

CHEM 230
Physical Chemistry
Syllabus

Topics to be Covered		
List of Topics	No. of Weeks	Contact hours
<i>Reviewing Ideal Gas Laws</i>	1	3
<i>Molecular kinetic theory of gases</i>	2	6
<i>First law of thermodynamics</i>	2	6
<i>Thermochemistry</i>	2	6
<i>Second law of thermodynamics</i>	2	6
<i>Third law of thermodynamics</i>	2	6
<i>Free energies</i>	2	6
<i>Chemical equilibrium</i>	2	6

Schedule of Assessment Tasks for Students During the Semester			
	Assessment task	Week Due	Proportion of Total Assessment
1	5 homework (open for one week, online on LMS)	One homework/quiz every two weeks	10 %
2	2 quizzes (15 to 20 min test, online on LMS)		10 %
3	2 Midterm exams (in class)	Around 5 th and 11 th weeks	40 %
4	Final exam (in class)	End of semester	40 %

Learning Resources

Required Textbook

9th Edition of "Physical Chemistry" book, by P.W. ATKINS

Recommended Textbooks and Reference Material

Student's Solutions Manual to Accompany Atkins' Physical Chemistry

Electronic Materials

- *E-content on LMS (Blackboard).*
 - *PowerPoint presentations*
 - *Handout notes*
 - *Homework*
 - *Old exams*
 - *Blogs for collaborative discussion*
- *Web Sites:*
 - http://chemwiki.ucdavis.edu/Physical_Chemistry/Thermodynamics
 - <http://www.thebigger.com/section/chemistry/thermodynamics>
 - <http://chemistry.about.com/od/physicalchemistrythermo>
 - http://academic.pgcc.edu/~ssinex/excelets/chem_excelets.htm

Other learning material such as computer-based programs/CD, professional standards or regulations and software.

- Microsoft Excel