

1. **Course number and name - CHBE 4320 – Reactor Design (required)**
2. **Credits and contact hours - 2 credit hours, 2 lecture hours (2-0-0-2)**
3. **Instructor's or course coordinator's name - Dr. Michael Filler**
4. **Textbook, title, author, and year**

Elements of Chemical Reaction Engineering, H. S. Fogler, 6th ed., Prentice Hall, 2021; Chemical Engineering Kinetics and Reactor Design, C. H. Hill and T. W. Root, 2nd ed., John Wiley & Sons, 2014.
5. **Specific course information**
 - a. **Catalog Description** - The basic principles of reactor design are introduced, including material and energy balances for homogeneous and heterogeneous systems
 - b. **Prerequisites or co-requisites** – ChBE 2140 Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics (grade “C” or better), CHBE 3215 Heat and Mass Transfer (grade “C” or better); CHBE 3300 Chemical Kinetics (grade “C” or better).
 - c. **Required, elective, or selected elective course** (as per Table 5-1) – Required
6. **Specific goals for the course**
 - a. **Specific outcomes of instruction:**

By the end of this course, a student should be able to:

 - 1) Develop and solve material and energy balances for various reactor types
 - 2) Determine reaction kinetics by analyzing data from a variety of reactor types
 - 3) Model and design ideal isothermal reactors and combinations thereof for homogeneous, heterogeneous, and biochemical reactions
 - 4) Model and design non-isothermal reactors by accounting for the heat effects
 - 5) Analyze residence time distribution (RTD) data to identify non-idealities in reactor configurations and utilize this information to predict reactor performance
 - 6) Analyze reaction/diffusion behavior in heterogeneous catalysts and the impact on reactor design

b. Connection with Student Outcomes

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	Student Outcomes						
Course Outcomes	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Course Outcome 1	X	X					
Course Outcome 2	X					X	X
Course Outcome 3	X	X					
Course Outcome 4	X	X					
Course Outcome 5	X	X				X	X
Course Outcome 6	X	X					

Student Outcomes

- (1) an ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics*
- (2) an ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors*
- (3) an ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences*
- (4) an ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts*
- (5) an ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives*
- (6) an ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions*
- (7) an ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies*

7. Brief list of topics to be covered

- a. Ideal isothermal reactor design
 - 1) Transient and steady-state mass balances for isothermal homogeneous batch reactors, continuous stirred tank reactors, and plug flow reactors
 - 2) Fractional conversion and space time
 - 3) Graphical interpretation of reactor design equations
 - 4) Effect of fluid density
 - 5) Reactors in series/parallel and recycle reactors
 - 6) Competitive reactions and reactor selection
 - 7) Instantaneous and overall yield and selectivity
 - 8) Biochemical reactors and parameters
 - 9) Photochemical and electrochemical reactors
- b. Ideal non-isothermal reactor design
 - 1) Review of thermodynamics of chemical reactions

- 2) Coupled mass and energy balances for adiabatic and non-adiabatic homogeneous reactors
 - 3) Numerical and graphical solutions
 - 4) Multiple steady states
 - 5) Competitive reactions
- c. Non-idealities in flow reactors
- 1) Residence time distributions (RTDs)
 - 2) Step change and pulse tracer experiments
 - 3) Mean residence time
 - 4) Segregated flow, axial dispersion, and CSTRs in series models
 - 5) Mixing models
- d. Heterogeneous reactions and catalytic reactors
- 1) Catalyst pellet structure and transport
 - 2) Diffusion models with and without external mass transfer resistance
 - 3) Thiele modulus and effectiveness factor
 - 4) Packed and fluidized bed reactors
 - 5) Differential reactors