

CHM 322A/322

Physical Chemistry-II

First course handout
2024 - Even Semester

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- Recapitulation of basics of classical mechanics and thermodynamics
- Kinetic theory of gas and motivation for generalized frameworks
- Formalistic development of equilibrium statistical mechanics
- Applications of equilibrium statistical mechanics in macroscopic problems
- Quantum mechanical extension and applications
- Generalized formalism of non-equilibrium statistical mechanics: correlation functions
- Smoluchowski, Langevin and Kramers theory: Theory of chemical reactions

- Assignments may be given for practice
- Attendance will cover 10% marks
- Mid-semester examination will cover 40% marks
- End-semester examination will cover 50% marks
- No pro-rating is admissible
- End-semester make-up can only be admissible for medical emergency, properly approved by authorities (SPGC/SUGC)

Books

- ① L. D. Landau and E. M. Lifshitz, Classical Mechanics, Courses in theoretical physics Vol. 1, Elsevier
- ② H. B. Callen, Thermodynamics and an introduction to thermostatistics.
- ③ J. W. Gibbs, Elementary Principles in Statistical Mechanics (Check project Gutenberg)
- ④ L. D. Landau and E. M. Lifshitz, Statistical Mechanics-I and II, Courses in theoretical physics Vol. 5 and 9, Elsevier
- ⑤ K. Huang, Statistical Mechanics, Wiley
- ⑥ R. K. Pathria and P. D. Beal, Statistical Mechanics, Academic Press
- ⑦ R. Zwanzig, Nonequilibrium Statistical mechanics, Oxford university Press

Online resources

The instructor will mention possible online resources during teaching.

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