

Subject: Mass Transfer

CHE-220	Mass Transfer	4CH	
		Theory+Lab (3+1)	
	Pre-req.	Nil	Category Foundation Course
Course Contents as per PEC Guidelines 2023-2024			
<u>Contents:</u> • Mass transfer basics; Introduction, gradient driven transport, Fick's law, diffusivity, diffusion through gases and liquids, equimolar and un-equimolar diffusion, diffusion through a stagnant gas, dimensionless and dimensional analysis in mass transfer. • Interface mass transfer; mass transfer theories, the two-film theory, the penetration theory, film penetration theory, concentration profiles, concept of resistance to mass transfer and mass transfer coefficients(overall and film) • Phase equilibrium and phase diagrams; single component systems, multi component systems and gas-liquid equilibrium. • Absorption; Calculation of the number and height of transfer units for various cases of countercurrent and co current operations. • Adsorption; Overview • Introduction to distillation • Application and fundamentals of distillation • Lewis-Sorel; McCabe -Thiele methods. • Importance of the reflux ratio; calculation of minimum reflux ratio; number of plates at total reflux; underwood and Fenske methods: selection of economic reflux ratio. • Effect of multiple feeds and side streams. • Plate efficiency and Murphree's formula. Concept of a theoretical plate and HETP. • Concept of NTU and HTU • Method of transfer units and HTU. Enthalpy-concentration method. Multi-component distillation: degrees of freedom in separation specifications. Key components in multi-component mixtures and recovery fraction. Continuous flash distillation with heat balancing • Equilibrium and enthalpy expressions; numerical examples of multi- component separation problems; side streams and partial condensers. • Column design; tray design; hydraulics and performance. • Batch distillation: operation at constant product composition or constant reflux ratio. Calculation of column diameter and height. • Heterogeneous azeotropes; Illustrative examples of azeotropic distillation. Reactive distillation. • Extension of design techniques to absorption. • Introduction to Adsorption The nature of adsorbents. • Adsorption equilibria, • Adsorption from liquids. • structure of adsorbents, • Adsorption equipment and regeneration of spent adsorbents.			
Weekly plan/ Reference Books			
1	Introduction to mass transfer: basic concepts and examples		
2	Types of diffusion, Fick's law for steady state diffusion		

3-4	Molecular diffusion in gases, steady-state molecular diffusion in a binary mixture through a constant area and non-equimolar counter-diffusion of two components
5-6	Multi-component diffusion, diffusion through variable area (cone and sphere) and diffusion coefficients.
7-8	Molecular diffusion in liquids, stagnant diffusion, equimolar counter diffusion and liquid phase diffusivity, eddy diffusion, Fick's second law for unsteady state diffusion
9	Mid-term
10-12	Distillation
13-15	Gas-liquid absorptions basics and design calculations
16-17	Adsorption
18	Final Exam
TEXT AND REFERENCE BOOKS: • McCabe Warren L., Smith Julian C., Harriott peter "Unit Operations of chemical Engineering" 7th Ed. 2005. McGraw Hill Inc. • Coulson J.M., Richardson J.F. "Chemical Engineering" Vol-II, 5th Ed. 2002. The English Book Society and Pergamon Press. • Incropera Frank P., De Witt David P. "Fundamentals of Heat and Mass Transfer" 3rd Ed. 1990. John Wiley and Sons. • Treybal Robert E. "Mass Transfer Operations", 1981, McGraw Hill Book Company.	