


In view of the health context linked to the spread of the coronavirus, the methods of organisation and evaluation of the learning units could be adapted in different situations; these possible new methods have been - or will be - communicated by the teachers to the students.

3 credits	0 h + 45.0 h	Q2
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Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	The students in small groups will work on a project, which will lead them to state the problem, synthesize the necessary products to solve it, and to characterize them with the appropriate experimental method to solve the problem. This experimental method will be advanced in the sense that it requires technical means usually devoted to research, which are not available in the teaching laboratories. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, Mass Spectrometry, gas or liquid phase chromatography, X-ray diffraction assisted by molecular modelling are the main methods envisaged in this course.
Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The use of modern methods of characterization in chemistry; - The identification of unknown substances by physico-chemical methods. <p>1 The goal of this course is to teach the students how to analyze advanced problems in chemistry and to familiarize them with advanced instrumental techniques. The students will integrate and critically analyze the obtained experimental results to find a solution to the given chemistry problem.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><i>The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".</i></p>
Evaluation methods	<p>Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change.</p> <p>The academic who is responsible for the manipulation will evaluate the students on written reports. The course coordinator will combine all marks in a unique final note for this course.</p>
Teaching methods	<p>Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change.</p> <p>After expressing the problem, the synthesis of organic and/or inorganic products will be carried out. Then and in general, the students will familiarize themselves with the experimental techniques used by analyzing the synthesized samples. This familiarization comprises an introduction to the technique, measurements and an advanced interpretation of the results. These results are written up in a formal report. As an example, but not limited to this, mass spectrometry will allow to determine the structure and stability of coordination complexes; NMR will allow to determine the stability constants of several families of complexes; to compare them on the basis of specific factors and to compare with other experimental techniques; HPLC will allow to follow the kinetics and to determine the yield of reactions involving catalysts, irradiation, etc.</p> <p>In the crystallographic part of the course, we follow a chemical reaction induced by high energy ball milling. We study different mixtures and products after different milling times using X-ray powder diffraction. Databases and simulations are used for data interpretation. Moreover, in a separate experiment, a crystal structure is determined by single-crystal diffraction. The work is done in small groups of 2-3 people. The same exercise is repeated with two groups.</p>
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Inline resources	CrysAlis and Shelx- single crystal diffraction Fit2D, ICDD database - powder diffraction Mercury- visuaization of crystal structures and simulation of powder diffraction patterns

Bibliography	Les articles scientifiques recommandés sur le sujet de l'étude ainsi que des modes opératoires types sont disponibles sur Moodle. La recherche documentaire est encouragée.
Faculty or entity in charge	CHIM

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims
Additionnal module in Chemistry	LCHIM100P	3		
Minor in Chemistry	LCHIM100I	3		