

#### POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

**EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER AND ACCUMULATION SYSTEM (ECTS)** 

# **COURSE DESCRIPTION CARD - SYLLABUS**

Course name

Polymer [S1IMat1>Poli]

Course

Field of study Year/Semester

Materials Engineering 2/4

Area of study (specialization) Profile of study

general academic

Level of study Course offered in

first-cycle Polish

Form of study Requirements full-time compulsory

**Number of hours** 

Lecture Laboratory classes Other (e.g. online)

30

Tutorials Projects/seminars

0 0

Number of credit points

5,00

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# **Prerequisites**

The student should obtain knowledge of mechanical, chemical and processing properties and applications of the plastics and rubber

# Course objective

Building of polymer materials. Components and classification of polymer materials. Thermoplastic polymers: polyolefins, polyvinyl chloride, plastics styrene and acrylate, polyamides, polycarbonate, polyacetal, thermoplastic rubber. Thermosetting polymers: phenoplasts and aminoplasts. Chemosetting polymers: unsaturated polyester, epoxy resins, rubber.

### Course-related learning outcomes

# Knowledge:

- 1. the student should characterize the basic types of polymeric materials [k w08, k w10, k w14]
- 2. the student should explain the influence of the structure of polymers on their properties [k\_w03,

k\_w08, k\_w10, k\_w14]

Skills:

- 1. the student is able to select a polymer material for specific applications [k u01, k u16, k u21]
- 2. the student is able to determine the relationships between the structure and properties of polymers [k\_u01, k\_u21]

#### Social competences:

- 1. the student is able to work in a group [k k03]
- 2. the student is aware of the role of polymeric materials in the modern economy and everyday life [k\_k02]

# Methods for verifying learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcomes presented above are verified as follows:

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Lecture: Test exam? 20 questions, each has three answers, one answer is correct, for a correct answer 1 point. Ratings: 20 points? very good, 19? 18 points db +, 17? 16 points db, 15? 14 points dst +, 13? 12 points dst. 11 and less points ndst.

Laboratory: Credit based on a written answer concerning the content of each performed laboratory exercise, a report on each laboratory exercise prepared according to the instructor"s instructions. To obtain credit for the exercises, all laboratories must be passed (positive grade from the answers and the report).

# Programme content

The lecture discusses polymer groups and characterizes the properties of individual thermoplastic, elastomer and thermosetting materials. Characterization of the advantages and disadvantages of plastics.

### Course topics

#### Lecture:

- 1. Advantages and disadvantages of polymeric materials.
- 2. Chemical classification of polymers.
- 3. Rheological and technological classification of polymers: elastomers, plastomers, thermoplastics, thermosetting and chemosetting.
- 4. Physical states of polymers.
- 5. Destruction, degradation, depolymerization of polymers.
- 6. Geometric structure of macromolecules.
- 7. Influence of chemical structure on processing and functional properties of polymers: length of macromolecules, polarity of macromolecules, degree of cross-linking.
- 8. Configuration of macromolecules: isotactic, syndiotactic and atactic polymers.
- 9. Crystalline-amorphous structure of polymers: factors determining the crystallization ability of polymers, the influence of crystallinity on the properties of polymers.
- 10. Characteristics of auxiliaries: fillers, plasticizers, stabilizers, lubricants, antistatic agents, flame retardants, blowing agents, pigments and dyes.
- 11. Properties and application of large-scale polymeric materials from the group of thermoplastics: polyolefins, poly (vinyl chloride), polystyrene and styrene copolymers, poly (methyl methacrylate), fluoropolymers, thermoplastic polyesters, aliphatic and aromatic polyamides, polycarbonates.
- 12. Properties and application of large-scale polymeric materials from the thermosetting group: phenoplasts and aminoplasts.
- 13. Properties and application of large-scale chemically hardened polymeric materials: unsaturated polyester resins, epoxy resins.
- 14. Properties and application of polyurethanes.

#### Lab:

- 1. Flame identification of polymers.
- 2. Research on the density of polymers.
- 3. Investigation of polymers by infrared spectroscopy.
- 4. Study of the exothermic effect of copolymerization.
- 4. Production of polymers with a cellular structure (foaming and sintering).
- 5. Testing the porosity of materials with a cellular structure.
- 6. Examination of air permeability by polymers with cellular structure.
- 7. Investigation of the melt flow rate of polymers.

- 8. Investigation of the oxygen index of polymers.
- 9. Flammability tests of UL-94 polymers.
- 10. Testing the hardness of elastomers and plastomers.
- 11. Testing the strength properties in the static tensile test
- 12. Test of resistance to shock loads.
- 13. Testing the content of fillers in polymers.

# **Teaching methods**

- 1.Lecture: multimedia presentation, presentation illustrated with examples given on the blackboard.
- 2. Laboratory exercises: practical exercises, performing experiments, discussion, team work, case studies.

# **Bibliography**

# Basic

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# Breakdown of average student's workload

|  | Hours | ECTS |
|--|-------|------|
| Total workload   | 130   | 5,00 |
| Classes requiring direct contact with the teacher  | 70    | 3,00 |
| Student's own work (literature studies, preparation for laboratory classes/tutorials, preparation for tests/exam, project preparation) | 30    | 1,00 |