

## Petrochemical processes

- 1. Course number and name:** 020PPCCS4 Petrochemical processes
- 2. Credits, contact hours:** 4 credits, 2x1:15 contact hours
- 3. Names of instructors:** Khaled Karaky
- 4. Instructional materials:**
  - Course handouts
  - Reference: The chemistry and technology of petroleum; J. G. Speight, 1999
- 5. Specific course information**
  - a. Catalog description:**

Introduction to Chemical Process Industries. Raw material for Organic Chemical Industries. Profile of petrochemical Industry and its structure. Feedstocks: present and emerging. Overview of unit processes with applications, Nitration- nitrobenzene, nitrotoluenes, Halogenation- DCM, MCA, VCM, chlorobenzene. Esterification- C1 to C4 alcohols Production of Olefins and Derivatives, Naphtha and gas cracking for production of olefins. Recovery of chemicals from FCC and steam cracking. Ethylene derivatives: Ethylene Oxide, Ethylene glycol, Vinyl chloride, Propylene and Propylene oxide. Production of Aromatics, Aromatics separation train. Aromatics product Profile-Benzene, Toluene, Xylene, Ethyl benzene & Styrene, Cumene and phenol, Bisphenol, Aniline Unit – V Polymers and Elastomers. Polymers: Polyethylene, Polypropylene, Polystyrene, Polyvinylchloride, polycarbonate, Thermoset resin: phenol formaldehyde, uriaformaldehyde and melamine formaldehyde Elastomers: Styrene Butadiene Rubber (SBR), Poly butadiene, Nitrile rubber Unit – VI Fibers. Polyimides or Nylons (PA), DMT and Terephthalic Acid, Polyester, Acrylic Fiber, Modified Acrylic Fiber, Acrylonitrile, Acrolein, Viscose Rayon and Acetate rayon.
  - b. Prerequisites:** 020CHPCS1 Polymer Chemistry - 020PRPCS3 Refining processes
  - c. Required/Selected Elective/Open Elective:** Required
- 6. Specific goals for the course**
  - a. Specific outcomes of instruction:**

At the end of this course, students should:

    - Acquire the essential concepts of petrochemicals
    - Know the main classes of chemical reactions involved in the petrochemical industry. List the main industrial processes involving each class of reactions
    - Develop basic skills related to the techniques and processes used in the processing of petrochemicals...
    - Become familiar with the processes for obtaining raw materials and monomers: cracking, steam-cracking, etc.

**b. PIs addressed by the course:**

PI	7.1	7.2
<b>Covered</b>	x	x
<b>Assessed</b>	x	x

**7. Brief list of topics to be covered**

- Chapter 0: introduction to petrochemicals, petrochemical synthesis, synthetic products, classification of petrochemicals.
- Chapter I: 1. Production of ethylene by cracking.  
2. Major products based on ethylene (production and applications).
  - Oxidation of ethylene (ethylene oxide, ethylene glycol, ethoxylates, ethanolamines, 1,3-propanediol, acetaldehyde, acetic acid, vinyl acetate, poly(vinyl acetate), acrylic acid, polyacrylates.
  - Chlorination of ethylene (vinyl chloride, perchloro and trichloroethylene).
  - Hydration of ethylene (ethanol).
  - Oligomerization of ethylene (alpha olefins, linear alcohols, 1-butene).
  - Alkylation using ethylene
- Chapter II: Propylene and petrochemical products based on propylene (production and applications).
  - Oxidation of propylene (acrolein, acrylic acid)
  - Ammoxidation of propylene (acrylonitrile, propylene oxide)
  - Chlorination of propylene (allyl chloride)
  - Hydration of propylene (isopropanol, acetone)
  - Addition of organic acids to propylene: (Isopropyl acetate, isopropyl acrylate)
  - Hydroformylation of propylene (butyraldehyde)
  - Disproportionation of propylene
  - Alkylation using propylene
- Chapter III: Aromatic compounds. Benzene and its derivatives, toluene and xylene isomers, (BTX).
  1. Reactions and chemicals of benzene :
    - Alkylation
    - Nitration
    - Chlorination
    - Hydrogenation
    - Oxidation
  2. Reactions and chemicals of toluene :
    - Oxidation
    - Dealkylation
    - Disproportionation
    - Chlorination
    - Nitration
    - Carbonylation

- 3. Reactions and chemicals of toluene :
    - Terephthalic acid
    - Phthalic anhydride
    - Isophthalic acid
- Chapter IV : Methane
  - 1. Chemicals based on direct reaction of methane;
    - Carbonyl disulfide
    - Hydrogen cyanide
    - Chloromethane
  - 2. Synthesis gas
    - Hydrogen
    - Methanol
  - 3. Reactivity of methanol
    - Formaldehyde
    - Methyl chloride
    - Acetic acid
    - MTBE
    - TAME
    - Methylamine...
- Chapter V : Non-hydrocarbon intermediates:
  - Hydrogen
  - Sulfur
  - Carbon black
  - Synthesis gas
- Chapter VI : Paraffins
  - Ethane
  - Propane
  - butane...
- Chapter VII : C4 Olefins and diolefins-Based Chemicals
  - 1-Butene
  - Isobutene
  - Butadiene....