

## SRM Institute of Science and Technology

Faculty of Engineering and Technology

Department of Chemical Engineering

# Course Code & Title: 15CH209 PRINCIPLES OF MASS TRANSFER

# **Course Strategy Description**

#### **Course description:**

This course deals with the fundamentals of mass transfer, theories, principles and calculations related to absorption, humidification and drying.

Compulsory/Elective course: Compulsory for B.Tech. Chemical Engineering

Credit hours: 3 Credits

Course coordinator(s): Ms.E.Kavitha, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering

**Instructor(s):** 

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Ms.E.Kavitha	PGA 205	kavitha.e	Day – 2: 4 and 5
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## **Relationship to other courses**

Course category: Professional core

Prerequisite: 15CH202, 15CH204

Co-requisite: Nil

Following courses: 15CH303



#### **Text book(s) and/or required materials:**

- 1. Robert E. Treybal, Mass-Transfer Operations, 3rd Edn., McGraw Hill Education (India) Edition, 2012.
- 2. Warren L. McCabe, Julian C. Smith and Peter Harriott, Unit Operations of Chemical Engineering, 7th Edn., McGraw Hill Education (India) Edition, 2014 .

#### **Reference book(s):**

- 1. Christie John Geankoplis, Transport Processes and Separation Process Principles (Includes Unit Operations), 4<sup>th</sup>Edn., Pearson India Education Services Pvt. Ltd., 2015.
- 2. Binay K. Dutta, Principles of Mass transfer and Separation Processes, Prentice- Hall of India, New Delhi, 2007.

**Class schedule:** E Slot; Three 50 minutes lecture sessions per week, for 15 – 16 weeks

DAY ORDER: HOUR	TIMING (BATCH 2)	TIMING (BATCH 1)
DAY - 3: 8 & 3	2.20 PM - 3.15 PM	9.45 AM – 10.35 AM
DAY - 5: 6,7 & 1,2	12.30 PM - 2.15 PM	8.00 AM - 9.40 AM

#### Instructional Objectives (IOs) and Student Outcomes (SOs)

S.No.	Instructional Objectives		Student Outcomes			
1	The students will be able to understand basic principles of mass transfer and calculate mass transfer rates.	а	e			
2	The students will be able to understand various theories of mass transfer, dimensionless numbers and calculate rates of mass transfer across fluid – fluid interfaces.					
3	The students will be able to understand principles of gas absorption and design an ideal tray/packed tower.		с	e		
4	The students will be able to understand humidification and dehumidification operations and design the cooling tower.	а	с	e		
5	The students will be able to understand the principles of drying, different types of driers and calculate drying time for different periods.	а	b	e		



# Teaching plan

Section	Topics	L/T	Text book/chapter	IOs	SOs	Problem solving (Y/N)
UNIT I:	MASS TRANSFER AND DIFFUSION	9				
1.	Introduction to Mass Transfer operations.	1	1	1	a,e	N
2.	Diffusion, Types, Ficks law of Diffusion.	1	1	1	a,e	N
3.	Steady – state molecular diffusion in fluids at rest and in laminar flow, molecular diffusion in gases-steady state diffusion: of A through non diffusing B, equimolal counter diffusion in multicomponent mixtures.	3	1	1	a,e	Y
4.	Molecular diffusion in liquids-steady state diffusion: of A through nondiffusing B, equimolal counter diffusion.	2	1	1	a,e	Y
5.	Pseudo – steady state Diffusion.	1	3	1	a,e	Y
6.	Effect of temperature and pressure on diffusivity.	1	1	1	a,e	Y
UNIT II: MASS T	MASS TRANSFER COEFFICIENTS AND INTERPHASE RANSFER	9				
7.	Mass transfer coefficients, Types, Relations between mass transfer coefficients.	2	1	2	а	N
8.	Dimensionless groups in mass transfer, Simultaneous momentum, heat and mass transfer	1	4	2	а	Ν
9.	Theories of mass transfer: film theory, penetration theory, surface- renewal Theory, Boundary layer theory.	2	1	2	a	Ν
10.	Interphase Mass Transfer:equilibrium between phases, concentration profile in interphase mass transfer, Two film theory.	2	1,3	2	a	N
11.	Mass transfer using Film Mass transfer Coefficients and Interface Concentrations.	1	1,3	2	a	Ν



12.	Overall Mass transfer Coefficients and Driving Forces. Relation between individual and overall mass transfer coefficient.		1,3	2	a	Y
UNIT III: GAS ABSORPTION		9				
13.	Introduction, Packing Characteristics and types of tower packings. Characteristics of solvent.	2	2	3	a,c,e	Ν
14.	Contact between liquid and gas, pressure drop and limiting flow rates.	1	1	3	a,c,e	Ν
15.	Material balances, limiting gas-liquid ratio.	1	1	3	a,c,e	Y
16.	Rate of absorption, calculation of tower height, number of transfer units, height of transfer unit, alternate forms of transfer coefficients	3	3	3	a,c,e	Y
17.	Absorption in plate columns: Determination of number of plates, Tray efficiencies. Height equivalent to a theoretical plate (HETP).	2	2	3	a,c,e	Y
UNIT IV	: HUMIDIFICATION	9				
18.	Definitions	2	1, 2	4	a,c,e	Ν
19.	Adiabatic saturator	1	2	4	a,c,e	Y
20.	Wet-bulb temperature, theory of wet-bulb temperature, psychrometric line and Lewis relation	2	2	4	a,c,e	Y
21.	Humidity chart, use of humidity chart	2	2	4	a,c,e	Y
22.	Cooling towers	2	1,2,4	4	a,c,e	Y
UNIT V:	DRYING	9				
23.	Introduction, Importance of drying in processes, principles of drying, Basis, moisture contents	2	1,2	5	a,e	Ν
24.	Mechanism of drying and Rate of drying curve	2	1	5	a,e	N
25.	Calculation of drying time under constant drying conditions	2	1,2	5	a,e	Y
26.	Classification of dryers, solids handling in dryers, equipments for batch and continuous drying processes	1	1,2	5	a,e	Ν
27.	Working principle of tray driers, rotary driers, spray driers, fluidized bed drier. Concept of freeze drying.	2	1,2	5	a,e	Ν



## **Evaluation methods**

S.NO.	Test	Topics covered	Marks	Test/Exam duration (min)
1.	Cycle test – I	Unit I and II	15	90
2.	Cycle test – II	Unit III, IV and V	25	180
3.	Surprise test	Questions from any units	5	20
4.	Assignment	Questions from any units	5	-
5.	Final exam	All the units	50	180

#### Surprise test

The surprise test will not be announced. The questions for this test will be covered until the previous class.

#### Home assignments

A few units will have home assignment. All the assignments should be submitted on or before the last date of submission.

## **Teaching Methodology**

Chalk and talk for the entire course

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