

Course Code	CHE405M2	
Course Title	Advanced topics in Quantum Chemistry and Reaction Dynamics	
Credit Value	02	
Hourly Breakdown	Theory	Independent Learning
	30	70
Objective/s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain derivation of the Schrödinger equation for a particle in a box • Discuss the phenomena to quantum tunnel over a classically forbidden barrier • Explain the Hückel theory approximation for complex molecules • Provide conditions related to explosion of chemical reactions • Explain different technologies used in fast reactions • Describe the reaction path using potential energy surfaces 	
Intended Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle • Analyze electron properties from quantum mechanical calculations • Illustrate the wavefunction of the hydrogen atom, poly-electronic atoms and bonding • Apply steady state conditions for chemical reactions • Develop methods to study fast reactions • Construct potential energy surfaces for chemical reactions 	
Course Contents	<p>Advanced Quantum Chemistry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Schrödinger equation: quantum postulates, derivation of the uncertainty principle, the time-dependent and time-independent Schrödinger equation. • Particle in a box: eigenvalue problems of a free particle, particle in one-, two- and three-dimensional boxes, particle with potential barrier, quantum mechanical tunneling, many particles in a 3-D box. • The harmonic oscillator: power series solution of differential equations, the 1-D harmonic oscillator, vibration of diatomic molecules. • Angular momentum: vectors, angular momentum of one particle system, the ladder operator method for angular momentum. • Rotational motion: particle on a ring and sphere, classical and quantum mechanical treatment of rotation motion, rotation in three dimensions, rotation of diatomic molecules. • The Hydrogen like atom: formulation of the Schrödinger equation, the Rydberg formula, the radial wave function. • Structure and spectra of many electron systems: variation and perturbation theory with application to helium atom, coulomb and exchange integrals, 	

	molecular orbital theory and Hückel theory for complex molecules Advanced Reaction Dynamics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multistep reactions: steady state approximation, explosions and their limits • Fast reaction kinetics: flow methods, field jump methods, pulse methods, lifetime methods • Oscillations, activated complex theory, potential energy surfaces. • Reactions in solution: nature of liquids, effects of solvent polarity on rates, solvation and its effects of rates, effects of ionic strength, diffusion-controlled reactions 	
Teaching learning Methods/Activities	Lectures, tutorial discussion, small group assignment, homework assignments, e-learning, online learning	
Evaluation/Assessment Strategy	In-course Assessment	End-of-course Examination
	30 %	70 %
Recommended References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atkins, P., Paula, J. D., and Keeler, J., "Physical Chemistry", 11th Edition, Oxford University Press, 2018. • Levine, Ira N., "Physical Chemistry," 6th Edition, Mr Graw Hill Education, 2008. • Atkins, P., and Friedman, R., "Molecular Quantum Mechanics", 5th Edition, Oxford University Press, 2010. • Atkins, P., Paula, J. D., and Friedman, R., "Quanta Matter and Change A molecular Approach to Physical Chemistry", 2nd Edition, Oxford University Press, 2013. • Hayward, D. O., "Quantum Mechanics for Chemists", 1st Edition, Royal Society of Chemistry, 2002. • James, E. H., "Principles of Chemical Kinetics", 2nd Edition, Elsevier, 2007. 	