CHEM 341.01
Physical Chemistry I
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OFFICE HOURS
MWF: 9:20 – 11:00 AM or by appointment

LECTURES
MWF: 11:00 – 11:50 am, https://millersville.zoom.us/j/93980536023

LABORATORY
Section A Tuesday: 4:00 – 6:50 pm, https://millersville.zoom.us/j/97649877653

TEXTBOOK

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL
*Required for exams and homework:* A calculator with root, logs and antilogs will be required for exams. Some cheap calculators that work well are the Casio FX260, the Sharp 501WBBL, and the Texas Instruments TI30X. All these calculators, and many others appropriate for this course, are available for less than ten dollars. You will need to purchase a bound lab notebook for recording your observations during lab. You must provide your own safety glasses and wear them at all times while you are in the laboratory, along with covered-toe shoes. Masks and gloves are required in lab this semester as well to help prevent the spread of infectious disease. Additionally, a computer with word processing software such as Microsoft Word, and spreadsheet functionality such as Microsoft Excel, will be useful for writing lab reports.

COURSE PREREQUISITES
Prior to enrolling in physical chemistry, the student should have successfully completed two semesters of general chemistry, two semesters of calculus-based general physics, three semesters of calculus, one semester of quantitative analysis, and one semester of the fundamentals of writing. As enumerated in the undergraduate catalog, the prerequisites are as follows: CHEM 265 with a grade of C or higher, PHYS 232, MATH 311 and ENGL 110.
COURSE CONTENT
Physical Chemistry I encompasses, broadly, thermodynamics as applied to problems of chemical interest as well as introductory statistical mechanics. Course coverage will correspond to all or parts of chapters 1 through 11 and 29 through 32 of the textbook. The course content for the first and second semesters of physical chemistry is listed below in brief (vide infra).

PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY: AN INTRODUCTION

What is physical chemistry?
Physical chemistry is the application of the principles and methods of physics and mathematics to chemistry. Physical chemistry can also be regarded as the study of the physical principles underlying chemistry. We want to know how and why materials behave as they do. The ultimate goal of physical chemistry is to provide a (mathematical) model for all of chemistry.

What level of mathematics is required?
The champion of Copernican heliocentrism, Galileo, made great contributions to physics even without knowing algebra, which had been invented by the Arabs but did not come into general use in Europe until the late seventeenth century. He relied on dialogues and on the geometry of the Greeks to communicate his ideas to his contemporaries. Imagine how difficult it was for him to explain physical laws without using algebra! Physical chemistry concepts solicit a mathematical framework for their presentation as well, and they require that calculus be used as a tool just as algebra has been used as a tool in previous courses. In the same way that algebra facilitated the study of actions under constant forces, calculus facilitates the study of actions under dynamic forces. The derivations and calculations of physical chemistry require many partial derivatives. (This is because we will need to algebraically manipulate functions of several variables.) Initially the functions and are mostly in one variable. Eventually there will be more functions in two and three dimensions. We will also perform a number of simple integrals in the set of real numbers. In the spring semester we will perform more integrals in the domain of the set of complex numbers.

PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY COURSES AT MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY
At Millersville University the two regular semesters of physical chemistry for chemistry majors are numbered CHEM 341 and CHEM 342. The general outline of coverage for each semester is:

CHEM 341
- Chemical thermodynamics (thermodynamics applied to chemistry problems)
- Introduction to statistics and combinatorics, as time permits
- Equilibrium statistical thermodynamics, as time permits

CHEM 342
- Introduction to quantum mechanics (applied to problems of chemical interest)
- Spectroscopy (the interaction of radiation with matter)
- Chemical kinetics (study of the rates of chemical reactions)
Thermodynamics is usually called a \textit{macroscopic} theory. That is, it deals with the bulk properties of matter and does not concern itself with whether or not atoms or molecules even exist. On the other hand, quantum mechanics is a \textit{microscopic} theory because it deals with the individual particles of matter and light. Statistical thermodynamics brings us full circle by providing a mechanism for calculating the properties of bulk material (macroscopic samples) from the properties of the atoms and molecules which comprise the material. Much recent interest has developed in the so-called mesoscopic materials, which are composed of relatively small numbers of particles. They consist of so few particles that they do not manifest the same properties as the bulk matter, yet they have enough particles that they no longer have the properties of individual atoms or molecules. Work in this area has given rise to various "nanoscale" technologies.

\textbf{COURSE OBJECTIVES}

1. To provide the student with an understanding of the principles, laws and theories of physical chemistry.
2. To develop in the student the ability to solve quantitative problems.
3. To promote original thought on the part of the student and encourage the use of logic in the solution of problems.
4. To develop an ability in the student to learn and work independently.
5. To apply the skills learned in general chemistry, general physics, and differential & integral calculus to chemical problems.
6. To develop an appreciation of the interplay of data and experiment.
7. To learn to communicate, in writing, experimental results and conclusions.

\textbf{EXAMINATIONS}

\textit{Tentative Lecture Exam Schedule:}
- Exam 1: Friday, Sep 11 (Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 7)
- Exam 2: Friday, Oct 9 (Chapters 4, 5, and 6)
- Exam 3: Friday, Nov 6 (Chapters 8, 9, and 10; 11 if time permits)
- Exam 4: Friday, Dec 4 (Chapters 29, 30, 31, and 32)
- Final Exam (Comprehensive): Friday, Dec 11, 8:00 am

\textit{All examinations will count toward the course grade and it is expected that students will complete all of the examinations at their regularly scheduled times.}

Suggested problem sets will be assigned via Desire2Learn, but they will not collected, or graded if submitted. Their completion is optional, but you are advised to attempt at least one of each type of problem as preparation for the examinations. We will have time in class, or outside of class at a mutually agreeable time, to work some problems after you have made an attempt to work them yourself. For updates, please visit the D2L website at https://millersville.desire2learn.com/

\textbf{ON-LINE COMPONENTS}

Posted on the Desire2Learn website you will find various assessment tools and discussions, as well as links to external websites. Please note the due dates for these components. \textit{Late submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances.}
GRADING
Grading will be as follows, but the instructor reserves the right to shift the curve in favor of a higher number of students making higher letter grades. It is possible that everyone in this class will earn an A. It is possible that everyone will earn an F. I expect that this generally will not happen. The total possible points are as follows:

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- 900 points guarantees at least an A-
- 800 points guarantees at least a B-
- 700 points guarantees at least a C-
- 600 points guarantees at least a D-

LAB CONTENT
Physical Chemistry laboratory provides the student a chance to develop techniques in making physical measurements. Our laboratory is meant to simulate scientific investigation, but is limited by the amount of time that one can spend on a given topic, and limited also by the fact that truly new scientific discoveries are not likely within our course. What we attempt to do here is bridge the gap between our sterile, lecture-based knowledge of the details of the workings of the Universe, and the actual Universe, as perceived by ‘first-person’ observation. You are familiar with direct observation, and you are familiar with the concepts of Chemistry. Now, you are challenged to make an observation that quantitatively demonstrates a rigorous concept that you have been taught, but make this concept meaningful for you through personal experimental experience. No one wants to be a pre-programmed machine, nor do I wish to create one in you. The protocols for each experiment are meant to guide you through your observations, and are not to be treated as a list of commands to be executed. On the other hand, if you went into the laboratory without any instructions at all, it would take you too long to get the equipment working, and this detracts from the experience of persuading nature to reveal her secrets.

Additionally, to properly apply the scientific method, you should record all laboratory observations with *ink* in a bound notebook in great and graphic detail. Also, bear in mind that the lab notebook is a legal document that is regarded as the primary source of data, and it can be crucial in disputes over patent claims or first discovery. The notebook should have a table of contents at the beginning, containing the experiment title, the page(s) on which each experiment begins, and the date(s) during which the experiment was performed. The pages should be numbered, and no pages should ever be removed from the notebook. At the beginning of a new experiment in the notebook,
write a few sentences about the purpose of the experiment, the method used, where the
procedure can be found, and any partners with whom you will work. Mistakes are
indicated by a single line drawn through them, never by obliterating them beyond
recognition, since experimenters often decide later that what was thought to be a
mistake was not really a mistake.

Unfortunately, the social-distancing restrictions due to the coronavirus epidemic will
not permit us to perform hands-on laboratory experiments together. It is my hope that
by the spring semester we will be able to enter the laboratory and work in teams. Until
then, you will be provided with data sets to analyze. You will read the instructions for
each experiment as if you are going to perform it, and you will write lab reports based
on the data sets you have received. Each student will submit his or her own lab report.
An experiment is not complete until the results are analyzed and the conclusions are
presented in an original composition. You will write about each experiment as if it
were original work without exact precedent. The form, length and style are to be that
consistent with papers to be submitted for publication in the peer-reviewed journals.
See the Lab Report Style Guide posted on the elearning website. Also, take a look at
the reports in *Chemical Physics Letters* or the *Journal of Physical Chemistry* or the
*Journal of Chemical Physics*. You will need to peruse these journals in the library for
examples and the instructions to authors. You need only write lab reports for four of
the experiments. I will let you know which four in class or on Desire2Learn.

Normally, physical chemistry students keep a bound lab notebook and submit it at the
end of the semester for a grade. Since you will not be keeping a laboratory notebook,
there will be a 50-point lab quiz to make up for this portion of the grade. An reminder
will be given in our meetings and on D2L. It will prove useful to re-read the lab
handouts and review your lab reports before attempting the lab quiz.

**EXPERIMENTS**

The experiments for the course are listed below, along with the filenames. All can be
found on the Desire2Learn page. A full report should be written for four of these
experiments. A style guide for lab reports will be posted on Desire2Learn. Due dates
will be announced in class. *Late penalties for lab reports will be severe.*

**TENTATIVE LAB SCHEDULE & FILENAMES**

Numbers in this section of experiments refer to weeks in the semester.

   - Propagation of uncertainty. Proper presentation of data and results.
2. Determination of the density of a solution as a function of concentration.
   - density.pdf
3. Determination of the viscosities of liquids. viscosity.pdf
5. Continuation of week 4.
7. Continuation of week 6.
9. Continuation of week 8.
10. Molar enthalpy of vaporization BP.pdf (and VP.pdf)
11. Continuation of week 10.
12. Adiabatic bomb calorimetry  
cal.pdf (and caljac.pdf)
13. Continuation of week 12.

GENERAL EDUCATION: WRITING (LAB REPORTS)
This course is designated with the attribute W for writing. The writing course
designation necessitates, inter alia, that “students are required to submit at least 2500
words” and that “students will be given opportunities to develop and revise papers
through more than one draft.” You will submit four lab reports. Two of these are
submitted initially for revision. The marked report will be returned one week later.
You will then have one week to revise and resubmit your lab report. Due dates will be
announced in class or on D2L. For the other two lab reports, you will only submit once
for a grade with no revision.

ATTENDANCE
Concepts are cumulative in the sense that the student must master introductory concepts
and derivations in order to fully understand more advanced topics in physical
chemistry. We will continue to build on our earlier understanding. Because of the
mathematical nature of physical chemistry, attendance is required for this course. If
you cannot attend class, due to illness or other emergency, you should contact me
before the class period, or as soon thereafter as possible. Poor attendance will affect
your class grade. You will find this applies to most of your upper-division coursework.
You should also note the last day to drop under Important Dates.

DISABILITY STATEMENT
It is the responsibility of students who have professionally diagnosed disabilities to
notify the instructor so that appropriate modifications can be made to meet any special
learning needs. Specific questions regarding accommodations for students with
disabilities should be directed to Student Learning Services, located in Room 352 of
Lyle Hall, or send an email to Learning.Services@millersville.edu

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY
Academic dishonesty includes unfairly advancing one’s own academic performance or
the performance of another, as well as intentionally limiting the academic performance
of another student. Do not plagiarize each other’s lab reports. Your university’s
accreditation is based, in part, on academic standards of excellence. Fraudulence and
plagiarism will devalue your MU degree. Penalties for academic dishonesty will
depend on the situation, ranging from a zero grade for the exam or assignment, to
course failure. I hope this does not arise in this course.

IMPORTANT DATES*
August 24 – Day and evening classes begin
October 30 – Last day to drop a course with a W
November 23 – 27 – University holidays, no classes
December 9 – Lab quiz due by 9:00 PM
December 11 – Final Exam: Friday, 12/11/20, 8:00 – 10:00 AM
*Dates compiled from the current bulletin edition may change. It is the student’s
responsibility to remain apprised of all important dates.