Advanced Mass Spectrometry  
CHM 5138 (3) [Core Analytical Course]  
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**Class Meets:** Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 to 9:15AM GL272

**Textbook:** “Mass spectrometry: principles and applications” 3rd Edition. Edmond de Hoffmann and Vincent Stroobant.


**Course Description:** The class offers a in depth description of the processes and techniques involved in creating, controlling and measuring elemental or molecular ionic species by mass spectrometry techniques. Topics covered in the course include: Theory of mass spectrometry. Methods of ionization. Instrument Design. Combined Chromatography and Mass Spectrometry. Quantitative aspects of mass spectrometry. Meta-stable ions in mass spectrometry. Recent applications of mass spectrometry techniques (may involve some hands in experiments).

**Learning outcomes:** Students will become proficient with common concepts in mass spectrometry; understand the processes of ion formation, ion separation and detection. Students will obtain in-depth understanding of theory behind the principles of operation of mass analyzers and the conceptual design of common hyphenated mass spectrometry systems. Students will also be able to describe the fundamentals of both high resolution and multidimensional mass spectrometry.
Tentative Class outline:

*Introduction to Mass Spectrometry (2 classes)*

- The mass spectrum
- Formation of ions
- Multiple Charged Species
- Isotopes
- Metastable Ions
- Elemental composition of Ions
- Appearance of the mass spectrum

*Theory of Mass Spectrometry (3 classes)*

- Energy States and Ionization
- Formation of Ions
- Theories of fragmentation rates
- Ions lifetimes
- Qualitative Theories

*Methods of ionization (4-5 classes)*

- Gas-Phase Ionization
- Electron Ionization (EI)
- Chemical Ionization (CI)
- Desorption Chemical Ionization (DCI)
- Negative-ion chemical ionization
- Field Desorption and Ionization
- Field Desorption (FD)
- Field Ionization (FI)
- Particle Bombardment
- Fast Atom Bombardment (FAB)
- Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (SIMS)
- Atmospheric Pressure Ionization
- Electrospray Ionization (ESI)
- Atmospheric Pressure Chemical Ionization (APCI)
- Laser Desorption
- Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization (MALDI)

*Instrumental Design (2-3 classes)*

- Inlet systems
- Ion sources
- Mass analyzers basics (ion separators)
- Detection and recording of spectra
- Complete systems

*Combined chromatography and mass spectrometry (3 classes)*

- Gas Chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS)
- Liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry (LC/MS)
- Capillary electrophoresis/mass spectrometry (CE/MS)
- Supercritical fluid chromatography/mass spectrometry (SFC/MS)
- Thin-layer chromatography/mass spectrometry (TLC/MS)
- Other applications of mass spectrometry
Quantitative Mass Spectrometry (2 classes)

- Introduction and principles
- Specificity
- Sensitivity and limits of detection
- Calibration and standards
- Selected ion monitoring (SIM)
- Selected reaction monitoring (SRM)
- Isotope dilution
- High-resolution vs. low-resolution
- Accurate mass measurements
- Derivatization

Non traditional Mass analyzers and tandem mass spectrometry (4-5 classes)

- Unimolecular ion dissociation: Metastable ions
- Collision-induced Dissociation (CID)
- Double focusing magnetic sector instruments
- Triple Quadrupole instruments
- Three- and Four-sector instruments
- Hybrid instruments
- Time of flight instruments
- Ion traps
- Fourier transform instruments
- Tandem MS (MS²)
- Applications of MS³

Student presentations – (2-3 classes)

Suggested reading material:

Journals
Analytical Chemistry
Organic Mass Spectrometry
International Journal of Mass Spectrometry and Ion Processes
Biological Mass Spectrometry
Mass Spectrometry Reviews
Rapid Communications in Mass Spectrometry
Journal of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry

Class assignment(s):

Students will be assigned a developmental mass spectrometry article to present and lead a class discussion. The presentation will be limited to 5 minutes and followed by 5 minutes for discussion. Student is required to provide, by e-mail, up to 2 power point slides the day before the presentation is due.

Final presentation/term paper:

Students will be required to make a 10-minute formal presentation or provide a term paper on a current emerging topic on mass spectrometry published in the literature in the last two years. All presentations must be made in Microsoft power point. A presentation schedule will be provided after the first mid-term exam.
Grading:

Midterm Exam 35% October 11, 2011
Final Exam 35% December 8th, 2011 7:30AM GL272
Paper/Presentation* 25%
Assignment(s) 5%

*Depending on the number of students in the class a term paper/presentation will be required.