

# Chem 521 Chemical Thermodynamics—Syllabus, Fall 2025

**Course Description:** Three semester hours. A study of the theories and applications of chemical thermodynamic principles and functions. 3.0 Credit Hours & 3.0 Lecture hours.

**Class Time and Location:** Online

**Instructor:** Dr. Ben Jang; Sci 335, x5383, ben.jang@tamuc.edu

**Office Hour:** TW 9-10am & MT: 3:00-4:30pm or by appointment

**Goals of the Course:** Develop an advanced understanding of the laws of thermodynamics and their various applications, with emphasis on classical thermodynamics.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES / COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Advanced understanding of the concepts and applications of the kinetic molecular theory
2. Advanced understanding of the laws of thermodynamics and their applications.
3. Capable of calculating various thermodynamic properties based on the laws of thermodynamics.
4. Advanced understanding of the principles of Carnot cycle.
5. Capable of deriving various thermodynamic equations based on the laws of thermodynamics.
6. Capable of applying the properties obtained from phase diagrams in designing experiments to solve specific problems.

## **Course Requirements and Assignments:**

**Required:** *Physical Chemistry: A Guided Inquiry Thermodynamics*  
Spencer, J. et al. Lancaster, PA: The POGIL Project.  
&  
*Physical Chemistry, 3rd Ed., Laidler/Meiser; Houghton Mifflin*  
ISBN: 0-395-91848-0 (or the 4<sup>th</sup> edition)

**Contents:** Kinetic molecular Theory  
The First Law of Thermodynamics  
Thermochemistry  
The Second Law of Thermodynamics  
The Third Law of Thermodynamics  
Applications of the Entropy Concept  
Chemical Equilibrium  
The Ideal Solution  
Colligative Properties  
Phase Equilibria  
Thermal Analysis

**Assignments:** Selective problems at the end of chapter will be assigned. The assignment is due normally a week later.

**Grading:**

Project: 15%

Quizzes: 20%

Exams: 40%

One comprehensive final Exam: 25%

A:  $\geq 90.0$ ; B: 80.0 ~ 89.9; C: 70.0 ~ 79.9; D: 60.0 ~ 69.9; F:  $< 60.0$

**Syllabus Change Policy**

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**TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS**

**LMS**

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

**LMS Requirements:**

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

**LMS Browser Support:**

[https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser\\_support.htm](https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm)

**Zoom Video Conferencing Tool**

[https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom\\_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu](https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu)

**ACCESS AND NAVIGATION**

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or [helpdesk@tamuc.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tamuc.edu) .

**Note:** Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.

## **COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT**

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your instructor.

### **Technical Support**

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

**Interaction with Instructor Statement – Primary and preferred communication is through email.**

## **COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES**

### **Course Specific Procedures/Policies**

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### **University Specific Procedures**

#### **Student Conduct**

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf> .

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

#### **ETAMU Attendance**

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and Procedures 13.99.99.R0.01

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

#### **Academic Integrity**

Students at East Texas A&M University are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

## **Graduate Students Academic Integrity Policy and Form**

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/aboutus/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10.pdf>

## **Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

### **Office of Student Disability Resources and Services**

East Texas A&M University

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: [studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu](mailto:studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu)

Website: [Student Disability Services](#)

<https://www.etamu.edu/student-disability-services/>

## **Nondiscrimination Notice**

East Texas A&M University will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

## **Campus Concealed Carry Statement**

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

### **East Texas A&M University Supports Students' Mental Health**

The Counseling Center at East Texas A&M University, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit [www.tamuc.edu/counsel](http://www.tamuc.edu/counsel)

### **Mental Health and Well-Being**

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.



<http://telusproduction.com/app/5108.html>

### **AI use policy [Draft 2, May 25, 2023]**

East Texas A&M University acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

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13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty  
13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

### **Project Topics:**

Kinetic Molecular Theory  
Bomb Calorimetry  
Maxwell-Boltzmann Distribution Law  
1st Law of Thermodynamics  
Enthalpy  
Heat Capacity & Enthalpy of Reaction  
Entropy  
Law of Thermodynamics  
3<sup>rd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics  
Gibbs and Helmholtz Energies  
Equilibrium and Equilibrium Constant  
Phase Equilibria for Pure Phases & Phase Diagram  
Ideal Solution  
Partial Molecular Quantities & Colligative Properties  
The Phase Rule & Phase Equilibria for Solid-Liquid System  
Liquid-Vapor Phase Equilibria

### **Class Schedule: (Tentative)**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Lecture/Activities</b>	<b>Quiz/Exam</b>
WK 1	Gases (I), Kinetic Molecular Theory	
WK 2	Maxwell-Boltzmann Distribution Law, Gases (II)	Quiz1
WK 3	Work, 1st Law of Thermodynamics	
WK 4	Enthalpy	Quiz2
WK 5	Heat Capacity & Enthalpy of Reaction	
WK 6	Entropy & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics	Exam1
WK 7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics	
WK 8	Gibbs and Helmholtz Energies	Quiz3
WK 9	Equilibrium and Equilibrium Constant	
WK 10	Phase Equilibria for Pure Phases & Phase Diagram	Quiz4
WK 11	Ideal Solution & Chemical Potential	
WK 12	Partial Molecular Quantities & Colligative Properties	Exam2
WK 13	The Phase Rule & Phase Equilibria for Solid-Liquid System	
WK 14	Liquid-Vapor Phase Equilibria	Quiz5
WK 15	Project presentation	
WK 16		Final Exam