water. Neutralization. Acid-base character of oxides. Water autoionization; K_w . Strength of acids and bases. Acid-base equilibrium constant: K_a (pK_a), K_b (pK_b), K_w (pK_w). Leveling and differentiating effects of solvent. Molecular structure and acid strength. Polyprotic acids. Definition of pH and pH scale. pH calculations. Acid-base indicators. Acid-base titration curves. Buffer solutions. Hydrolysis. Acid-base character of aqueous solutions of salts.



9. REDOX EQUILIBRIA

Oxidation and reduction concepts. Redox reactions. Half-reactions. Electrochemical cells. Cell potential and free energy of redox reactions. Electrode potentials. Electrochemical series and activity of elements. Nerst equation. Systematic methods for balancing redox reactions: The ion-electrode method; the Valence Change Method.

10. LABORATORY SESSION 1

Introduction to most common laboratory techniques

- A. Use of labware. Preparation of solutions. Identification and use of labware. Introduction to chemical reagent handling, waste handling and compliance of security measures.
- B. Preparation of solutions.

11. LABORATORY SESSION 2

Separation of mixtures

- A. Separation of the casein from the milk and identification of the main components of the serum.
- B. Distillation of a commercial wine.

12. LABORATORY SESSION 3

Acid-base equilibria

- A. Study of acid-base concepts. Potentiometric titration of acetic acid.
- B. Determination of acidity of commercial vinegar.
- C. Preparation of buffer solutions and testing its buffer capacity.

13. LABORATORY SESSION 4

Redox equilibria



- A. redox equilibria. Cells
B. Titration of SO₂ in wines

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Tutorials	2,00
Theory	38,00
Seminar	2,00
Laboratory	15,00
Total hours	57,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	8,00
Independent study and work	21,00
Preparation of lessons	42,00
Preparation for assessment activities	14,00
Resolution of case studies	5,00
Total hours	90,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

This course is structured in three types of activities: theory lectures, tutorials (recitations), seminars, and laboratory sessions.

Study of theory contents. Students should acquire the basic knowledge included in the syllabus by means of their individual study and assistance to the lectures. During such lectures, the professor will set and explain a global perspective of each subject, will emphasize the key concepts needed for its understanding, and will answer questions from the students. To help in their individual study and in depth preparation of each subject, students will be provided with basic and complementary bibliography, internet addresses and supporting computer equipment, as well as the instructions and advice for handling information sources.

Laboratory work. Laboratory sessions are structured around four main components. In the first place, students must undertake a preparatory work before going to the laboratory, consisting in an effort to understand the laboratory guide provided for each experiment, review of the theoretical concepts involved, answering a set of previous questions, and preparing an outline of work process. During lab attendance, the professor will make a brief explanation of the keys aspects of the experimental work to be undertaken and will assist and monitor the students during the session. The student should analyze the observed facts and will answer some post-laboratory questions. By the end of the course all students will take a written exam



on some questions directly related with the carried-out experiments.

Tutorials. During tutorials are meant to solve any doubt raised during theory lectures and to orient students about the most effective work methodology to improve their learning performance.

Coordinated Seminars. Students may have to prepare and make an oral presentation of a work on a subject of current interest relative to the course outline.

Attendance to seminars, laboratory sessions and tutorials is **COMPULSORY** and therefore **NOT RECOVERABLE**, in accordance with Article 6.5 of the Evaluation and Grading Regulations of the UV for Bachelor's and Master's degrees. In the event that, due to a justified reason, a student is unable to attend any of these activities, it must be communicated in advance. Thus, the lecturer can assign the student to a session in another group.

EVALUATION

Learning evaluation of students will take into account all aspects exposed in the methodology section of this teaching guide and will be carried out by the professor in a continuous way.

Final grade will be calculated by weighing 75% the score assigned by the professor in evaluating the exams, attendance to lectures, tutorials, and seminars (Th). The score obtained in the laboratory work (Lab) will represent a 15% of the final grade. Finally, the grade obtained in the coordinated seminar (CSem) will represent a 10% of the final grade:

$$\text{Final grade (score)} = 0.75\text{Th} + 0.15\text{Lab} + 0.1\text{CSem}$$

In order to pass the course, a minimum score of 5 over 10 is required, both in the final exam as well as in the laboratory work.

The blatant copying or plagiarism of any task (or exam), that is part of the evaluation, will result in the inability to pass the subject, and appropriate disciplinary procedures will be followed thereafter. Please note that, according to Article 13(d) of the University Student Statute (RD 1791/2010, December 30th), it is the duty of a student to refrain from engaging in or cooperating with fraudulent procedures in evaluation tests, assignments, or official documents of the university.

In cases of fraudulent practices, the procedures outlined in the "Protocol of Action against Fraudulent Practices at the Universitat de València" (ACGUV 123/2020): <https://www.uv.es/sgeneral/Protocols/C83sp.pdf>.

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