

Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering General Course Policies

Grading Policy

C Grade Minimum Requirement for CBE Courses

In order to help all of our students gain the necessary skills to succeed in future CBE courses and ultimately to be productive engineers upon graduation, the department is implementing a minimum C grade requirement for CBE courses that serve as a prerequisite for a future CBE course. This means that you must receive a C grade or better in the prerequisite course before you will be allowed to take future CBE courses for which the class is a prerequisite.

This requirement applies only to the following courses:

- CBE 201 – Material and Energy Balances
- CBE 210 – Thermodynamic Process Analysis
- CBE 310 – Molecular Concepts and Applications
- CBE 320 – Chemical and Biological Reactor Design
- CBE 330 – Process Simulation
- CBE 331 – Momentum Transfer and Mechanical Separations
- CBE 332 – Heat and Mass Transfer Fundamentals
- CBE 442 – Separation Processes
- CBE 451 – Chemical Engineering Design I

To ensure consistency in implementation of this requirement across all courses, the CBE faculty have developed the following grade interpretation statement. This statement is meant to help clarify what each letter grade represents in terms of student learning and performance in each class.

Grade Interpretation Statement

A grade of ‘A’ indicates excellent performance. Students receiving an ‘A’ demonstrate a high level of command of the relevant material with no or only a few minor weaknesses.

A grade of ‘B’ indicates good performance. Students receiving a ‘B’ demonstrate good command of the relevant material and several minor to moderate weaknesses.

A grade of ‘C’ indicates adequate performance. Students receiving a ‘C’ demonstrate a basic command of the relevant material but also some gaps or moderate weaknesses. A grade of ‘C’ may be given for performance meeting only the minimum requirements for progression into courses for which the course is a prerequisite.

A grade of ‘D’ indicates poor performance. Students receiving a ‘D’ demonstrate major weaknesses in multiple aspects of the relevant materials. It indicates a performance that does not meet the minimum requirements for progression into courses for which the course is a prerequisite.

A grade of ‘F’ indicates a performance that is unacceptable in many respects.

Academic Integrity

This course will adhere to the Colorado State University General Catalog Academic Integrity Policy and Student Conduct Code. All students in the course will be subject to the policies, including those governing classroom behavior and academic integrity, stated in the “Students’ Responsibilities” section of the Colorado State University General Catalog:

<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/policies/students-responsibilities>.

Details of the CSU honor pledge policy and examples of academic misconduct can be found in the “Academic Integrity/Misconduct” section of this source.

Authorized Materials

For this course, materials authorized for use in solving homework problems, completing lab reports, and studying for exams are the course textbook, lecture notes, handouts distributed by the instructor, and standard references, such as Perry’s Chemical Engineers’ Handbook. All other materials are unauthorized unless express permission is granted by the instructor.

Unauthorized materials include – but are not limited to – old homework files from previous course offerings, material from external or online homework help or tutoring sources (such as Chegg), and solution manuals. Distributing these materials to other students is also a violation of the academic integrity policy. While the use of unauthorized material is prohibited, students are encouraged to be resourceful and obtain permission from the instructor before using additional materials that they may find helpful.

Intellectual Property

Intellectual property in the course will be subject to the policies stated in section “J.12 Academic Materials” of the Colorado State University Faculty Manual:

http://facultycouncil.colostate.edu/faculty-manual-section-j/#j_12.

Special Needs

If you have special learning needs that should be accommodated in this class, please see the course instructor during the first two weeks of the semester and refer to the information at the following url for more information:

<http://rds.colostate.edu/csuinto/accommodations.asp>.