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SYLLABUS

Process Design using Specific Software

University year 2025-2026

1. Information regarding the programme

1.1. Higher education institution	University "Babeș-Bolyai" Cluj-Napoca
1.2. Faculty	Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
1.3. Department	Chemical Engineering
1.4. Field of study	Chemical Engineering
1.5. Study cycle	Master
1.6. Study programme/Qualification	Advanced Chemical Process Engineering
1.7. Form of education	Full time education

2. Information regarding the discipline

2.1. Name of the discipline		Process Design using Specific Software					Discipline code		CME7311
2.2. Course coordinator			Assoc. Prof. PhD. Eng. Árpád Imre-Lucaci						
2.3. Seminar coordinator			Assoc. Prof. PhD. Eng. Árpád Imre-Lucaci						
2.4. Year of study	I	2.5. Semester	2	2.6. Type of evaluation		E	2.7. Discipline regime		DS/Compulsory

3. Total estimated time (hours/semester of didactic activities)

3.1. Hours per week	4	of which: 3.2 course	2	3.3 seminar/laboratory	2
3.4. Total hours in the curriculum	56	of which: 3.5 course	28	3.6 seminar/laborator	28
Time allotment for individual study (ID) and self-study activities (SA)					hours
Learning using manual, course support, bibliography, course notes (SA)					21
Additional documentation (in libraries, on electronic platforms, field documentation)					8
Preparation for seminars/labs, homework, papers, portfolios and essays					28
Tutorship					6
Evaluations					6
Other activities:					-
3.7. Total individual study hours	69				
3.8. Total hours per semester	125				
3.9. Number of ECTS credits	5				

4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

4.1. curriculum	• not necessary
4.2. competencies	• not necessary

5. Conditions (if necessary)



5.1. for the course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The teaching activity is carried out in accordance with the Code of Ethics and Professional Ethics of UBB 24051/10.12.2019 and the Guide to combating discrimination Students will attend the class with their mobile phones closed
5.2. for the seminar /lab activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will attend the laboratory with their mobile phones closed Students will attend the laboratory with the assigned homework solved Computers will be turned off by students at the end of laboratory activities and the workplace will be left clean and tidy.

6. Specific competencies acquired ¹

Professional/essential Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining language and identify advanced concepts of design of processes, equipments and devices in process industries as well as the fundamental tools of computer aided design (CAD) Use of extensive design knowledge for explanation and interpretation of technological design solutions of processes, equipments and devices in a (bio)chemical system by using CAD tools Use of extensive knowledge of design to identify potential solutions for complex design problems of devices and equipments in a (bio)chemical system by using CAD tools Assessment and critical-constructive analysis of processes, devices and equipments based on concepts, theories, models, methods and design practices in order to propose their design solutions Formulation, development and creative elaboration of design solutions for design of processes, devices and equipments for process industries, integrated design based on CAD tools Development of dynamic mathematical models with distributed parameters, their implementation in simulators used in the evaluation of the process performance by identifying operational and management solutions with economical benefits, increased energy efficiency, increased operational safety and low environmental impact
Transversal competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent execution of complex professional duties and conduct autonomous research and design activities using computer-assisted techniques in compliance with the rules of professional ethics and moral behavior

7. Objectives of the discipline (outcome of the acquired competencies)

7.1 General objective of the discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction in the use of specific software products for design of processes in process industries.
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¹ One can choose either competences or learning outcomes, or both. If only one option is chosen, the row related to the other option will be deleted, and the kept one will be numbered 6.



<p>7.2 Specific objective of the discipline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to design and conduct numerical experiments and to analyze and interpret the data • Ability to identify, formulate and solve engineering problems • Ability to elaborate statistical and analytical, steady state and dynamic mathematical models, to build and use software simulators which represent the behavior of the real chemical system, in concordance with the goal of the investigation of it • Ability to design a system, a component or a process to achieve the necessary conditions • Ability to understand and interpret the evolution in space and time of a chemical system, to abstract and represent it in the form of a mathematical model • Ability to establish interpersonal relations favorable for team work.
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8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Remarks
1. Importance of mathematical modeling and simulation of the processes in the chemical industry. Process simulators – general presentation.	Lecture. Explanation. Conversation. Description.	
2. Process design. Basic principles. Integrated process design.	Lecture. Explanation. Conversation. Description.	
3. Process synthesis by hierarchical approach.	Lecture. Explanation. Conversation. Description.	
4-6. Reaction process synthesis. Separation process synthesis. Residue Curve Maps - RCM. Distillation Region Diagrams - DRD.	Lecture. Explanation. Conversation. Description. Problem solving.	
7-9. Case studies from the chemical industry solved in CHEMCAD. Vinyl acetate process.	Lecture. Explanation. Conversation. Description. Problem solving.	
10-12. Case studies from the chemical industry solved in AspenPlus. Vinyl acetate process. Acrylonitrile process.	Lecture. Explanation. Conversation. Description. Problem solving.	
13-14. Environmental regulations. Methods to reduce the pollution by using appropriate process design solutions. Examples and case studies. Early environmental assessment of processes.	Lecture. Explanation. Conversation. Description. Problem solving.	

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8.2 Seminar/ laboratory	Teaching methods	Remarks
1. Process simulators – general presentation.	Explanation. Problem solving. Examples solved by using the computer.	
2. Presentation and usage of CHEMCAD process simulator. Flow through a pipeline network. Cooling water flow rate calculation for chlorine liquefaction process.	Explanation. Problem solving. Examples solved by using the computer.	
3. Presentation and usage of CHEMCAD process simulator. Simulation of reactors. Determination of the heat flow to an isothermally operated reactor. Elements of thermal integration.	Explanation. Problem solving. Examples solved by using the computer.	
4. Presentation and usage of CHEMCAD process simulator. Modeling and simulation of separation processes. Examples.	Explanation. Problem solving. Examples solved by using the computer.	
5. Presentation and usage of CHEMCAD process simulator. Sensitivity and process optimization studies. Examples.	Explanation. Problem solving. Examples solved by using the computer.	
6. Presentation and usage of AspenPlus process simulator. Mixing, handling of fluids (pumps, compressors), heat exchangers.	Explanation. Problem solving. Examples solved by using the computer.	
7. Presentation and usage of AspenPlus process simulator. Separators and reactors. Simulation of complex processes with recycling.	Explanation. Problem solving. Examples solved by using the computer.	
8. Presentation and usage of AspenPlus process simulator. Simulation of complex processes with recirculation.	Explanation. Problem solving. Examples solved by using the computer.	
9. Presentation and usage of CHEMCAD process simulator. Sensitivity and process optimization studies. Examples.	Explanation. Problem solving. Examples solved by using the computer.	
10-13. Case studies from process industries solved by using CHEMCAD and AspenPlus. Vinyl acetate process. Acrylonitrile process.	Explanation. Problem solving. Examples solved by using the computer.	
14. Environmental assessment of processes. Early assessment methods at the design phase of processes. Examples.	Explanation. Problem solving. Examples solved by using the computer.	
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9. Corroborating the content of the discipline with the expectations of the epistemic community, professional associations and representative employers within the field of the program

- Students acquire a solid knowledge base by the concepts and theoretical and methodological approach on mainly practical aspects and by using dedicated software in the field, according to the competences specified in Diploma Supplement and the qualifications regulated by ANC.

10. Evaluation

Activity type	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Percentage of final grade
10.4 Course	The correctness of the results for the required evaluations.	Individual Project – Mathematical modeling and simulation of a technological process specified by the examiner. Representation and analysis of obtained results.	75 %
	Representation and proper analysis of the results.		
10.5 Seminar/laboratory	The correctness of answers - learning and understanding of issues presented in the seminar / laboratory activities.	Exercises and homeworks using: CHEMCAD and Aspen Plus.	25 %
	The activity carried out at the seminar/laboratory.		
10.6 Minimum standard of performance			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attendance at seminar / laboratory in 90% (maximum 1 absence)• Correct identification of the necessary equipments from the unit library of a process simulator for modeling a complex process.			



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11. Labels ODD (Sustainable Development Goals)²



Date:
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Signature of course coordinator

Signature of seminar coordinator

Date of approval:
...15.04.2025

Signature of the head of department

² Keep only the labels that, according to the [Procedure for applying ODD labels in the academic process](#), suit the discipline and delete the others, including the general one for *Sustainable Development* – if not applicable. If no label describes the discipline, delete them all and write „Not applicable.”.