



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Chemistry

2021-1-I0302D002-I0302D005M

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#### Aims

The student should be able to:

- describe the fundamentals of atomic structure, types and significance of chemical bonds; indicate possible interactions between molecules;
- explain the types of possible solutions and their concentration; define the concepts of osmolality and osmotic pressure the significance of osmotic phenomena in biological processes;
- describe the different types of reactions that can occur between the compounds;
- define the concept of acid, base and salt, pH and its meaning; describe the properties of the buffer systems;
- identify structural and chemical properties of the major classes of organic compounds and characteristics of the main reactions occurring in organic compounds;
- describe chemical characteristics of biological compounds: lipids, sugars, amino acids and nucleotides; describe composition and structure of nucleic acids and proteins.

#### Contents

The course aims to provide the student with: the knowledge of general and organic chemistry for the study of compounds in biological systems and understanding of the mechanisms of the main metabolic pathways.

#### Detailed program

- The structure of matter. Chemical bonds.
- Solutions. Chemical reactions.
- Acids, bases and buffers.

- Classification of organic compounds; functional groups which characterize the organic compounds.
- General properties of organic compounds and their reactivity.
- Organic compounds of biological interest: carbohydrates, amino acids, nucleotides, lipids. Polysaccharides. Proteins. Nucleic acids.

## **Prerequisites**

None

## **Teaching form**

Lectures, exercises.

It is required 70% course attendance.

During the Covid-19 emergency period, lessons will take place in mixed mode: partial presence and asynchronous / synchronous videotaped lessons with some events in physical presence.

## **Textbook and teaching resource**

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R. Roberti, G. Alunni Bistocchi: Elementi di Chimica e Biochimica McGrawHill

## **Semester**

First Semester

## **Assessment method**

Being an integrated course, the evaluation will cover all four modules.

Regarding the Chemistry module the evaluation will consist of a written test that will be used to ascertain the level of knowledge and ability to understand the topics covered during the course and to be able to solve problems. In particular the student will have to answer to 10 quizzes concerning the topics of Chemistry (Multiple choice test).

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During Covid-19 emergency period, oral and written exams will only be online. They will be carried out using the WebEx and Proctoring platform. A public link for access to the examination of possible virtual spectators will be reported on the e-learning page of the course.

**Office hours**

By appointment required by mail

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