

Master in Life Sciences

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Module title	Industrial Chemical Process and Safety
Code	C6
Degree Programme	Master of Science in Life Sciences
Group	Chemistry
Workload	3 ECTS (90 student working hours: 32 h contact (= 42 lessons), 58 h self-study)
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Entry requirements	<p>Chemistry at Bachelor of science level</p> <p>Knowledge requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Physical chemistry:</i> thermodynamics & kinetics, thermal analysis (DSC), basic concepts of thermal safety (criticality classes) • <i>Industrial chemistry:</i> Industrial unit operation (filtration, distillation, drying...), process scale-up & safety, EHS <p>Way to support/encourage students to reach it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparatory reading and exercises, including a self-test for students to check their actual understanding of the topics and to give them the opportunity to have the skills and knowledge to be ready for the summer school
Learning outcomes and competences	<p>After completing the module, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciate how to give support to process development, operational excellence and manufacturing activities with DynoChem & Reaction Lab tools as well as MATLAB • Understand the role and importance of safety valves within de production industries as well as the pathway to design it • Apprehend how to develop, interpret and apply EHS concept including compilation of regulatory relevant documents • Put into practice appropriate process safety tools, master hazardous chemistry as well as assess and explain results for process review
Module contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of the interconnected nature of process safety and design of production unit • Evaluate the thermal safety risk of various chemical processes, based on Case Studies • Concept and approach for green process development of hazardous reactions, operational excellence and engineering activities • Role and responsibilities towards Environmental, Health & Safety legal right • Integration of specific requirements for Process R&D & Production activities in a Highly Potent API environment

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Teaching / learning methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic concepts and theoretical background by lecturers • Inputs by guest lectures from industry and academia • Exercises and analysis of case studies coming from the industries and academia • KiloLab & Pilot Plan visits with hands demonstration and/or exercises • Questions & Answers session (individual and group support) 																								
Assessment of learning outcome	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Entry exam prior the summer school, individual, open book (20%) 2. Resolve case studies during the summer school, individually and in group (2-4), open book (40%) 3. Final case study after the summer school based on scientific publication/chapter book, submission deadline 7 days after the summer school, groups of min. 2 people, open book (20%) 4. Q&R session during the summer school with the responsible of the final case study (20%). 																								
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Timing of the module	Spring semester, CW23 <table border="1" data-bbox="430 886 1339 1024"> <thead> <tr> <th>Day of the block week</th> <th><1</th> <th>1</th> <th>2</th> <th>3</th> <th>4</th> <th>5</th> <th>>5</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Contact teaching (lessons)</td> <td></td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>8</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Self-study (hours)</td> <td>24</td> <td>3</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>24</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Day of the block week	<1	1	2	3	4	5	>5	Contact teaching (lessons)		8	9	8	9	8		Self-study (hours)	24	3	2	3	2	0	24
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Venue	On-site lectures in Fribourg and/or in Muttenz																								
Bibliography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry. DOI: 10.1002/14356007 • Dynochem Resources. Locate to: https://www.scale-up.com/ • Techniques de l'ingénieur. Locate to: https://www.techniques-ingenieur.fr/ • Ignatowiz, E. (1997). Chemietechnik. Haan-Gruiten: Verlag Europa-Lehrmittel • Stoessel, F. (2008). Thermal Safety of Chemical Processes. Weinheim: WILEY-VCH • Legal texts regarding chemistry (chapter 813). Locate to: https://www.admin.ch/opc/fr/classified-compilation/81.html <p>Lectures notes (PDF) and additional material (exercises) will be delivered in addition before and during the module.</p>																								
Language	English																								
Links to other modules	Coordination with modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C4, Green Chemistry • C5, Chemistry and Energy 																								
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