



## COURSE DESCRIPTION CARD - SYLLABUS

Course name

History of chemistry and chemical technology

### Course

Field of study

Year/Semester

Chemical Technology

II/4

Area of study (specialization)

Profile of study

-

general academic

Level of study

Course offered in

Second-cycle studies

Polish

Form of study

Requirements

part-time

compulsory

### Number of hours

Lecture

Laboratory classes

Other (e.g. online)

20

0

0

Tutorials

Projects/seminars

0

0

**Number of credit points**

3

### Lecturers

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### Prerequisites

The student has the knowledge, skills and social competences resulting from completing a full course of first-cycle studies in the field of Chemical Technology (or in other related fields of technical studies), in particular:

Knowledge:

W1) Has general knowledge about the current state of chemistry as a field of science, both in theoretical (current ideas, applicable laws, major research directions) and practical (current state and development trends in the chemical industry)



**Skills:**

U1) Is able to indicate the directions and areas of theoretical knowledge in the field of chemical sciences that are of priority importance for the development of the most important branches of chemical production (both on a national and global scale)

**Social competences:**

K1) Is aware of the necessity and the benefits of continuous learning and raising the level of their knowledge

K2) Demonstrates constant interest in the development trends of chemical sciences and the pace and scope of implementation of their achievements by chemical industry; is aware of the key importance of proper interactions between science and industry and is focused on actively supporting activities that build and improve these interactions

**Course objective**

Lectures will enrich students' knowledge about issues related to the history of chemistry from prehistoric times to the present day. The changeability over the time of basic chemical ideas, will be presented, with a parallel presentation (in chronological order) of raising ideas (theoretical solutions) and chemical practice (technical, technological, industrial solutions) to an ever higher level along with the increase of the civilization-level of humanity. This approach should give students the opportunity to trace the development of chemistry and the chemical industry in historical terms, but also the opportunity to quantify the extent of changes and the related continuous increase in the importance of chemical activities in the lives of societies. In the classes will be present, among others the most important theories regarding the structure of matter, including the history of the relationship between physics and chemistry. The contribution of Polish scientists to the development of chemistry will also be taken into account. An important effect of students' participation in classes will be also forming beliefs in them, that the knowledge of the development of a given scientific discipline in historical terms (in this case chemistry) is conducive to more effective assimilation of rapidly growing the new knowledge in this discipline

**Course-related learning outcomes**

Knowledge

1. The student knows the issues of the development of Polish and global chemical thought (chemical ideas) over the centuries (K\_W02, K\_W06, K\_W14)
2. Has structured, well-grounded and theoretically founded knowledge at a general level on practical aspects of the history of chemistry and directions of development of the chemical industry in Poland and in the world (K\_W02, K\_W06, K\_W14)



3. Knows the most important representatives of various fields of chemistry and the chemical industry (on a national and international scale) and their contribution to the development of chemistry/chemical production (K\_W02, K\_W06, K\_W14)

#### Skills

1. The student is able to conduct discussions on topics related to the history (development) of chemistry - he properly argues and is able to underpin with appropriate examples his theses and opinions (K\_U01, K\_U04, K\_U17)

2. Is able to explain the sense of the main concepts appearing at various stages of chemistry development and their impact on the development of this science discipline (K\_U11, K\_U15, K\_U17)

3. Is able to compare the historical and the contemporary state of chemistry as a science (K\_U17)

4. Is able to organize and interrelate basic facts related to the development of chemistry (K\_U11, K\_U17)

5. Sees the environmental, economic and social consequences of the development of chemistry and the chemical industry and the risks and threats associated with it (K\_U12, K\_U13, K\_U20)

#### Social competences

1. The student understands the need to provide the public with information on the development of chemistry and the chemical industry and is able to convey such information in a commonly understandable way (K\_K07)

#### Methods for verifying learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcomes presented above are verified as follows:

The form of the final verification of learning outcomes/obtaining the grade from the subject, is chosen by students during the first class in the semester. Three possible variants to choose from, are: 1) independent preparation of a paper on a topic given by the teacher (a different topic for each student); 2) final colloquium, consisting of 10-15 open-ended problem questions of varying degrees of difficulty (variously scored); 3) final test, consisting of about 40-60 single-choice test questions, with varying degrees of difficulty (variously scored). In the case of a final colloquium or test, passing credit: 50% of the total points. As the final grade from the subject will be accepted the grade issued for the prepared paper, or the grade from the final colloquium or final test, issued on the basis of the number of points obtained. Ratings are issued using the scale of grades in force at Poznan University of Technology. Final colloquium or test may be performed stationary or remotely - depending on the form of the lecture.

#### Programme content

##### Lecture:

1. The period of "dark magic" (prehistory to the beginning of Christianity): the discovery of fire; primitive art; pottery; metallurgy (copper, bronze, iron); beginnings of exploitation of natural resources (metal ores, pigments); ancient atomic views of Greek philosophers



2. The period of alchemy (from the beginning of Christianity to the mid-seventeenth century): the search for the "philosopher's stone", the flourishing of Arabic alchemy (from the eighth century) and European alchemy (from tenth to seventeenth century); practical and speculative face of alchemy; beginning of the 13th century - retreat from the idea of the "philosopher's stone"; Roger Bacon, Albertus Magnus and Raymond Lully - the slogan for searching for new utility products (discovering new elements, chemical compounds, development of apparatus); Theophrastus Bombastus and the beginning of iatrochemistry; the life and activities of Avicenna (father of medicine and pharmacy) and Agricola (the beginnings of modern metallurgy); Robert Boyle - abandonment of alchemical ideas ("The Skeptical Chymist")

3. The period of traditional chemistry (from the mid-seventeenth century to the first half of the nineteenth century): the "mysterious" combustion process - the phlogiston theory (Johann Joachim Becher and Georg Ernst Stahl); Joseph Priestley and the discovery of oxygen (the fall of the phlogiston theory); Antoine Lavoisier and a new theory of the combustion process; foundations for the development of organic chemistry (August Kekule)

4. The period of modern (or atomic) chemistry (from the first half of the 19th century): John Dalton and his atomic theory; Amedeo Avogadro; chemistry as a science - new methods as a tool to experimentally test the theory; basic chemical laws; Newlands, Cannizzaro, de Chancourtois and systematics of chemical elements; Dmitri Mendeleev and the periodic table of elements - chemistry as an exact science (the beginning of theoretical chemistry); Jacobus van't Hoff and the development of physical chemistry; Henri Becquerel, Maria Skłodowska-Curie and Piotr Curie - radioactivity (isotopes) and the birth of nuclear chemistry; Joseph Thompson, Ernest Rutherford and Niels Bohr - structure of the atom (finalization of modern atomic theory); quantum mechanics and a new stage in the development of all branches of chemistry

5. Chemistry and chemical production in Poland: prehistoric times; alchemy in Poland - Michał Sędziwój; Jędrzej Śniadecki - dissemination of modern chemical ideas; The Main Crown School - the beginnings and history of chemistry at the Jagiellonian University; chemistry in other Polish academic centers (Vilnius, Lviv/Wrocław, Warsaw, Poznań); Włodzimierz Hubicki and Eugeniusz Kwiatkowski - Polish chemical historiography; chemical scientific societies (international and national)

6. Selected issues: the impact of alchemy and chemistry on the development of civilization; beginnings of chemical production (chemical industry); stereochemistry and coordination chemistry; solution chemistry and electrochemistry; polymer chemistry; thermochemistry; food chemistry; development of industrial chemical synthesis; petrochemistry; nuclear chemistry and nuclear energy; chemical weapon; development and transformation of the chemical industry in the second half of the 20th century - chemical corporations and globalization of chemical production; toxicology, environmental protection and green chemistry

### Teaching methods

Lecture: based on multimedia presentations containing relevant examples; as a complement, additional examples with explanations, resulting from the current interest of the students.

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### Breakdown of average student's workload

	Hours	ECTS
Total workload	75	3,0
Classes requiring direct contact with the teacher	28	1,2
Student's own work (literature studies as an element of preparation for current lectures, preparation for the final colloquium/test or writing a paper on a given topic) <sup>1</sup>	47	1,8

<sup>1</sup> delete or add other activities as appropriate