

Course: CHMB21H3S, Chemical Structure and Spectroscopy

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Lectures: BV264, Monday 15:00–17:00, Wednesday 15:00–16:00

Office Hours: EV356, Wednesday 13:00–14:00, or any other day by appointment.

Recommended Texts: T. Engel Quantum Chemistry and Spectroscopy 3rd edition or T. Engel and P. Reid, Physical Chemistry 2nd edition.

Marking Scheme: Home works 15%, Midterm Exam 30%, Final Exam 40%, Labs 15%.

Note: It is desirable that you take MATB41H3. You will need to take it if you are going to take a 3rd year physical chemistry course.

Course Description: This course uses quantum mechanics extensively to describe atomic and molecular structure and bonding, including valence bond and molecular orbital theory. The theory of these systems will be treated first and their spectroscopy afterwards. The list of topics is as follows.

- Motivation for quantum mechanics, Schrödinger equation, quantum postulates and formalism
- Quantum mechanics of simple systems: particle in a box, harmonic oscillator, rigid rotor, hydrogen-like atoms; angular momentum operator
- Electron spin, many electron atoms
- Theories of chemical bonding: valence bond theory and molecular orbital theory
- Quantum mechanics of the internal motion of molecules; spectroscopy of the atomic and molecular systems