Name of the Programme: M.Sc. Part-II (Inorganic Chemistry)

Course Code: CHI-602 **Title of the course:** Principles and applications in catalysis

Number of Credits: 4

Effective from AY: 2023-24

Prerequisit	Students should have studied chemistry courses at M.Sc. Part-I.	
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course:		
Course	1. To understand the fundamentals concepts of chemical reactions of	over the
Objective:	catalysts.	
	2. To understand energy saving and making green processes in cl	hemical
	reactions.	
	3. To understand fundamentals and basic concepts of chemical reaction	ions for
	developing higher productivity and viability.	
	4. To provide knowledge on applications of heterogeneous, homogeneous	ous and
	other catalytic processes.	
	5. To make aware of catalytic approaches in environmental pollution	control
	processes.	
Content	1. Origin and development of catalysts	No of
	a. Introduction to heterogeneous, homogeneous and bio-catalysis,	hours
	importance of catalysis in chemical reactions and its industrial	
	applications.	5
	b. Concepts of Atom Economy, Turnover number and Turnover	
	frequency.	
	2. Heterogeneous Catalysis	<mark>23</mark>
	a. Introduction to heterogeneous catalysis, energy profile diagram	
	and diffusion of gas, general mechanisms such as Langmuir-	
	Hinshelwood and Rideal-Eiley.	
	b. Adsorptions: Physical and chemical adsorption, chemisorptions	
	of gases on solid surfaces, nature of adsorbed layer, dissociative	
	adsorptions, scattering, trapping and sticking, simple adsorptions	
	isotherm, Langmuir adsorption, the BET adsorption isotherm and	
	Surface area determination.	
	c. Types of Catalysts: Preparations and separations of the catalysts,	
	meso and micro porous materials, nano material catalysts and significance, zeolites and related molecular sieves, supported and	
	bifunctional catalysts and catalyst regeneration, activity and life	
	of the catalysts, active centers, promoters and poisons, catalyst	
	deactivations.	
	d. Characterization of solid catalysts: Structure and surface	
	morphology, porosity, pore volume and diameter, particle size,	
	X-ray diffraction, Thermal analysis (DTA/TG and DSC), SEM,	
	TEM, X-ray absorption spectroscopy, XPS and Auger Electron	
	Spectroscopy to surface studies, TPD for acidity and basicity of	

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 the catalysts. e. Heterogeneous reactions: Thermodynamic consideration in surface reactions, mechanism of catalytic reactions, ammonia synthesis, oxidation reduction reactions, CO oxidation, N₂O decomposition, Fisher tropsch catalysis, selective catalytic reduction, method of finding reaction rate and the rate determining steps. f. Theories of Catalysis: Boundary layer theory, catalysis by semiconductors, Wolkenstein theory, Balanding's approach, electronic factors in catalysis by metals, molecular orbital approach. 	
3. Homogeneous Catalysis	12
a. Homogeneous catalytic reactions, merits and demerits,	
intermediate stages in homogenous catalysis, energy profile	
diagram, activation energy, general scheme for calculating	
kinetics of the reactions.	
b. Decomposition of hydrogen peroxide, acid-base catalysis.	
c. Homogeneous catalytic reactions: Hydrogenation,	
hydroformylation, isomerization, Monsanto acetic acid process,	
Carboxylation reactions, Wacker reaction, coupling reactions and	
asymmetric oxidations.	
4. Photo-catalysis	3
Homogeneous photo-catalysis, photo-sensitized and photo-oxidations	
reactions, heterogeneous photo-catalysis, semiconductor photo-	
catalysts, generation of hydrogen by photo-catalysts and harnessing	
solar energy, photo-degradation of dyes.	
5. Catalytic polymerizations	5
Homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis in polymerizations	
reactions (few examples), Ziegler – Natta catalyst in polymerizations	
reactions.	
6. Bio-catalysis	3
Nomenclature and classification of enzymes, metal ions and	
metalloenzymes, general properties, enzymatic reactions such as	
redox and decomposition, action of enzymes, mechanistic pathways	
of few enzymatic reaction, factors affecting enzymes and enzyme	
applications.	
7. Phase transfer catalysis	3
Mechanism of PTC, types of phase transfer catalysis with selected	
examples, advantages and disadvantage.	
8. Catalyst for energy and environment	<mark>6</mark>
Catalytic gasification, electricity from gas turbine, steam reforming,	
electro-catalysis, fuel cells for energy production like methanol,	
molten carbonate and solid oxide fuel cells, catalysts for	
environmental pollution in emission control and selective catalytic	

	reduction.	
Pedagogy	Mainly lectures and tutorials. Seminars / term papers /assignments	
	presentations / self-study or a combination of some of these can also be used.	
	ICT mode should be preferred. Sessions should be interactive in nature to	
	enable peer group learning.	
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References	International, 2019.	
/ Readings	2. P. H. Emmett, Catalysis, Vol I, Reinhold, 1955.	
	3. D. K. Chakraborty, Adsorption and Catalysis by Solids, New Age International (P) Ltd., 2008.	
	4. J. M. Thomas, W.J. Thomas, Heterogeneous Catalysis, VCH publication, 1997.	
	5. A. Clark, The Theory of Adsorption and Catalysis, Academic Press, 1970.	
	6. E. R. Rideal, Concept in Catalysis, Academic Press, 1968.	
	7. G. M. Panchenov, V. P. Lebedev, Chemical Kinetics and Catalysis, Mir	
	publication, 1976.	
	8. S. J. Thomson, G. Webb, Heterogeneous Catalysis, Oliver and Boyd	
	Publications, 1968.	
	9. R. A. Van Santen, J. W. Niemantsvedict, Chemical Kinetics and Catalysis,	
	Plenum Press, 1995	
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Course	1. Students will be able to explain concepts and general properties of different	
Outcome:	types of catalysts.	
	2. Students will be able to explain the catalytic reaction mechanisms and green	
	catalytic processes.	
	3. Students will be in position to prepare and characterized catalysts.	
	4. Students will apply knowledge to develop reaction specific catalysts using	
	basic concepts.	
	5. Students will apply knowledge to develop catalysts for useful chemical	
	reactions and environmental pollution control processes.	