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Summary of Course Structure and Schedule

	Module (ECTS Credits)	Examination/Assessment	
		Two-Hour Exam Paper	Continuous Assessment
Semester I	CH311 - Organic Chemistry (5)	90%	10%
	CH326 - Analytical Chemistry & Molecular Structure (5)	90%	10%
	CH332 - Drug Design & Drug Discovery (10)	50%	50%
	CH333 - Experimental Chemistry I (5)	-	100%
	BI309 - Cell Biology (5)	60%	40%
	BI319 - Molecular Biology (5)	60%	40%
Semester II	CH307 - Inorganic Chemistry (5)	90%	10%
	CH313 - Physical Chemistry (5)	90%	10%
	CH334 - Experimental Chemistry II (5)	-	100%
	CH3103 - Validation in the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Industry (5)	65%	35%
	BI313 - Cell Signaling (5)	60%	40%
	BI317 - Human Molecular Genetics (5)	80%	20%
May 2021 onwards: CH4106 - Work Placement (10) – See details on pages 18-20			

Unless otherwise stated, all lectures will be delivered online

Semester I Schedule

- CH311 First lecture on Monday, September 28th 2020 at 9am
 CH326 First lecture on Tuesday, September 29th 2020 at 10am
 CH332 First lecture on Tuesday, September 29th 2020 at 9am
 First practical class on Monday, October 5th 2020 at 2pm (venue TBA in due course)
 CH333 First practical class in Organic Chemistry Teaching Laboratory on Tuesday, October 6th 2020 at 2pm (details on registration and final timetable to be provided in due course)
 CH4106 Work Placement meeting to be arranged by Career Development Centre

Semester II Schedule

- CH307 First lecture on Tuesday, February 9th 2021 at 10am
 CH313 First lecture on Monday, February 8th 2021 at 9am
 CH334 First practical class in Inorganic Chemistry Teaching Laboratory on Tuesday, February 8th 2021 at 2pm (details on registration and final timetable to be provided in due course)
 CH3103 First lecture on Wednesday, February 10th 2021 at 9am
 Details on Biochemistry Modules are available online at <http://www.nuigalway.ie/course-information/module/BIxxx>

While every effort has been made to ensure that this booklet is accurate, students should contact Module Coordinator(s) with queries.

CH311 - Organic Chemistry

Instructors: Prof. Peter Crowley, Prof. Paul Murphy (Coordinator), Dr. Styliana Mirallai, Dr. Eddie Myers

MODULE DELIVERY

1. Heterocyclic Chemistry (9 h SM)

Aliphatic heterocycles

- The reactivity difference between cyclic and acyclic molecules (nucleophilicity and basicity).
- Stereoelectronic effects on conformation and reactivity in heterocycles, e.g. the anomeric effect.
- Kinetics and thermodynamics of ring-closing reactions (ring strain, Thorpe-Ingold effect, Baldwin's rules).

Aromatic heterocycles

- An understanding of what makes a molecule aromatic.
- An understanding of the effect of the N atom in pyridine and pyrrole on reactivity in comparison to benzene.
- Reactivity differences and mechanisms of nucleophilic and electrophilic aromatic substitution onto pyridine and pyrrole; Vilsmeier and Mannich reactions.
- Pyridine and DMAP as nucleophilic catalysts.
- Compare and contrast electronic structure, aromaticity and reactivity of pyrrole, furan and thiophene.
- Diels-Alder reaction: orbital theory, mechanism, kinetic and thermodynamic control.
- An understanding of the effect of the N atom of diazoles, triazoles and tetrazoles on electronic structure (aromaticity), basicity (acidity) and reactivity towards electrophiles.
- Biological significance of imidazole (enzymes), nitroimidazoles (antibiotics) and tetrazoles (isosteres of carboxylic acids).
- Synthesis of aromatic heterocycles.

2. Physical Organic Chemistry (8 h, PM)

At the end of this lecture series students should be able to:

- Write expressions for K_a and pK_a .
- Use K_a and pK_a to draw conclusions about acid and base strength.
- To know or predict a molecule or functional groups protonation state at a defined pH.
- To understand and explain chemical factors that have an effect on acidity and basicity.
- To be able to relate pK_a to other properties (e.g. leaving group ability, nucleophilicity).
- To understand how various types of experiments are used to study reaction mechanism, including kinetics, kinetic isotope effects, substituent effects (Hammett plots & LFERs), product identification, trapping & competition experiments, cross-over experiments, isotope scrambling & labelling, stereochemical analysis.
- To be able to write reasonable mechanistic proposals for well-known reactions such as acid- and base-promoted hydrolysis of esters; acid-catalyzed formation/hydrolysis of acetals/ketals.

3. Biomolecular Chemistry (9 h, PC)

This aspect of the course focuses on biological molecules in particular, proteins. "*Foundations of Chemical Biology*" (Oxford Primer) is an excellent textbook that will also be useful for fourth year.

Amino acids, peptides and proteins

- Structures and properties of the amino acids.
- Primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary structures of proteins.
- Isoelectric point.
- The hydrophobic effect.
- Interactions between proteins and small molecules (e.g. carbohydrates, lipids).

Carbohydrates

- Monosaccharides: classification and configuration.
- Reactions at the anomeric center.

Lipids

- Biological lipids, bilayers and membranes.
- Chemical structures of terpenes and steroids.

4. Synthesis and Stereochemistry (9 h, EM)

Synthesis

- A general understanding of what organic synthesis involves, and of the difficulties associated with the synthesis of a polyfunctional molecule which can exist in different stereoisomeric forms.
- An understanding of the reason why the synthesis of a complex organic molecule is undertaken.
- A recognition of the different classes into which syntheses can be divided.

- The ability to calculate the yield of a multistep synthesis.
- The ability to distinguish between linear and convergent syntheses, and an appreciation of the advantages of the former.
- An understanding of the basic concept underpinning retrosynthetic analysis.
- The ability to describe what the following terms involve and to provide simple examples of each one: disconnection, functional group interconversion, synthon, synthetic equivalents.
- The ability to carry out multistep retrosynthetic analyses based on the use of Grignard reactions, redox reactions involving carbonyl groups, catalytic hydrogenation, alkyl halide/alcohol interconversions, Friedel-Craft reactions, aldol reactions and Michael reactions.
- The ability to carry out the retrosynthetic analyses of six-membered carbocyclic rings based on Diels-Alder reactions and Robinson annulations.
- A general understanding of the protecting group approach, of why it may be necessary, of what is involved, and of the disadvantages associated with it.
- An understanding of the circumstances under which the carbonyl groups in ketones and aldehydes need to be protected, and of how this is done.
- An understanding of the circumstances under which alcohol groups need to be protected, and of how this is done.

Stereochemistry

- The ability to distinguish between constitutional isomers and stereoisomers.
- An understanding of the difference between conformational and configurational stereoisomers.
- An understanding of the stereochemical possibilities, chirality/enantiomerism, in systems containing one asymmetric carbon.
- An appreciation of the concepts of absolute configuration, specific rotation and enantiomeric excess.
- The ability to interpret the significance of the stereochemical descriptors, (+), (-), R and S, both on their own and in combination.
- An understanding of the structural possibilities in systems containing more than one asymmetric carbon: identical, enantiomers and diastereomers.
- A recognition of the importance of a plane of symmetry in a molecule: meso stereoisomers.
- The ability to define and recognize racemization, epimers, epimerization and anomers.
- The recognition that chirality can arise in molecules containing tetrahedral atoms other than carbon: sulfoxides, etc.
- The recognition that chirality can arise in non-tetrahedral systems: allenes, atropisomers (biphenyls), helicenes.
- An understanding of the concept of resolution, the separation of enantiomers.
- The ability to describe, and to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the three methods by which resolution can be achieved: mechanical separation, decomposition and the use of a resolving agent.
- The ability to recognize and distinguish between enantioselective and diastereoselective reactions.
- The ability to describe a number of diastereoselective reactions and to explain why they are stereoselective.
- An appreciation of why the synthesis of chiral molecules (asymmetric synthesis) is important.
- An understanding of the difficulties involved in carrying out reactions with chiral molecules in terms of retaining chirality.
- An appreciation that there are three different methods of making a chiral molecule: starting with a chiral pool molecule, carrying out a resolution, or using an enantioselective reaction.
- The ability to describe, and to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of, asymmetric synthesis involving chiral pool molecules.
- The ability to describe, and to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of, asymmetric synthesis involving resolution.
- The recognition that enantioselective reactions occur under the influence of a chiral group (chiral auxiliary) which can be in the reagent, the substrate or the catalyst.
- The ability to provide examples of all the above methods of carrying out asymmetric synthesis.

Related practicals are included in the laboratory-based Module CH333 - Experimental Chemistry I. Experience will be gained in a range of synthetically important reactions, techniques associated with biological chemistry, as well as analytical techniques, both spectroscopic and chromatographic. Molecular modelling and database searching are also introduced (see description of the CH333 Module for details).

CH326 - Analytical Chemistry & Molecular Structure

Instructors: Dr. Andrea Erxleben, Dr. Patrick O'Leary, Prof. Alan Ryder, Prof. Olivier Thomas (Coordinator)

MODULE DELIVERY

1. Surface Analysis (4 lectures, AR)

- A basic understanding of the workings of: a secondary ion mass spectrometer (SIMS), an X-ray photoelectron spectrometer (XPS), a scanning electron microscope (SEM), and an energy dispersive X-ray analysis system (EDS).
- An understanding of the kinds of chemical and structural information that these instruments can provide about the surface of materials.
- Their application to the analysis of the surface of biomaterials.

2. Crystal Diffraction (4 lectures, AE)

- An understanding of the following terms: unit cell, crystal system, Bravais lattice, space group, Miller indices.
- An understanding of the information that can be obtained from X-ray powder diffraction data.
- The ability to index simple X-ray powder diffraction patterns and to calculate the unit cell parameters from X-ray powder data of cubic structures.
- An understanding of the relevance of polymorphism.

3. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectroscopy (8 lectures, OT)

- An understanding of how some nuclei, behaving like tiny bar magnets, can line up with and against an external magnetic field and so exist in two energy states.
- An understanding of how the size of the external field affects the energy gap between these two states.
- An understanding of how the movement of nuclei between these energy state gives rise to the absorption and emission of energy and thus to the production of a spectrum.
- The ability to describe how an NMR spectrum of a molecule is obtained in terms of the basic structure of the spectrometer and of sample preparation.
- An understanding of how the environment of a nucleus in a molecule affects the signal it produces and that thus the environment of a nucleus in a molecule can be determined from the signal it produces.
- An understanding that the electron cloud surrounding the nucleus lowers the effective magnetic field in the vicinity of the nucleus, thus shielding it.
- The ability to characterize signals in an NMR spectrum as being shielded/upfield/low frequency or deshielded/downfield/high frequency.
- The ability to recognize the effect of symmetry on the number of sets of chemically equivalent protons and thus on the number of signals produced by a molecule.
- The ability to predict the number of signals that would be observed in the ^1H NMR spectrum of a molecule on the basis of its structure.
- An understanding that the position, or frequency, of a signal in the spectrum is determined relative to that of a standard, TMS, added to the sample, and is referred to as the chemical shift (δ) of the signal and/or of the nucleus responsible for it.
- The ability to use a ^1H NMR correlation table to relate the δ value of a signal to the type of proton responsible for it.
- The ability to use the integration (area) of the signals in a ^1H NMR spectrum to determine the relative number of protons responsible for each signal.
- An understanding that the splitting of a signal for a proton is due to an interaction (vicinal coupling) of that proton with the protons attached to the atom (usually a carbon atom) next to the atom (again usually a carbon atom) carrying the proton producing the signal.
- The ability to deduce the number of protons on an adjacent carbon based on the multiplicity of the splitting shown by a particular proton (none, doublet, triplet, quartet), given that the multiplicity is equal to $(2n + 1)$, where n is the number of protons on the adjacent carbon.
- An understanding that the standard form of ^{13}C NMR spectrum does not show C-H coupling and, thus, consists of a series of lines in which each set of chemically equivalent carbons appears as a single line.
- An appreciation that the chemical shift of a carbon signal is affected by the same factors that determine the shift of a proton signal.
- The ability to use a ^{13}C NMR correlation table to relate the δ value of a signal to the type of carbon responsible for it.
- The ability to determine the number of hydrogens attached to a particular carbon using a ^{13}C NMR DEPT spectrum.
- The ability to deduce the structure of simple molecules based on NMR data, usually in the form of actual spectra, the above concepts and simple spectroscopic correlation tables.

- An appreciation of the existence of long-range and geminal coupling, and of the concept of diastereotopic protons.
- An appreciation of the issues relating to the ^1H NMR spectra of molecules containing N-H and O-H bonds.
- The ability to describe how ^1H NMR spectroscopy is used in medicine in the form of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).
- An appreciation of what is meant by a 2D NMR spectrum.
- Definition and use of a homonuclear COSY experiment.
- Definition and use of a heteronuclear HSQC experiment.
- Definition and use of a heteronuclear HMBC experiment.
- Logics in the structure elucidation of an organic compound using 1D and 2D NMR analysis.

4. Chromatography (8 lectures, TBA)

- Gas Chromatography (GC)
 - Discussion of how, on a molecular level, separation occurs in chromatography, emphasizing how this chromatographic principle underpins all forms of chromatography.
 - GC instrumentation: injections systems, columns and detectors.
 - Quantifying column performance: column efficiency.
 - Applications.
- High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)
 - The ability to describe the chromatographic separation process in terms of a stationary phase (SP) and a mobile phase (MP).
 - An understanding that the number of peaks in a chromatogram indicates the number of components in the sample and of the reasons why this is not always true.
 - An understanding that the area of a peak is proportional to the amount of a substance in a sample.
 - An understanding of how the retention time of a component in a sample can be used to identify it, and of the limitations of this approach to identifying a substance.
 - An understanding of what preparative chromatography involves.
 - An understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of classical liquid chromatography (LC).
 - An understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of gas chromatography (GC).
 - A particular understanding of why the analysis of involatile/water soluble substances, a group which includes most biological substances/pharmaceuticals, is difficult/impossible by GC.
 - An appreciation that the importance of HPLC in the pharmaceutical industry is due to its ability to efficiently analyze such of involatile/water soluble substances.
 - An appreciation that the separating ability of a chromatography system is directly related to SP surface area, and thus to the size of the particles in packed columns.
 - An appreciation that HPLC is more efficient than classical LC because of the smaller particles used, but that this requires a powerful pump to establish an adequate mobile phase flow.
 - The ability to describe a simple isocratic HPLC system in terms of solvent reservoir/pump, injection valve, column, detector, and PC/data system.
 - An understanding of what a gradient HPLC system involves and what advantages it provides.
 - An understanding of why an injection valve is required and how it operates.
 - A knowledge of the various types of HPLC columns available in terms of their physical size and that of the packing material used.
 - An appreciation of how a fixed wavelength UV/visible detector operates.
 - An appreciation of how a variable wavelength UV/visible detector operates.
 - An appreciation of how a diode array detector operates.
 - An appreciation of how a fluorescence detector operates.
 - An understanding of the relative merits of UV/visible, diode array and fluorescence detectors.
 - An appreciation of the relative merits of GC and HPLC as analytical tools.
 - The ability to identify the key experimental features in a published HPLC method with a view to using it.
 - An understanding of what an adsorption HPLC column is, and of the retention mechanism through which it operates.
 - An understanding of what is implied by the term "chemically bound stationary phase".
 - An understanding of what a normal phase HPLC column is, and of the retention mechanism through which it operates.
 - An understanding of what a reverse phase (RP) HPLC column is, and of the retention mechanism through which it operates.
 - A precise understanding of why RP columns are the most commonly used HPLC column.
 - An understanding of how chiral HPLC operates and of how it can be used to determine the enantiomeric excess of a compound.

5. Mass Spectrometry (4 lectures, POL)

- A basic understanding of the workings of the basic forms of mass spectrometer including:
 - Sample introduction (direct insertion probe, GC, LC systems).

- Ionization methods (electron impact, chemical, electrospray, laser desorption).
 - Mass analyzers (magnetic sector, double focusing including kinetic filter, time of flight including reflectron, quadrupolar).
 - Ion detection.
 - An understanding of the basics of fragmentation, when and how it occurs and its prevalence with different molecule types and ionization techniques.
 - An ability, given a molecule and its mass spectrum (EI or CI) to deduce the fragmentations, and their mechanisms, leading to the main peaks; fragmentations covered will center on alpha radical initiated cleavage, adjacent bond cleavage, and Mc Clafferty type rearrangement.
 - An understanding and ability to recognize or apply the isotope effect.
 - An appreciation of the importance of resolution as applied to HRMS.
- 6. XRF and Thermal analysis (6 lectures, AR)**
- A basic understanding of the fundamental theory underpinning workings of X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF).
 - A basic understanding of the workings and operation of an Energy Dispersive XRF (ED-XRF) and Wavelength Dispersive XRD (WD-XRF).
 - An understanding of the major matrix effects (absorption and intensity enhancement) that occur in XRF measurements.
 - A basic understanding of the workings of thermogravimetric analysis (TGA, DTA) and scanning calorimetry (DSC) instruments.
 - An understanding of the chemical information that these instruments can provide.
 - Their application to the understanding of thermal transitions occurring inorganic, organic, polymeric, and biological materials.

The practicals related to the topics dealt with within the course are included in the laboratory-based Module CH333 - Experimental Chemistry I (see description of the CH333 Module for details).

CH332 - Drug Design & Drug Discovery

Instructors: Dr. David Cheung (Coordinator), Prof. Olivier Thomas

MODULE DELIVERY

The Module is delivered in 24 lectures (2 one-hour lectures per week).

1. Computational Approaches to Drug Design (12 lectures + 2 tutorials, DC)

- Role of modelling in drug design.
- Describing molecular structure.
- Molecular Models and Force Fields.
- Molecular Docking.
- Challenges of modelling proteins and prediction of protein structure.
- Molecular Dynamics.
- Thermodynamics of protein-ligand binding.

Learning outcomes

Students will gain an appreciation of:

- Applications of molecular modelling in drug design.
- The importance of three-dimensional molecular structure.
- Potential energy surfaces and how these relate to the structure of molecule.
- Molecular mechanics force fields.
- Molecular docking and molecular dynamics calculations.
- Challenges in modelling biomolecular structure and function.

Continuous Assessment

Continuous assessment for the Computational Approaches to Drug Design component will take place across the course. The principal objectives of the course are:

- To develop a practical capability to visualize and modify molecular structures on a computer.
- To be able to compute binding energies.
- To be able to perform and analyze data from MD simulations.
- To illustrate the principles dealt with in the lecture course.
- To critically analyze literature on the use of molecular modelling in drug design.

Recommended readings

Students may consult the following textbooks (available in the library):

- A.R. Leach, *Molecular Modelling: Principles and Applications*
- A. Hinchliffe, *Molecular Modelling for Beginners*

2. Natural Products in Drug Discovery (6 lectures + 1 tutorial, OT)

This lecture series covers relevant topics relating to modern natural products chemistry and its role in drug discovery and development. Main outcomes are:

- Historical and current importance of natural products as drugs and drug leads, anti-infective, anticancer but also others.
- The most important natural sources for bioprospection and drug discovery: plants, microbes.
- Natural product chemistry: principles for the extraction, isolation and structure elucidation steps.
- Basic concepts of bioactivity guided isolation process.
- Main metabolic pathways leading to specialized metabolites or natural products.
- New perspectives for natural products in drug discovery: sources like the marine biodiversity, extreme environments; dereplication processes, collaborative databases.

Continuous Assessment

The Natural Products Chemistry practical component will take place over a six-week period (2 groups, 3 laboratory sessions each, 3 h per week). Attendance records are taken at practical classes and performance will be assessed at the end of the practical. Part of the marks will be awarded for this Continuous Assessment.

- Extraction of the metabolites from a common marine macroalga *Halidrys siliquosa*.
- Fractionation of the extract into families of metabolites of different polarities. Use of solid phase extraction and applications of basic principles of chromatography: normal and reversed phase. Polarity of solvents.
- Analysis of some fractions by mass spectrometry and nuclear magnetic resonance. Drawing of the isolated molecules and structure elucidation.
- Propose metabolic pathways of the isolated metabolites based on basic rules.

Recommended readings

Students may consult the following textbooks (available in the library):

- P.M. Dewick, *Medicinal Chemistry, a Biosynthetic Approach*
- G.M.L. Cragg; D. Kingston, D.J. Newman, *Anticancer Agents from Natural Products*

3. Approaches to Drug Discovery (6 lectures +1 tutorial, DC)

This lecture series deals with the Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationships (QSAR).

Learning outcomes

By the end of the course, students should be able to identify and quantify the physiochemical parameters of compounds and deduce the effects of certain properties on drug activity.

Continuous Assessment

Students will be given data on a series of bioactive analogues to analyze using a QSAR approach and write a report on their findings. This report will be marked as part of the continuous assessment for the module.

Recommended readings

Students may consult the following textbooks (available in the library):

- G.L. Patrick, *An Introduction to Medicinal Chemistry*
- C.H. Hansch, A. Leo, D. H. Hoekmans, *Exploring QSAR*

CH333 - Experimental Chemistry I

Instructors: Prof. Peter Crowley, Dr. Andrea Erxleben, Dr. Eddie Myers, Prof. Alan Ryder, Prof. Olivier Thomas (Coordinator)

COURSE OUTLINE WITH LEARNING OUTCOMES

This laboratory-based Module complements the 3rd Year Organic Chemistry (CH311) and Analytical Chemistry & Molecular Structure (CH326) lecture-based Modules (which students **must** also take).

Attendance to laboratory sessions is **mandatory**.

On successful completion of this Module, the learner will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding in protein handling and purification.
- Demonstrate competence in setting up organic and organometallic reactions, work up and standard purification techniques, such as distillation, chromatography and recrystallization.
- Demonstrate competence in mole and yield calculations.
- Demonstrate competence in reaction rate monitoring and reporting.
- Demonstrate competence in organic compound characterization techniques, and analysis of spectroscopic data such as HPLC, GC, IR, UV, MS and NMR spectroscopy.
- Demonstrate competence in report writing, interpretation of laboratory results, and relate experimental data with theoretical and mechanistic aspects covered in the associated lectures (*i.e.* Modules CH311 and CH326).
- Carry out procedures in solving crystal structures.
- Demonstrate competence in the thermal analysis of polymers.

The Module is graded through Continuous Assessment by submission of written reports to laboratory class supervisors with each experiment graded out of 100%. At the end of the course each student will undergo a 10 minute interview assessment, which is also graded out of 100% (equivalent to the grade for one laboratory experiment).

CH307 - Inorganic Chemistry

Instructors: Dr. Andrea Erxleben, Dr. Pau Farras, Dr. Constantina Papatriantafyllopoulou, Dr. Luca Ronconi (Coordinator)

COURSE OUTLINE WITH LEARNING OUTCOMES (LO)

This Module will provide insights into the specific roles of metals and ligands in the broad field of coordination chemistry. Specific areas to be discussed include the coordination and organometallic chemistry of transition metals, inorganic kinetics and principles of nuclear chemistry.

Related practicals are included in the laboratory-based Module CH334 - Experimental Chemistry II (see description of the CH334 Module for details).

On successful completion of this Module, the learner will be able to:

- LO1 recognize the basic principles of radioactivity and nuclear chemistry, to include radioactive decays, the interaction of radiations with matter, nuclear reactions and common applications of radioisotopes;
- LO2 explain the bonding and structural features of transition metal coordination compounds based on the Crystal Field Theory (CFT) and the Molecular Orbitals (MOs) models;
- LO3 predict the spectroscopic properties of transition metal coordination compounds using theoretical models;
- LO4 describe the structure, bonding and reactivity of organometallic complexes of d-block elements;
- LO5 classify the types of organometallic complexes on the basis of the coordinated ligands;
- LO6 illustrate the catalytic activity of selected organometallic complexes and draw the associated mechanisms of reaction;
- LO7 explain the structure, bonding and reactivity of transition metals in the various oxidation states;
- LO8 discuss in detail the mechanisms of dissociative, associative, interchange, ligand substitution and electron transfer reactions of selected transition metals.

MODULE DELIVERY

The Module is delivered in 30 lectures (normally 3 one-hour lectures per week) and 4 one-hour tutorials (normally grouped at the very end of the course). **Unless otherwise stated, all lectures will be delivered online according to the timetable provided.** Further details will be provided in due course.

Specifically, the following topics will be dealt with.

1. 3rd Year Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory Induction (2 lectures, LR1)

This lecture series will provide a general introduction to the experimental work to be carried out.

The practical experiments include:

- an investigation of the oxidation states of vanadium;
- oxidation of ethanol by chromium(VI);
- synthesis and IR characterization of acetylacetonate derivatives of vanadium(IV) and copper(II);
- synthesis, IR characterization and redox behavior of cobalt heteropolytungstates;
- synthesis, spectroscopic characterization and reactivity of acetylacetonate derivatives of cobalt(III).

See description of the CH334 Module for details.

2. Organometallic Compounds of the d-Block Elements (8 lectures + 1 tutorial, CP)

This lecture series will deal with the structure, bonding and reactivity of organometallic complexes based on d-block elements.

Specifically, the following topics will be covered:

- description and classification of the most common types of organometallic complexes based on the various organic ligands (e.g. CO, NO, PR₃) used in their construction;
- use of the MOs theory to describe the bonding in organometallic complexes;
- the 18-electron rule, its limitations, and its application to organometallic species;
- description of the common reaction mechanisms observed for organometallic complexes (e.g. β -H elimination, alkyl migration, oxidative addition);
- the catalytic activity of selected organometallic complexes (e.g. Grubbs and Schrock types) and the associated mechanisms of reaction.

3. Comparative Chemistry and Kinetics of Transition Metals (6 lectures + 1 tutorial, AE)

This lecture series is comprised of two parts.

The first part will give an introduction to the chemistry of chromium and vanadium and will cover the following specific topics:

- general properties of V and Cr in different oxidation states;
- the pH-dependent equilibria of V species in aqueous solution;

- balancing the chemical equations to the formation and reactions of V and Cr halides, oxides and oxohalides;
- coordination chemistry of V and Cr;
- the biological relevance of V;
- description of Cr-Cr multiple bonds;
- interpretation of the related Frost-Ebsworth diagrams.

The second part will deal with the kinetics and reaction mechanisms of ligand substitution and electron transfer reactions in transition metal complexes, and will cover the following specific topics:

- description of the dissociative, associative and interchange mechanisms for substitution reactions in coordination compounds;
- plotting the reaction profiles for the dissociative, associative and interchange mechanisms;
- interpretation of kinetic data in terms of the type of mechanism;
- derivation and application of the rate law for substitution reactions in Pt(II) complexes;
- application of the *trans*-effect concept to predict substitution products in Pt(II) complexes;
- description of the Eigen-Wilkins and the conjugate base mechanisms;
- description of the inner-sphere and outer-sphere mechanisms for electron-transfer reactions;
- application of the Marcus-Hush equation.

4. Complex Formation by the Transition Metals (8 lectures + 1 tutorial, PF)

This lecture series will deal with the exploitation of the Crystal Field Theory (CFT) and the Molecular Orbitals (MOs) models to explain the properties of transition metal coordination compounds.

Specifically, the following topics will be covered:

- use of the point group character tables and orbital repulsion considerations to explain the d orbital splitting patterns and the symbolism used in labelling for common geometries found in coordination compounds of the transition metals;
- calculation of the crystal field stabilization energies for coordination compounds of the transition metals in a variety of oxidation states, using a number of common ligands and for common geometries;
- use of laboratory measured properties in conjunction with CFT to predict the geometry adopted by coordination compounds of transition metals in a variety of oxidation states, using a number of common ligands;
- drawing of MOs energy level diagrams and pictorial representations for the bonding in coordination compounds with σ -donor, π -donor and π -acceptor ligands;
- comparison of CFT and MOs approaches to describing the bonding in coordination compounds;
- correlation of MOs diagrams with spectroscopic properties of coordination compounds and accounting for the order of ligands in the spectrochemical series.

5. Nuclear and Isotopic Chemistry (6 lectures + 1 tutorial, LR2)

This lecture series will deal with the basic concepts of nuclear chemistry and radioactivity.

Specifically, the following topics will be covered:

- the nuclear structure and its involvement in the origin of radioactivity and nuclear reactions;
- the nuclide symbolism and definitions (isotopes, nuclear binding energy, nuclei stability band, half-life);
- the radioactive decays and the interaction of radiations with matter;
- radiation measurement and detection;
- natural radioactivity and the radioactive series;
- nuclear reactions (fission and fusion) and nuclear waste handling and cleanup;
- isotopic labelling;
- applications of radioisotopes (radiotracers, radiometric dating, nuclear medicine).

TEXTBOOK AND REFERENCE MATERIAL

- C.E. Housecroft, A.G. Sharpe, *Inorganic Chemistry*, 5th Ed., Pearson Education Ltd., 2018
- Lecture notes, slides and literature papers provided in due course on Blackboard

CH313 - Physical Chemistry

Instructors: Dr. David Cheung, Prof. Henry Curran (Coordinator), Prof. Donal Leech, Prof. Alan Ryder

TEXTBOOK

P.W. Atkins, J. De Paula, *Elements of Physical Chemistry*, 5th Ed. (available in the library)

MODULE DELIVERY

1. Molecular Interactions (5 h, HC, Chapter 15 of the textbook)

Students will understand that:

- Van der Waals force is an attractive interaction between closed-shell molecules with a potential energy that is inversely proportional to the sixth power of the separation.
- A polar molecule is a molecule with a permanent electric dipole moment; the magnitude of the dipole moment is the product of the partial charge and the separation.
- Dipole moments are approximately additive.
- The equations for potential energies of interaction for (i) charge/charge, (ii) charge/dipole, (iii) dipole/dipole, (iv) London (dispersion) interaction.
- A hydrogen bond is an interaction of the form $X-H\cdots Y$, where X and Y are N, O, or F.
- The Lennard-Jones (6,12)-potential is a model of the total intermolecular potential energy.

2. Chemical Kinetics (5 h, HC, Chapters 10 & 11 of the textbook)

Students will be able to:

- Derive the rate law for a first- and second-order reaction and from that determine the half-life for a reaction and the rate of reaction.
- Determine the kinetics for an elementary reaction.
- Explain the kinetics associated with flow reactors and jet-stirred reactors.
- Understand how the rate constant of a reaction varies with temperature, and derive the frequency A-factor and activation energy of a reaction given the rate constant and different temperatures.
- Appreciate and understand the dependence of kinetics on thermodynamics of reactants and products.

3. Phase Diagrams of Mixtures (5 h, DL, Chapter 6 of the textbook)

Students will understand that:

- The equilibria between phases (at constant pressure) are represented by lines on a temperature-composition phase diagram, and the relative abundance of phases is obtained by using the lever rule.
- A regular solution is one in which the entropy of mixing, but not the enthalpy of mixing, is the same as an ideal solution.
- An azeotrope is a mixture that vaporizes and condenses without a change in composition; an eutectic is a mixture that freezes and melts without change of composition.

4. Macromolecules (5 h, DC, Chapter 16 of the textbook)

Students will understand that:

- Polymers are typically organic molecules made from many copies of small repeating units (monomers).
- Polymers are typically polydisperse.
- The definitions of number-average molar mass and weighted-average molar mass and the difference between the two.
- Techniques for the determination of the mean molar masses of molecules and in particular viscosity measurements and gel permeation chromatography.
- The classification of polymers and the main properties of thermoplastics, elastomers and thermosets.
- The properties of amorphous and crystalline polymers.
- How crystallinity in a polymer influences the physical properties.
- An understanding of the meaning of the glass transition temperature (T_g) and the main factors such as chain flexibility, steric effects, molar mass and branching and cross-linking which influence its magnitude.

5. Self-Assembly (5 h, DC, Chapter 16 of the textbook)

Students will:

- Understand that self-assembly is the spontaneous formation of organized structures through a reversible process involving pre-existing components that is controlled by the design of these components, a driving force, and the environment (external input).
- Understand the formation of surfactant micelles as an example of self-assembly.
- Predict the morphology of surfactant aggregates based on the relative geometries of the head and tail groups.

- Understand the nature of liquid crystals, nematic and smectic types, and how they self-assemble as a result of packing and intermolecular forces.
- Appreciate how external control of molecular behavior can make a simple twisted nematic liquid crystal display cell.

6. Electrochemistry (5 h, DL, Chapter 16 of the textbook)

Students will understand that:

- An electric double layer consists of a sheet of positive charge at the surface of the electrode and a sheet of negative charge next to it in the solution (and vice versa).
- The Galvani potential difference is the potential difference between the bulk of the metal electrode and the bulk of the solution.
- The current density, j , at an electrode is expressed by the Butler-Volmer equation, $j = j_0 \left\{ e^{(1-\alpha)f\eta} - e^{-\alpha f\eta} \right\}$, where η is the overpotential $\eta = E' - E_i$, α is the transfer coefficient, and i_0 is the exchange current density.
- A Tafel plot is a plot of the logarithm of the current density against the overpotential; the slope gives the value of α and the intercept at $\eta = 0$ gives the exchange-current density.
- Voltammetry is the study of the current through an electrode as a function of the applied potential difference.
- To induce current to flow through an electrolytic cell and bring about a non-spontaneous cell reaction, the applied potential difference must exceed the cell emf by at least the cell overpotential.

7. Quantum Chemistry (5 h, AR, Chapter 12 of the textbook)

Students will understand that:

- Wien's Law states that $T\lambda_{\max} = \text{constant}$; the Stefan-Boltzmann law states that the emission of a black body is proportional to T^4 . Planck proposed that *electromagnetic oscillators* of frequency ν could acquire or discard energy in quanta of magnitude $h\nu$. Einstein proposed that *atoms* oscillating in a solid with frequency ν could acquire or discard energy in quanta of magnitude $h\nu$.
- The photoelectric effect is the ejection of electrons when radiation of greater than the threshold frequency is incident on a metal; the kinetic energy of the ejected electrons and frequency of the incident radiation are related by $E_k = h\nu - \phi$ where ϕ is the work function of the metal. The de Broglie relation for the wavelength, λ , of a particle of linear momentum p is $\lambda = h/p$.
- A wave function, Ψ , contains all the dynamical information about a system and is found by solving the appropriate Schrödinger equation, $-\left(\hbar^2 / 2m\right)d^2\psi / dx^2 + V\psi = E\psi$, subject to constraints on the solutions known as boundary conditions.
- According to the Born interpretation, the probability of finding a particle in a small region of space of volume δV is proportional to $\psi^2\delta V$, where ψ is the value of the wave function in the region.
- According to the Heisenberg uncertainty principle, it is impossible to specify simultaneously, with arbitrary precision, both the momentum and position of a particle.
- The energy levels of a particle of mass m in a 1-D box of length L are $E_n = n^2h^2/8mL^2$, with $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and the wave functions are $\Psi_n(x) = (2/L)^{1/2}\sin(n\pi x/L)$.
- The energy levels of a particle of mass m in a 3-D box of length L are $E_n = (n_1^2/L_1^2 + n_2^2/L_2^2 + n_3^2/L_3^2)(h^2/8m)$, with $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and the wave functions are $\Psi_n(x) = (2/L)^{1/2}\sin(n\pi x/L)$.
- Because wave functions do not decay abruptly to zero, particles may tunnel into classically forbidden regions. Two aspects of tunneling include radioactivity and scanning tunneling microscopy.
- The energy levels of a particle of mass m on a circular ring of radius r are $E_{m_l} = m_l^2\hbar^2/2I$ where I is the moment of inertia, $I = mr^2$ and $m_l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$
- The angular momentum of a particle on a ring is quantized and confined to the values $J_z = m_l\hbar$, $m_l = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$
- A particle undergoes harmonic motion if it is subjected to a Hooke's-law restoring force and has a parabolic potential energy, $V(x) = 1/2kx^2$.
- The energy levels of a harmonic oscillator are $E_v = (v + 1/2)h\nu$, where $\nu = (1/2\pi)(k/m)^{1/2}$ and $v = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

8. Spectroscopy (5 h, AR, Chapter 19 of the textbook)

Students will understand that:

- A spectrometer consists of a source of radiation, a dispersing element, and a detector.
- One contribution to the linewidth is the Doppler effect, which can be minimized by working at low temperatures. Another contribution to linewidth is lifetime broadening: $\delta E \approx \hbar/T$, where T is the lifetime of the state.
- The intensity of a transition is proportional to the square of the transition dipole moment.
- A selection rule is a statement about when the transition dipole is non-zero.
- A gross selection rule specifies the general features that a molecule must have if it is to have a spectrum of a given kind.
- A specific selection rule is a statement about which changes in quantum number may occur in a transition.

- The rotational energy levels of a linear rotor and a spherical rotor are given by $E_J = hBJ(J+1)$ with $J = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, where $B = h^2/4\pi I$ is the rotational constant of a molecule with moment of inertia I .
- The Pauli principle states for fermions $\Psi(B,A) = -\Psi(A,B)$ and for bosons $\Psi(B,A) = \Psi(A,B)$. The consequences of the Pauli principle for rotational states are called nuclear statistics.
- The populations of rotational energy levels are given by the Boltzmann distribution in connection with noting the degeneracy of each level.
- The gross selection rule for rotational transitions is that the molecule must be polar.
- The specific selection rules for rotational transitions are $\Delta J = \pm 1, \Delta K = 0$; a rotational spectrum of a polar linear molecule and of a polar symmetric rotor consists of a series of lines at frequencies separated by $2B$.
- In a Raman spectrum lines shifted to lower frequency than the incident radiation are called Stokes lines and lines shifted to higher frequency are called anti-Stokes lines.
- A Raman spectrometer consists of a monochromatic light source (usually a laser), sampling optics, a dispersive element (spectrometer), and a detector (usually a multi-channel CCD).
- The gross selection rule for rotational Raman spectra is that the polarizability of the molecule must be anisotropic.
- The specific selection rules for the rotational Raman transitions of linear molecules are $\Delta J = +2$ (Stokes lines), $\Delta J = -2$ (anti-Stokes lines).
- The vibrational energy levels of a molecule $E_v = (v + 1/2)h\nu$ with $v = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, where $\nu = (1/2\pi c)\sqrt{k/\mu}$ and $\mu = m_A m_B / (m_A + m_B)$.
- The gross selection rule for vibrational absorption spectra is that the electric dipole moment of the molecule must change during the vibration.
- The specific selection rule for vibrational transitions is $\Delta v = \pm 1$.
- The number of vibrational modes of non-linear molecules is $3N-6$; for linear molecules the number is $3N-5$.
- Rotational transitions accompany vibrational transitions and split the spectrum into a P branch ($\Delta J = -1$), a Q branch ($\Delta J = 0$), and an R branch ($\Delta J = +1$). A Q branch is observed only when the molecule possesses angular momentum around its axis.
- The gross selection rule for the vibrational Raman spectrum of a polyatomic molecule is that the normal mode of vibration is accompanied by a changing polarizability.
- The exclusion rule states that if the molecule has a center of inversion, then no modes can be both infrared and Raman active.

Related practicals are included in the laboratory-based Module CH334 - Experimental Chemistry II (see description of the CH334 Module for details).

CH334 - Experimental Chemistry II

Instructors: Prof. Henry Curran (Co-Coordinator/Physical Chemistry Practicals), Dr. David Cheung, Dr. Pau Farras, Dr. Constantina Papatriantafyllopoulou, Dr. Luca Ronconi (Co-Coordinator/Inorganic Chemistry Practicals)

COURSE OUTLINE WITH LEARNING OUTCOMES (LO)

This laboratory-based Module complements the 3rd Year Inorganic Chemistry (CH307) and Physical Chemistry (CH313) lecture-based Modules (which students **must** also take).

This course will involve the carrying out of experiments in areas such as inorganic syntheses, analysis and spectroscopic studies of coordination compounds, chemical kinetics, viscosity, temperature dependence of equilibrium, miscible liquids, rotational-vibrational spectra and electrochemistry.

Attendance to laboratory sessions is **mandatory**.

On successful completion of this Module, the learner will be able to:

- LO1 set up and carry out a range of inorganic syntheses (e.g. coordination compounds, polyoxometallates);
- LO2 relate laboratory results to the properties (e.g. oxidation states, structures) and reaction mechanisms of compounds of the transition metals (e.g. coordination compounds, polyoxometallates) covered in the associated inorganic chemistry lectures;
- LO3 demonstrate competence in the spectroscopic characterization (e.g. IR, UV-Vis, NMR spectroscopy) of coordination compounds;
- LO4 demonstrate competence in stoichiometric calculations;
- LO5 set up and perform tests to verify fundamental physical chemistry theories in the laboratory;
- LO6 relate experimental results to the physico-chemical principles dealt with in the associated physical chemistry lectures;
- LO7 recognize the scientific method of planning, developing, conducting and reporting experiments to a scientifically acceptable standard;
- LO8 apply important synthetic and analytical techniques relevant to the professional practice of chemistry;
- LO9 implement safe work practices in a chemistry laboratory, to include awareness of common hazards and appropriate safety precautions.

MODULE DELIVERY

The Module is delivered in 10 practical sessions of 4 hours each (1 practical per week) split into two blocks (inorganic chemistry: practicals 1-5; physical chemistry: practicals 6-11).

On week 12 students will undergo an individual ten-minute oral examination related to the laboratory work carried out during the physical chemistry practicals.

Specifically, the following practical experiments will be carried out.

1. Inorganic Chemistry

- An Investigation of the Oxidation States of Vanadium
- Oxidation of Ethanol by Chromium(VI)
- Synthesis and IR Characterization of Acetylacetonate Derivatives of Vanadium(IV) and Copper(II)
- Polyoxometallates: Synthesis, IR Characterization and Redox Behavior of a Cobalt Heteropolytungstate
- Acetylacetonates of Cobalt(III): Synthesis, Characterization and Reactions

2. Physical Chemistry

- Arrhenius Equation
- Polymer Viscosity
- Determination of an Equilibrium Constant
- Miscible Liquids
- Rotational-Vibrational Spectrum of HCl
- Cyclic Voltammetry of the Ferrocyanide/Ferricyanide Redox Couple

To derive full benefit from the course students should read details of the experiments to be performed **prior to attending the laboratory** and refer to the **literature resources** indicated in the laboratory manual.

TEXTBOOK AND REFERENCE MATERIAL

- Experimental Chemistry II Laboratory Manual 2019 - 2020
- Lecture notes, slides and literature papers provided in due course on Blackboard

CH3103 - Validation in the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Industry

Instructors: Dr. Martin Conneely, Prof. Michael J. Hynes, Dr. Constantina Papatriantafyllopoulou (Coordinator)

MODULE DELIVERY AND ASSESSMENT

The Module is delivered in 15 lectures (normally 3 one-hour lectures per week) and 1 two-hour practical.

The Module is assessed through a formal written examination at the end of Semester II (worth 65%) and Continuous Assessment (Project to be undertaken along with a presentation, worth 35%).

Attendance to lectures and the practical session is **mandatory**.

COURSE OUTLINE WITH LEARNING OUTCOMES

This module will cover relevant topics concerning validatory requirements within the (bio)pharmaceutical and chemical industries. Detailed insights into the inner workings of industry are also given.

On successful completion of this Module, the learner will:

- Be introduced to the concept of Validation and its role in the pharmaceutical industry; the Validation Masterplan (VMP) will then be discussed and its benefits outlined.
- Be introduced to the concept of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) in relation to the pharmaceutical and chemical industries.
- Learn of the numerous and pertinent aspects of Cleaning Validation with respect to the manufacturing industry.
- Apply the basic concepts of the course in a laboratory exercise.
- Be provided with a broad knowledge of the subject of Equipment qualification including Design, Installation, Process and Performance Qualification).
- Be introduced to the cutting-edge field of Process Analytical Technology (PAT) and understand its fundamental relevance to the future of pharmaceutical manufacturing.
- Be introduced to Medical Devices and will glean knowledge in the practical aspects of Quality Control, Good Manufacturing Practices and Drug Development in relation to the Medical Device Industry.

CH4106 - Work Placement

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Work Placement is a core part of the BSc Biopharmaceutical Chemistry. Students complete a six-month placement relevant to the programme, which is worth 25% of the Year 4 mark.

All placements must be approved by the School of Chemistry and the Career Development Centre.

Students prepare for the work placement by making use of the supports provided. These include advisory sessions (CV preparation, interview training, etc.) with the Career Development Centre (Tom Fitzgerald) and the placement Coordinator (Prof. Peter Crowley).

Students must comply with NUI Galway and Employer agreements for the acceptance of job offers.

Students are required to accept the first work placement offer that they receive and to withdraw from other applications.

Students should be clear on what they are expected to achieve in the placement. In addition to *Technical Skills* the students will develop *People Skills* and *Self Reliance Skills*.

In preparing for placements, students should become familiar with the host organizations, through web searches, company literature, personal contacts, etc. It can be helpful to get advice from students who have returned from, or are currently on, placement.

Students should take care of specific requirements such as travel, accommodation, bank accounts, insurance, etc.

Students who do not prepare appropriately (see Rules and Regulations below) will not be allowed to do a work placement.

Students who have to repeat examinations (15 credits or more) will not be allowed to complete the work placement. Students who pass the Year 3 repeats will do the “on campus” placement.

Prior to the placement students should:

- get familiar with the Learning Outcomes and assessment (see below);
- fully engage with the application and preparation process and comply with rules and regulations;
- prepare appropriately for the specific placement.

GUIDELINES FOR WRITING THE WORK PLACEMENT REPORT

In the final report the student addresses each of the following topics to demonstrate their achievement of the Learning Outcomes.

1. **Job Description.** Include the job description as outlined by the employer/supervisor (max 1 page).
2. **Organization.** Describe the host organization, the main activities and objectives. Describe its management structure and the environment in which it operates its daily business (max 1 page).
3. **Role of Student.** Describe the role you played in the organization (max 1 page).
4. **Technical and General Skills.** List the *Technical Skills*, *People Skills* and *Self Reliance Skills* that were required for the work placement. Describe how these skills were acquired and developed (max 2 pages).
5. **Scientific Knowledge.** Detail the (bio)chemistry and/or pharmacology of the products, analysis and services provided by the company (max 2-3 pages).
6. **Safety Risk Assessment.** Provide a project-specific Health & Safety Risk Assessment (max 1 page).
7. **Relationship to Programme of Study.** Describe how the placement related to your study (max 1 page).
8. **Employability.** Describe the career options that the placement has opened up for you (max 1 page).
9. **CV.** Include your updated CV with a focus on new career possibilities (max 2 pages).
10. **Appendix (optional).** Certificates of skills/achievements, and training completion documents.

Rules and Regulations – Work Placement Agreement

The following Rules and Regulations are strictly enforced to ensure the smooth running of the placement and to ensure that all students are given every opportunity to complete the placement.

BPC STUDENTS ARE OBLIGED TO REVIEW, SIGN AND SUBMIT THIS AGREEMENT.

General

- Register on your course of study to gain access to the Placement Application system.
- Complete and submit on time all placement documentation that is required.
- Activate voicemail on your phone and include a professional voicemail message.
- Ensure that your NUI Galway e-mail inbox can receive new messages from the Careers Development System, the Placement Application System and the placement Coordinator.
- Do not contact any company with regard to placement when you have already obtained a placement.
- Check the Placement Application System and NUI Galway e-mail daily for interview schedule updates and to review new job postings.
- Attend all placement related information sessions, presentations and workshops.
- Conduct yourself professionally in all dealings with employers.

Placement Application Phase

- Apply for as many placements as possible.
- Students can be selected for interview even if they have not applied for the particular placement position.
- Application for a particular placement position is not possible when the closing date has passed.

Placement Interview Phase

- “Confirm interview” on the Placement Application system when selected for interview.
- Research the company prior to interview, e.g., view the company website or speak with a previous intern or student who has had placement there.
- Attend all arranged interviews.
- Present for interview in appropriate business attire.
- Avoid the use of inappropriate language during interviews.
- Be polite and courteous to interviewers at all times.
- Refrain from chewing gum during interviews.
- Demonstrate interest and enthusiasm at the interview. Students who are found to deliberately not perform at interview will be eliminated from the placement process.
- If unable to attend interview due to illness, you are required to submit a medical certificate to the CDC.
- When a company makes an offer you are obliged to accept it. You cannot reject an offer.
- If you are offered two positions on the same day, you can choose your preference.
- You are not permitted to reject an offer and then source your own placement.
- You are not permitted to interview with another company once you have been offered a placement.
- The placement offer you receive is for the duration of the placement period.
- Contact the company immediately and provide any extra information (e.g. medical) in a timely manner.

I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING PLACEMENT.

Student Name (in BLOCK LETTERS): _____ Student ID: _____

Course of Study: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Third Year Chemistry 2020/21 - Semester I													
Week beginning	28-Sep	5-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	2-Nov	9-Nov	16-Nov	23-Nov	30-Nov	7-Dec	14-Dec	
Week no.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
CH311 - Organic Chemistry													
Mon	9am	Biomol. Chem.		Heterocyclic		<i>Bank Holiday</i>		Heterocyclic		Syn. & Stereo.		Phys. Org. Chem.	
		<i>PC</i>		<i>SM</i>				<i>SM</i>		<i>EM</i>		<i>PM</i>	
CH332 - Drug Design & Drug Discovery													
Tue	9am	Computational Approaches to Drug Design											
		<i>DC</i>											
CH326 - Analytical Chemistry & Molecular Structure													
Tue	10am	NMR		MS		XRF/TA		GC/HPLC		Cryst. Diff.		Tut.	Surf. Anal.
		<i>OT</i>		<i>POL</i>		<i>AR</i>		<i>EB</i>		<i>AE</i>		<i>OT</i>	<i>AR</i>
CH326 - Analytical Chemistry & Molecular Structure													
Wed	11am	NMR		MS		XRF/TA		GC/HPLC		Cryst. Diff.	Surf. Anal.	Tut.	Surf. Anal.
		<i>OT</i>		<i>POL</i>		<i>AR</i>		<i>EB</i>		<i>AE</i>	<i>AR</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>AR</i>
CH332 - Drug Design & Drug Discovery													
Thu	9am	Natural Products						Approaches to Drug Discovery					
		<i>OT</i>						<i>EB</i>					
CH311 - Organic Chemistry													
Fri	10am	Biomol. Chem.		Heterocyclic				Syn. & Stereo.			Phys. Org. Chem.		
		<i>PC</i>		<i>SM</i>				<i>EM</i>			<i>PM</i>		
CH311 - Organic Chemistry													
Fri	11am	Biomol. Chem.		Heterocyclic				Syn. & Stereo.			Phys. Org. Chem.		
		<i>PC</i>		<i>SM</i>				<i>EM</i>			<i>PM</i>		
CH326 - Analytical Chemistry & Molecular Structure													
Fri	12pm	NMR		MS		Tut.		XRF/TA	GC/HPLC	Cryst. Diff.	Surf. Anal.	Tut.	Tut.
		<i>OT</i>		<i>POL</i>		<i>OT</i>		<i>AR</i>	<i>EB</i>	<i>AE</i>	<i>AR</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
Practicals													
Mon	2pm	CH332 Labs											
		Computational and Drug Design Practicals - <i>Bank Holiday 26/10/2020</i>											
Tue or Wed or Thu or Fri	2pm	CH333 Labs											
		Organic Practicals						Analytical Chemistry & Molecular Structure Practicals					

Third Year Chemistry 2020/21 - Semester II

Week beginning	8-Feb	15-Feb	22-Feb	1-Mar	8-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar	29-Mar	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Apr	3-May
Week no.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
CH313 - Physical Chemistry												
Mon	9am	Phases	Mol. Interact.	Spect.	Kinetics	Electrochem.	Macromol.	Surface	Quantum	Quantum	Tut.	
		<i>DL</i>	<i>HC</i>	<i>AR</i>	<i>HC</i>	<i>DL</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>AR</i>	<i>AR</i>	<i>TBA</i>	
CH307 - Inorganic Chemistry												
Tue	10am	Lab. Intro.	Organomet. Chem.	Comp. Chem./Kinetics	Coord. Chem.	Nucl. Chem.	Nucl. Chem.	Tut.				
		<i>LR</i>	<i>CP</i>	<i>AE</i>	<i>PF</i>	<i>LR</i>	<i>LR</i>	<i>AE</i>				
CH313 - Physical Chemistry												
Tue	11am	Phases	Mol. Interact.	Spect.	Kinetics	Electrochem.	Electrochem.	Macromol.	Surface	Quantum	Tut.	Tut.
		<i>DL</i>	<i>HC</i>	<i>AR</i>	<i>HC</i>	<i>DL</i>	<i>DL</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>AR</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
CH313 - Physical Chemistry												
Wed	10am	Phases	Mol. Interact.	Spect.	Kinetics	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	Macromol.	Macromol.	Surface	Quantum	Tut.	Tut.
		<i>DL</i>	<i>HC</i>	<i>AR</i>	<i>HC</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>AR</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>	
CH307 - Inorganic Chemistry												
Wed	11am	Lab. Intro.	Organomet. Chem.	Comp. Chem./Kinetics	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	Coord. Chem.	Nucl. Chem.	Test 2	Tut.			
		<i>LR</i>	<i>CP</i>	<i>AE</i>	<i>PF</i>	<i>LR</i>	<i>PF</i>					
CH313 - Physical Chemistry												
Fri	10am	Phases	Mol. Interact.	Spect.	Kinetics	Electrochem.	Macromol.	Surface	Surface	Quantum	Tut.	Tut.
		<i>DL</i>	<i>HC</i>	<i>AR</i>	<i>HC</i>	<i>DL</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>AR</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
CH307 - Inorganic Chemistry												
Fri	11am	Organomet. Chem	Comp. Chem./Kinetics	Test 1	Coord. Chem.	Nucl. Chem.	Tut.	Tut.				
		<i>CP</i>	<i>AE</i>	<i>PF</i>	<i>LR</i>	<i>CP</i>	<i>LR</i>					
Practicals												
Tue or Wed or Thu or Fri	2pm	CH334 Labs										
		<i>Inorganic Practical</i>					<i>Physical Chemistry Practicals</i>					

Third Year Chemistry 2020/21 - Semester II (cont.)

Week beginning	8-Feb	15-Feb	22-Feb	1-Mar	8-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar	29-Mar	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Apr	3-May
Week no.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
CH3103 - Validation in the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Industry												
Wed	9am	Validation			Med. Dev.	St. Patrick's Day	Validation					
		CP			MC		CP					
CH3103 - Validation in the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Industry												
Thu	9am	Validation			Med. Dev.	Reach	Project Presentations 15 & 22 April, 9am-noon					
		CP			MC	MH						
CH3103 - Validation in the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Industry												
Thu	11am	Validation			Med. Dev.	Reach						
		CP			MC	MH						
CH3101 - Computers in Chemical Research												
Mon (Online)	2pm		Mol. Graph.	Excel		e-Searching	Modelling	PowerPoint	PDB	Mol. Dyn.	Project Report	Project Presentations
			POL	HC		POL	DC	PC	PC	DC		
Fri (Online)	2pm	Introduction	Report Writing	Technical Writing	Plagiarism	Referencing	Modelling	PowerPoint	Posters	Project Report		Project Presentations
		PF	AE	EM	PF	PF	DC	PC	CP			