



SMFG 318 Course Syllabus Spring 2021

SMFG 318- Sustainable Plastics– 3.0 Units

Prerequisite: SMFG 216

Course Times: Lecture M, W 11 to 11:50 AM Online
 Lab W 2:00PM to 4:50PM LANG 118

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Course Objective: Provide students a thorough study of sustainability for thermoplastic polymers by investigating sustainability definitions, biobased plastics, engineering thermoplastic polymers, and thermoset composites.

Laboratory Objectives: Provide students a thorough knowledge of a plastics and composites molding business, including areas such as set-up, operation, process control, and maintenance of the lab molding machines.

Textbooks:

- Sustainable Plastics: Environmental Assessments of Biobased, Biodegradable, and Recycled Plastics Joseph Greene, Wiley Publishers (2014)

Reference:

- Plastic Injection Molding ...Manufacturing Process Fundamentals, D. Bryce, SME, Dearborn, MI (1996)

Course Goal

Provide students a thorough study of sustainability, biobased polymers, and engineering polymers.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the definitions of sustainability.
2. Understand the chemistry of biobased plastics.
3. Understand the processing parameters for biobased plastics.
4. Understand the recycling process of plastics.
5. Understand the processing parameters of engineering plastics.



6. Understand the rheology and plastic flow of polymers during injection molding and extrusion.
7. Measure the melt index, density, and thermal properties of biobased and engineering plastics.

Course Usage of Blackboard Learn

Copies of the course syllabus, lectures, and homework assignments may be found on Blackboard Learn. You are responsible for regularly checking the online resources, which is accessed through the Chico State Portal at <http://portal.csuchico.edu>.

Safety Laboratory Safety Policies and Procedures are strictly enforced in the labs. Students will be given safety training and are expected to become familiar with the safety policies and procedures. Each student is required to submit a signed acknowledgement form for safety training before the first lab experiment. A sticker will be placed on the student's campus ID card upon completion of training.

General

1. Absences are allowed only for illness (doctor's note required) or other serious reasons with permission prior to the class. There will be grade penalty for absence, arriving after roll call, or leaving before completion of the lab exercise. Three or more absences will result in an incomplete for SMFG 218
2. Homework problems will be available on BlackBoard Learn. You are required to do the homework and submit the answers online by the due date.
3. **Late work will not be accepted.**
4. You will be dropped from the class if you do not complete the first two homework assignments.
5. Exams are open book and notes. Make-up exams and quizzes are closed book and notes unless prior arrangements are made with the instructor.
6. Students run experiments in groups, all data collection in lab books are individual work. Students are encouraged to work together in data processing, but printing copies of the same figures from others is not allowed. *University policies, due process, and sanctions for academic dishonesty are followed.*
7. All cellular phones should be turned off in the lecture and lab except with instructor's permission.
8. Shirts and shoes are required in the laboratory. Sandals and open-toe shoes are not allowed for safety reason. Students who are not safely dressed will be asked to leave the laboratory resulting in an absence.
9. You are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drops, academic renewal, etc. found <http://www.csuchico.edu/catalog/>. You should be aware of the new deadlines and penalties for adding and dropping classes
10. You must adhere and follow the Code of Professional Conduct while in this class. The code will be available on BlackBoard Learn



11. Academic integrity is taken seriously at the University, in this College, and Department, and by your professor. Violations will be referred to student judicial affairs and can result in penalties ranging from failure of the course to long term suspension from the university. See the *Academic Integrity* document for additional information. Read and understand the university policy (<http://www.csuchico.edu/sjd/integrity.shtml>). Examples of academic dishonesty include: a) copying the work/assignment of others, and b) allowing others to copy yours.
12. If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability or chronic illness, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. Please also contact Accessibility Resource Center (ARC) as they are the designated department responsible for approving and coordinating reasonable accommodations and services for students with disabilities. ARC will help you understand your rights and responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act and provide you further assistance with requesting and arranging accommodations. ARC is located at Student Services Center 170 and may be reached at 530-898-5959 or arcdept@csuchico.edu.
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14. Note that modifications to the syllabus may be made throughout the semester. Please check back to Blackboard for the most current version.



Grading

1. Midterm exam	20%
2. Final exam	20%
3. Quizzes Unannounced	10%
4. Lab (2 papers plus lab book)	30%
5. Papers (2 papers)	10%
6. Homework/Attendance/Participation	<u>10%</u>
	100%

Reports (All reports will be typed and double spaced.)

1. Lab Work (Teams of 4 students)

- The lab notebook will be used to record material and manufacturing information during the lab experiments. The notebook will be graded in lab according to effectiveness and organization of the data. The format of the notebook will be provided in class.
- Lab report**: Each student will participate in a lab group (4 students max) for 12 lab experiments. Each student group is required to complete two lab reports. The technical paper should be 3 to 5 pages typed and double spaced. Format will be provided on BlackBoard Learn.
 - Lab Report 1: Flow analysis of an injection molding part
 - **Due Date- March 29, 2021**
 - Lab Report 2: Layup of thermoset composite skateboard
 - **Due Date- April 26, 2021**

2. Technical Paper (Teams of 2 students) –

Due Date: **Paper 1: Due: March 8, 2021; Paper 2: Due: May 10, 2021**

Each student team will be responsible for completing two technical papers on literature review paper of Life Cycle Assessment of Biobased or Recycled Plastic Product and a second paper on a work instructions for plastics manufacturing. The work instructions covers molding equipment in the lab and should be written in both English and Spanish. The technical paper should be 4 to 6 pages typed and double spaced. Format will be provided on BlackBoard Learn.

**** Note:** One literature review paper can be replaced with membership in SPE student club and a 1-page summary of the field trip to a plastics company.



<u>Week</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Homework</u> ++
1. Jan 25	Intro, Environmental Issues	Chap 1, 2
2. Feb 1	Life Cycle Assessment	Chap 3
3. Feb 8	Biobased Plastics	Chap 4
4. Feb 15		
5. Feb 22	Petroleum-based Plastics	Chap 5
6. Mar 1	Engineering Plastics	(Handout)
7. Mar 8	Rheology and Plastic Flow	(Handout)
	<i>[Technical LCA Paper 1 Due]</i>	
*** Mar 15	Spring Break	***
8. Mar 22	Flow Analysis	(Handout)
	<u><i>Mid-term (Wednesday)</i></u>	
9. Mar 29	End of Life Options	Chap 6
	<i>[Flow Analysis Paper Due]</i>	
10. Apr 5	Sustainable Plastics Products	Chap 7
11. Apr 12	Thermosets	(Handout)
12. Apr 19	Composites	(Handout)
13. Apr 26	<i>[Thermoset Composites Paper Due]</i>	
14. May 3	Tooling	(Handout)
15. May 10	<i>[Work Instructions Due]</i>	
16. May 17	TBD Final Exam	

++ Note: Homework will be due on Monday

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