

Physical Properties of Polymers

EMA4161 Class Number: 13515

Class Periods: T, period 4, 10:40-11:30
R, period 4-5, 10:40-12:35

Location: Matherly Hall 0051 (Tuesday)
Rhines 125 (Thursday)

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Teaching Assistants:

- N/A

Course Description

3 credit hours - Molecular structure and the physical property relationships for polymers: viscoelastic behavior, the glass transition, thermomechanical and rheological properties, the crystalline and amorphous molecular solid state. Correlation of properties with design engineering of polymer applications. Laboratory section included.

Course Pre-Requisites / Co-Requisites

EMA3066 – Introduction to Organic Materials

EMA3513C – Analysis of the Structure of Materials

Course Objectives

- Develop an understanding of structure-property relationships in polymers
- Apply first order thermodynamics to describe molecular dimensions of polymers/plastics
- Correlate physical and mechanical properties with thermodynamic properties of polymers/plastics
- Correlate morphology with physical, mechanical and thermal properties of polymers/plastics
- Correlate rubber elastic behavior with molecular structure, composition and network structure of polymers/plastics

Materials and Supply Fees

None

Professional Component (ABET):

This course provides 3 credits towards engineering sciences.

Relation to Program Outcomes (ABET):

Outcome	Coverage*
a. Apply knowledge	High
b1. Conduct experiments	
b2. Statistical design of experiments	
c. Design	Low
d. Function on teams	
e. Solve problems	High
f. Professional and ethical responsibility	Low
g. Communicate	Medium
h1. Economic impact	
h2. Global, societal, and environmental impact	
i. Lifelong learning	Medium
j. Contemporary issues	
k. Techniques, skills, and tools for degree program	High

*Coverage is given as high, medium, or low. An empty box indicates that this outcome is not part of the course.

Required Textbooks and Software

- Introduction to Physical Polymer Science
- L.H. Sperling
- Wiley 4th Edition
- ISBN-13: 978-0-471-70606-9

Course Schedule

TBA. Topics covered will include polymer chain structure, chain configuration, dilute solution thermodynamics, concentrated solutions, phase separation, diffusion, the amorphous state, the crystalline state, glass rubber transition, crosslinked polymers, rubber elasticity, viscoelasticity, rheology, and mechanical behavior

Attendance Policy, Class Expectations, and Make-Up Policy

Lecture attendance is highly recommended. While attendance is not mandatory, experience has shown that those who attend lectures earn higher grades in the course. Arrival on time is expected. Please turn off all cell phones upon entering class. Reading of newspapers, work on assignments for this or other classes, or other activities that are not part of the class are not allowed during lecture. Students who do not comply with these requirements or who behave disorderly or disrespectfully may be asked to leave the classroom. Make up exams will be provided only with the **approval of the instructor in accordance with university policies.** Excused absences are consistent with university policies in the undergraduate catalog (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>) and require appropriate documentation. In general, acceptable reasons for excused absence from an exam include illness, serious family emergencies, special curricular requirements, military obligation, court-imposed legal obligations, and religious holidays. In all cases, you will be required to provide written documentation, and obtain instructor approval. You will not be excused from any exam without following the policy above, with no exceptions. Students not in attendance for the scheduled exam will receive a score of zero. Make-up exams for excused absences as well as exam conflicts must occur within 1 week of the missed exam, and may occur before the missed exam.

Evaluation of Grades

Assignment	Percentage of Final Grade
Exams (3)	75%
Quizzes (weekly)	15%
Homework	10%
Total	100%

Grading Policy

Percent	Grade	Grade Points
93.4 - 100	A	4.00
90.0 - 93.3	A-	3.67
86.7 - 89.9	B+	3.33
83.4 - 86.6	B	3.00
80.0 - 83.3	B-	2.67
76.7 - 79.9	C+	2.33
73.4 - 76.6	C	2.00
70.0 - 73.3	C-	1.67
66.7 - 69.9	D+	1.33
63.4 - 66.6	D	1.00
60.0 - 63.3	D-	0.67
0 - 59.9	E	0.00

More information on UF grading policy may be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, <https://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc>) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/evals>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.

University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Software Use

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Student Privacy

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see: <http://registrar.ufl.edu/catalog0910/policies/regulationferpa.html>

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care:

If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352 392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

Counseling and Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc>, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), or <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>.

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu.
<https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>.

Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. <https://www.crc.ufl.edu/>.

Library Support, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.
<https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>.

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.
<http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>.

Student Complaints Campus: https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf.

On-Line Students Complaints: <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process>.