

**THE COLLEGE OF THE BAHAMAS**  
**SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**  
**CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT**

CHEM 136 – COLLEGE CHEMISTRY FOR HEALTH SCIENCE

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**RATIONALE:**

It is important that Health Scientists have a good understanding of Chemistry and its relationship to life processes.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this course, under the subheadings listed below, students should be able to:

**1. NUCLEAR REACTIONS**

- (a) explain what is meant by radioactivity
- (b) name the three types of nuclear radiation
- (c) explain the terms nuclear
- (d) write nuclear equations
- (e) explain the term "half-life"
- (f) define the following units of radiation-curie, roentgen, rad, and rem.
- (g) explain what is meant by  $LD_{50}^{30}$
- (h) explain how radiation can damage cells
- (i) explain and give examples of stage one and stage two radiation effects
- (j) discuss the use of some radioactive isotopes used in medical diagnosis and therapy
- (k) explain the three methods by which radiation can be delivered to malignant tissue-teletherapy

**2. BONDING**

- (a) explain the emission spectrum of hydrogen in terms of energy levels
- (b) write the electronic configuration of elements in the forms of  $1s^2 2s^2 \dots$  etc.
- (c) discuss trends of some fundamental properties in the periodic table as related to atomic structure
- (d) state the different types of chemical bonding and relate bond type to atomic size, electronegativity, ionization energy and electron affinity of bonding atoms.
- (e) recognize that all types of bonding are electrostatic in nature

**3. REACTION KINETICS**

- (a) state the factors which affect the rate of chemical reactions
- (b) deduce the rate law and order of a reaction from experimental data
- (c) discuss the collision theory of enzyme activity
- (d) discuss the lock and key theory of enzyme activity
- (e) discuss factors which affect enzyme activity
- (f) define the terms substrate, apoenzyme, cofactor coenzyme, activator, prosthetic group, holoenzyme, zymogen

**4. SOLUTIONS AND SOLUTION EQUILIBRIA**

- (a) discuss the differences among a true solution, a colloidal dispersion and a suspension
- (b) describe the process of diffusion and osmosis and relate these to crenation, haemolysis, dialysis and haemodialysis, and the transport of substances in the body
- (c) calculate the concentration of solutions in molarity, gram per  $\text{dm}^3$ , volume-volume percent, weight-volume percent, equivalent per  $\text{dm}^3$ , and be able to inter-convert these units

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- (d) perform calculations involving dilution of solution
- (e) explain what is meant by a system in dynamic equilibrium
- (f) write equilibrium expressions for various homogeneous and heterogeneous systems in equilibrium
- (g) state Le Chatelier's principle and apply it to equilibrium systems
- (h) state the Bronsted-Lowry theory of acids and bases and apply it to aqueous and non-aqueous systems
- (i) define pH and pOH
- (j) calculate pH from hydrogen ion or hydroxide ion concentration
- (k) calculate the pH of solutions of strong acids, strong bases weak acids, weak bases
- (l) explain what is meant by a buffer solution
- (m) discuss the functioning of carbonic acid/bicarbonate system in blood
- (n) discuss how respiratory and metabolic acidosis and alkalosis occur

**5. INTRODUCTION TO ORGANIC CHEMISTRY**

- (a) identify structural characteristics of the four classes of hydrocarbons
- (b) state the typical reactions of alkanes, alkenes and benzene
- (c) identify the main functional groups found in organic molecules and name organic compounds according to IUPAC rules
- (d) illustrate the different types of structural isomerism and stereoisomerism

**6. ALCOHOLS, ALDEHYDES, KEYTONES, ETHERS**

- (a) distinguish primary, secondary, and tertiary alcohols in terms of chemical structure and reactivity
- (b) write equations for the typical reactions of alcohols, ethers, aldehydes and ketones
- (c) give some examples of some medicinal uses of some alcohols, phenols, ethers aldehydes and ketones

**7. ORGANIC ACIDS AND THEIR DERIVATIVES**

- (a) differentiate between saturated and unsaturated acids
- (b) write equations for the conversions of carboxylic acids to esters and anhydrides including phosphorylated anhydrides
- (c) write equations for the decarboxylation of carboxylic acids
- (d) write equations for the hydrolysis of esters (including triglycerides) and anhydrides
- (e) give examples of medicinal uses of some carboxylic acids and their derivatives

**8. AMINES AND THEIR DERIVATIVES**

- (a) distinguish among primary, secondary and tertiary amines in terms of chemical structure
- (b) write equation for the synthesis and hydrolysis of amides
- (c) give examples of medicinal uses of some carboxylic acids and their derivatives
- (d) write the general formula of an amino acid
- (e) write the structure of a zwitterion and state what is meant by isoelectric point of an amino acid
- (f) relate the acid-base properties of amino acid to chemical structure
- (g) write equations to illustrate peptide bonding
- (h) describe what is meant by the primary, secondary and tertiary and quaternary structure of proteins.
- (i) state at least three ways in which proteins can be denatured
- (j) describe tests for proteins

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**9. CARBOHYDRATES**

- (a) classify carbohydrates as aldoses or ketoses
- (b) classify carbohydrates as monosaccharides, disaccharides or polysaccharides,
- (c) classify monosaccharides as trioses, tetroses, pentoses, etc.
- (d) classify sugars as reducing or non-reducing
- (e) write the open chain and Haworth structure of glucose, galactose, fructose and ribose
- (f) write the formulae of sugars and derived sugars encountered in carbohydrate metabolism
- (g) discuss reactions of monosaccharides as alcohols, aldehydes or ketones
- (h) define glycogenesis and glycogenolysis
- (i) discuss hypoglycaemia, hyperglycaemia and the glucose tolerance test
- (j) describe the Molisch and Benedict's tests

**10. ENERGY AND BIOCHEMICAL REACTIONS—CARBOHYDRATE METABOLISM**

- (a) define anabolism, catabolism, metabolism
- (b) recognize the role of ATP in the storage and release of energy
- (c) write an overall equation for cellular respiration
- (d) write an overall equation for anaerobic glycolysis
- (e) outline the essential reactions and discuss the essential features of the glycolytic sequence
- (f) outline the essential and discuss the essential features of Krebs cycle
- (g) discuss the processes involved in the
- (h) state the function of the cytochrome system
- (i) write the overall reaction for the reaction for the respiratory chain
- (j) account for the total number of mole of ATP formed in the Emden-Meyerhof and Krebs cycle

**11. MAJOR METABOLIC PATHWAYS**

- (a) discuss the process of lipid catabolism
- (b) discuss the major features of lipid anabolism and calculate the ATP yield from the oxidation of a lipid
- (c) discuss the major features of protein anabolism
- (d) discuss the major features of protein catabolism including deamination and decarboxylation
- (e) recognize the major linkage points among carbohydrate, lipid and protein metabolism

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EVALUATION

Assignments & Tests	15%
Mid-tem Test	15%
Laboratory	20%
Final Examination	<u>50%</u>
Total	100%