



Polymer technology

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7.5 credits

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Education Cycle: Second cycle

Main Field of Study (Progressive Specialisation): Textile Engineering (A1N)

Disciplinary Domain: Technology

Prerequisites: Admitted to the one or two year master Programmes in Textile Engineering.

Subject Area: Textile Technology

Grading Scale: Seven-degree grading scale (A-F)

Content

Following introduction that freshens up fundamental concepts, polymerization is emphasized where possibilities to govern constitution and configuration are covered, among many other aspects. Then polymer solutions and polymer blends are focused followed by structural characterization, morphology and physical properties that are followed by crystallization, glass transition and the glassy state. Study of rheological, viscoelastic and mechanical including elastomeric properties are followed by thermoplastic and thermosetting polymer processing, and the content is finally wrapped up by looking at how polymer based products should be designed including the possibility to tamper with their properties by additives and thermomechanical treatments. Synthetic textile fibres and environmental aspects are frequently referred to as important contexts. Active student participation is a prerequisite for the course quality by presenting selected parts of content, laboratory assignments, educational visits and formulation of exam questions.

Learning Outcomes

The examinee shall independently be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- 1.1 explain how core polymer physical concepts such as glass transition, crystallization and morphology influence properties of polymeric materials,
- 1.2 account for the different polymerization routes, their processes and discuss their opportunities and limitations,
- 1.3 account for polymeric material properties physical properties based on constitution, configuration, conformation and thermomechanical history, and
- 1.4 account for the possibilities to manipulate and shape different polymeric materials based on their structure through available thermomechanical processes and additives.

Skills and abilities

- 2.1 interpret results from characterization by commonly used polymer lab methods and select appropriate method to describe specific properties of polymeric materials,
- 2.2 apply acquired knowledge of polymeric materials to select appropriate material, additives and processing method for different polymer based products,
- 2.3 apply polymer engineering knowledge for synthetic fibers particular conditions, and
- 2.4 feature complex polymer engineering issues in a pedagogic way.

Judgement and approach

- 3.1 problematize use and risk of polymeric materials considering raw materials, polymerization, processing, use, reuse, recycling and scrapping, and
- 3.2 handle complex concepts in dialogue with staff and peers in a respectful and constructive manner.

Forms of Teaching

The course consists of workshops and laboratory work. Each workshop ends with a short exam.

The course is given in English.

Forms of Examination

Examination of the course occurs through:

- Written exam (Learning objectives 1.1-2.3, 3.1) 4 Grading scale: E7
- Assignment, work shops (Learning outcomes 1.1-3.2) 0.5 Grading scale: UG
- Short exams, (learning objectives 1.1-2.3, 3.1) 2 Grading scale: E7
- Lab report (learning obj 1.1, 1.3-1.4, 2.1-2.3, 3.1-3.2) 1 Grading scale: UG

Grades: E7, i.e. assessed by grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx eller F (ECT grade scale).

UG, U means fail and G means pass.

Every examination step should be assessed at least with an E (or G) and the final grade is determined by the weighted mean of the final exam (weight 2/3) and the short exams (weighted 1/3), where the short exams render 2.0 credits.

Student rights and obligations at examination are in accordance with guidelines and rules for the University of Borås.

Literature and Other Teaching Methods

Cowie J.M.G. & Arrighi V., Polymers: Chemistry and Physics of Modern Materials, 3rd Ed. Taylor and Francis Group 2008, ISBN-10: 0-8493-9813-4

Sections from various e-books available at the university library, scientific papers and practicals hand out.

Student Influence and Evaluation

The students' opinions are collected systematically and regularly through written course evaluations once the course is completed. One time per semester, student representatives, together with the Director of studies and Programme Directors, evaluate completed courses.

For additional materials, please refer to the University's policy on course evaluation and documents established by the Department board, the Director of studies and the Course manager.

Miscellaneous

This course is primarily a programme course in the Master programme in textile engineering.