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Physical methods of chemistry

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Language :	French				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Main themes	The course contains a practical and theoretical formation to experimental methods of physical chemistry. The aspects treated are mainly: • Thermodynamics in gas or condensed state (thermochemistry, phase equilibrium, chemical equilibrium, properties of solutions,) • Kinetics of chemical reactions (determination of reaction orders, rate constants,) • Transport properties (kinetic theory of gases, viscosity of gases and liquids, electric field effects,) • Electrochemistry (conductivity,) • Molecular properties (spectroscopies: IR, UV,, dielectric properties,).				
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to: The objectives of the course are to integrate and analyze in a critical way the acquisitions and treatments of experimental data necessary to study a chemical problem. Emphasis is put on the polyvalent character of techniques and methods used.				
Evaluation methods	reports 1 written exam laboratory behavior rating				
Teaching methods	 Laboratory 8h30-5h30 Careful handling (products,) Gown and glasses are mandatory No smoking or eating in the lab Clean everything at the end (the end = after you have interpreted your results) Syringes vs. pipettes Help your classmates in the morning / interactive learning by explanation 				
Content	 Physical chemistry = why a change (chemical/physical). Different from other labs / we aim to understand the concepts you have seen. Data collected in the lab are to be interpreted to understand the physical/chemical phenomena. In an ideal reality, the approach would be: Problem Identify the questions it raises Develop relevant experiments in view of these questions Carry out these experiments and collect data Interpret the data Formulate answers/answers to the initial questions Review the initial problem 				
Inline resources	Explained labs available on moodle.				

Other infos	Interpretation of the results: On computer End of day report or sheet with results (by mail) Tools learned in statistics class (confidence intervals/prediction, CS, regression,) Report: 1 per group/ heading: Names; Group nr, Dte, Session nr, Title) Report writing is important and crucial in these labs. Learning: COMMUNICATE YOUR RESULTS 4 parts (principle and goals; measured quantities, experimental results, interpretation !!!!!!). Comparison with literature (database, NIST, Handbook of Physics,). Mention where you find these data. Value does not have to be exact, but explain well why, Reflect on your results. No lab notebook to hand in (notebook = personal) Pay attention to the units 4/5 pages
Faculty or entity in charge	SC

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)							
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes			
Additionnal module in Chemistry	APPCHIM	3		•			