UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Physical Chemistry of Complex System

2223-1-F5401Q021

Aims

D1 - KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING ABILITY

At the end of this formative activity, the student will have to demonstrate to be able to:
1 Know the basic principles of the thermodynamics of interphases and interfaces
2 Describe the kinetic and thermodynamic processes that lead to the formation of stable complex systems
3 Understand the concepts of electric double layer.

D2 - CAPACITY TO APPLY KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

At the end of this formative activity, the student will have to demonstrate to be able to:
1 Predict the level of stability of a phase based on thermodynamic and kinetic considerations
2 Obtain chemical-physical information from viscosimetry and light scattering techniques
3 Obtain dynamic and structural information from spectroscopic techniques

D3 - JUDGMENT AUTONOMY

At the end of this formative activity, the student will have to demonstrate to be able to:
1 Choose the most useful techniques for the structural analysis of a suspended phase
2 Select the experimental techniques and parameters useful for obtaining specific dynamic and structural information
4 Address a critical discussion on the relationships between structure and functional properties in a complex system

D4- COMMUNICATION SKILLS

To be able to describe in a clear and concise form: i) the objectives, ii) the procedure and iiii) the results of the elaborations carried out.

D5 - LEARNING SKILLS

Expected results:
1 Collect and understand new information useful for rationalizing suspension properties.
2 Collect and understand information about the technological evolution of some spectroscopic techniques.

Contents

First of all, the thermodynamic and kinetic principles underlying the formation and stability of complex systems such as colloids and suspensions will be discussed. We will then describe the chemico-physical, structural and spectroscopic techniques able to provide information on the stability and correlations between structure, dynamics and functional properties in complex systems.

Detailed program

Review of thermodynamics of surfaces and interfaces.
Kinetic and thermodynamic stability of colloidal dispersions.
The concept of electric double layer. Surface charge in colloidal systems.
Diffusion and transport.
The irreversible processes: the Onsager approach.
Quantitative analysis of aqueous solutions: the Derjaguin-Landau-Vervey-Overbeek (DLVO) theory.
Characterization methods for colloidal suspensions and solids isolated from them:
• Static and dynamic radiation diffusion (Static (SDS) and Dynamic Light Scattering, DLS))
• Determination of the zeta potential
• Viscometers and rheology
• Turbidimetry
Structural, morphological and surface characterization of complex systems. In particular, SEM / TEM, TGA / DSC will be discussed

Prerequisites

Basic thermodynamics and kinetics

Teaching form

Oral lessons

Textbook and teaching resource

Lecture notes of the teacher.

Semester

Second semester

Assessment method

Oral exam with vote in thirtieths.

The verification of the learning of the results foreseen by the descriptors D1-D5 is carried out through an interview, during which at least two questions are asked the student on different parts of the program. The interview, in addition to ascertain the acquisition of knowledge and disciplinary skills, will tend to verify the critical analysis skills, the judgement level the and exposing capabilities acquired by the student.

Office hours

By appointment.

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