

Module Details	
Module Title	Polymer and Materials Engineering
Module Code	CPE7012-B
Academic Year	2024/5
Credits	20
School	School of Engineering
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Directed Study	160
Lectures	22
Practical Classes or Workshops	10
Tutorials	8

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2
BDB	University of Bradford / Semester 2

Module Aims
To provide understanding on the structure and mechanical behaviour of polymers and other materials and to enable students to gain experience of manipulating polymer structure and characterising polymer properties.

Outline Syllabus
Polymer structure, morphology and polymerisation. Mechanical and viscoelastic properties, consideration in design. Thermal characterisation; DSC, DMA, spectroscopy. Polymer melt processing; melt rheology, injection moulding, extrusion forming, reactive extrusion (REX); design of process equipment such as screws, dies and moulds. Leading edge technologies: Polymer composites and nanocomposites, biomedical and pharmaceutical polymer applications, solid state processing, micro and nano fabrication methods.

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Demonstrate knowledge on effect of processing parameters of several on microstructure and morphology development
02	Interpret data, evaluate processes and generate solutions to well defined or abstract problems
03	Critically evaluate process induced defects and provide engineering design solutions for their elimination.
04	Analyze, specify and design suitable processing parameters/geometries for polymer melt processing operations.
05	Demonstrate analytical skills, problem solving skills, design skills and practical skills in polymer processing.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
<p>Lectures:  Concepts, principles and theory are developed in, interactive lectures. All lectures will be delivered online. Face to face tutorial meetings with individual groups will be set up to provide further support and guidance, as appropriate, complemented by online tutorials. Concepts are applied and explored further in set tutorials. The tutorials and solution are provided for formative feedback to allow student to assess and calibrate their understanding of the topics covered.</p> <p>Laboratory demonstrations:  Presented theory is reinforced by laboratory sessions. Laboratory demonstrations provide experience in REX and characterisation techniques. Leading edge developments covered by invited specialists and staff engaged in research.</p> <p>Coursework assessment examines the wider learning outcomes ( LO3, LO4, LO5 ) and a student's ability to apply the principles and knowledge learnt to practical engineering tasks.  Knowledge and understanding of the specific LO 1, LO2, LO3 and LO4 will be assessed by examination.</p> <p>It is a requirement of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) that students MUST achieve a mark of at least 30% in assessment components weighted above 30% IN ADDITION to achieving a mark of at least 40% in the module overall. This requirement applies ONLY to students on IET accredited programmes, which is the BDA occurrence/version of the module.</p> <p>This module satisfies the below Learning Outcomes as specified by the Accreditation of Higher Education Programmes: Fourth Edition (AHEP4) as published by the Engineering Council in-line with the UK Standard for Professional Engineering Competence (UK-SPEC). These outcomes specify five key areas of learning which partially (C) or fully (M) meet the academic requirement for CEng registration: Science and Mathematics (1), Engineering Analysis (2-4), Design and Innovation (5-6), The Engineer and Society (7-11), and Engineering Practice (12-18). Further details of these learning outcomes can be found at <a href="https://www.engc.org.uk/ahep/">https://www.engc.org.uk/ahep/</a></p> <p>M1, M2, M4, M5, M12, M13, M14, M16, M17,</p>

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Examination - Closed Book	Examination of taught materials (1500 words)	50%
Summative	Coursework - Written	Individual coursework based on lab research project to investigate reactive extrusion and its effect on polymer property	50%

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit <a href="https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html">https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html</a>

*Please note:*

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