# 29940 - Catalysis and Catalytic Processes of Industrial Interest

## **Syllabus Information**

Academic Year: 2019/20 Subject: 29940 - Catalysis and Catalytic Processes of Industrial Interest Faculty / School: 110 - Escuela de Ingeniería y Arquitectura Degree: 435 - Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering ECTS: 6.0 Year: 4 Semester: Second semester Subject Type: Optional Module: ---

# **1.General information**

- 1.1.Aims of the course
- 1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

## 1.3.Recommendations to take this course

# 2.Learning goals

- 2.1.Competences
- 2.2.Learning goals
- 2.3.Importance of learning goals

# 3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

## 3.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

# 4.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

## 4.1.Methodological overview

# The learning process that is designed for this subject is based on the following: The learning process will take place at several levels:

The methodology followed in this course is oriented towards the achievement of the learning objectives. It favors the understanding of the different chemical processes that occur in the environment. A wide range of teaching and learning tasks are implemented, such as theory sessions, laboratory sessions and assignments. Students are expected to participate actively in the class throughout the semester. Classroom materials will be available via Moodle. These include a repository of the lecture notes used in class, the course syllabus, as well as other course-specific learning materials, including a discussion forum. Further information regarding the course will be provided on the first day of class.

## 4.2.Learning tasks

### The program that the student is offered to help you achieve the expected results includes the following activities

? Lectures (4.6 ECTS: 46 hours). Lecture notes and a set of problems (and their corresponding solutions) will be available for the students. At the end of each topic, some of the problems will be solved in a class by the teacher and the rest will be done individually. The lecturer will also assign, from those unsolved problems, which they will submit to the teacher.

? Laboratory sessions (1.4 ECTS: 14 hours). Two sessions of 4 an 3 hours that take place at the beginnings of March in Lab. Inorganic Chem. (Building Torres Quevedo). Students are provided in advance with task guidelines for each session.

? Assignments (1.5 ECTS: 15 hours). In small groups or in pairs students work on lab reports and different assignments during the course.

? Autonomous work (7.1 ECTS: 71 hours). Autonomous work and study.

? Assessment (0.4 ECTS: 4 hours). Problem-solving questions/practical part with notes of classes.

### 4.3.Syllabus

### Homogeneous Catalysis

Unit 1.-Introduction to catalysis: Basic Concepts. Atomic economy. Selectivity. Types of catalysis. (6 h, theory + problems).

Unit 2.- Homogeneous catalysis: Characteristics of catalysts. Fundamental reactions and reaction mechanisms: Reactions dissociation and coordination, reactions of oxidative addition and reductive elimination, insertion and ?-elimination reactions, and reactions of nucleophilic attack on coordinated ligands. (10 h, theory + problems ).

Unit 3.- Hydrogenation. Wilkinson's catalyst. Asymmetric Hydrogenation. Hydrogenation transfer. (10 h, theory + problems + practice ).

Unit 5.- Carbonylation: synthesis of acetic acid. Hydroformylation. (2 h, theory + problems).

Unit 6.- Polymerization. Ziegler-Natta catalysts and metallocenes. (2 h, theory + problems).

### **Heterogeneous Catalysis**

Unit 6.- Heterogeneous Catalysis: Differences between homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis. Stages in the catalytic reaction. Catalyst performance diagnosis. (17 h, 10 theory + problems) + 7 h practice.

Unit 7.- Structure of catalyst: design. Active components. Supports. Promoters. Examples. (3 h, theory + problems)

Unit 8.- Preparation of catalysts: impregnation, precipitation, Exchange. Conformed. (2 h, theory + problems).

Unit 9.- Characterization of catalysts: Material properties. Particle properties. Surface properties. Activity. (2 h, theory + problems).

Unit 10.- Deactivation: Concept. Soiling. Poisoning. Sintering. Other causes. Kinetics. Regeneration. (2 h, theory + problems).

Unit 11.- Heterogeneous catalysis in the industry : Inorganic base, oil refining, processing coal, and natural gas. Catalytic reactors. (3 h, theory + problems).

### 4.4.Course planning and calendar

### Schedule sessions and presentation of works

Further information concerning the timetable, classroom, office hours, assessment dates and other details regarding this course will be provided on the first day of class or please refer to the "Escuela de Ingenieria y Arquitectura" website and the Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering website (https://eina.unizar.es,).

## 4.5.Bibliography and recommended resources

http://biblos.unizar.es/br/br\_citas.php?codigo=29940&year=2019