



Subject card

Subject name and code	Macromolecular Materials Engineering, PG_00063529						
Field of study	Materials Engineering						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2027/2028		
Education level	second-cycle studies	Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	Full-time studies	Mode of delivery			at the university		
Year of study	2	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	3	ECTS credits			2.0		
Learning profile	general academic profile	Assessment form			assessment		
Conducting unit	Department of Polymer Technology -> Faculty of Chemistry -> Faculties of Gdańsk University of Technology						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. inż. Janusz Datta				
	Teachers		prof. dr hab. inż. Janusz Datta				
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		5.0		15.0	50
Subject objectives	Knowledge of structure-property relationships in polymers and methods of their characterization						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome			Method of verification		
	[K7_W06] Knows the theoretical basics the functioning of scientific equipment in the fields of science and scientific disciplines relevant to materials engineering.	The student knows the theoretical basis of functioning of research equipment appropriate for polymers testing			[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge		
	[K7_U03] Can formulate a research hypothesis, design an experiment needed to prove it and use properly selected measuring and laboratory methods.	Student is able to design research tasks, which permit to determine properties of plastics and factors responsible for their failure			[SU5] Assessment of ability to present the results of task [SU3] Assessment of ability to use knowledge gained from the subject		
	[K7_W02] Knows experimental, observatory and numerical techniques, as well as methods of building mathematical models relevant to materials engineering; can independently recreate basic theorems and laws, and their proofs.	The student knows experimental techniques (including spectroscopic, chromatographic and thermal analysis techniques) appropriate for polymeric materials			[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge		
	[K7_U04] Can undertake a detailed analysis of the obtained results and develop a technical report or presentation, also in English.	The student is able to make a detailed analysis of the results from polymers testing			[SU5] Assessment of ability to present the results of task [SU1] Assessment of task fulfilment		

Subject contents	<p>Course content – lecture Introduction: Classification of polymers and their characterization. Crystalline and amorphous polymers. Physical states and viscoelastic properties of polymers. Average molecular weight and bimodal polymers. Characterization of plastics using spectroscopic (FTIR, NMR), chromatographic (HPLC, GPC), microscopic (SEM, TEM, AFM), thermal analysis (DSC, DMTA, TGA) and other techniques.</p> <p>Durability and degradation of plastics: Classification of polymer degradation processes. Functional additives for plastics preventing their degradation (e.g. antioxidants, photostabilizers and flame retardants).</p> <p>Analysis of plastics failure: Procedure, selection of testing techniques and analysis of obtained results. Analysis of exemplary plastics failures. Elements of monomers, polymers and functional additives toxicology.</p> <p>Physicochemistry of polymers surface: Polymer surface structure. Methods of polymer surface testing and modification</p> <p>Tribology of polymers: Mechanical-molecular theory of friction. Direct contact area during the friction of polymers. Mechanical and adhesive interactions. Influence of polymer structure and temperature on polymers friction coefficient. Physico-chemical phenomena occurring during polymer friction. Effects of lubricants. Modification of tribological properties of polymers. Triboelectric effect. Tribological wear.</p> <p>Recycling of plastics and environment protection: Sources of plastics waste, recycling methods, domestic and European Union regulations. Microplastics in environment: formation, identification and consequences of their presence in the environment. Plastics obtained using bio-based substances. Biodegradable plastics.</p>											
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Basic knowledge in the area of chemistry and technology of polymers											
Assessment methods and criteria	<table border="1" data-bbox="448 1001 1487 1128"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="448 1001 794 1037">Subject passing criteria</th> <th data-bbox="794 1001 1141 1037">Passing threshold</th> <th data-bbox="1141 1001 1487 1037">Percentage of the final grade</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 1037 794 1072">written tests (three in the term)</td> <td data-bbox="794 1037 1141 1072">50.0%</td> <td data-bbox="1141 1037 1487 1072">50.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 1072 794 1128">written and oral works during seminar</td> <td data-bbox="794 1072 1141 1128">50.0%</td> <td data-bbox="1141 1072 1487 1128">50.0%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade	written tests (three in the term)	50.0%	50.0%	written and oral works during seminar	50.0%	50.0%
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Recommended reading	Basic literature	(1) G.W. Ehrenstein, Ż. Brocka-Krzemińska: <i>Materiały polimerowe: Struktura, właściwości, zastosowanie</i> , PWN, Warszawa 2016 (2) J.F. Rabek: <i>Polimery i ich zastosowania interdyscyplinarne</i> , Tom 1 i 2, PWN, Warszawa 2021 (3) W. Szlezyngier, Z.K. Brzozowski: <i>Tworzywa sztuczne. Tom III: Środki pomocnicze i specjalne zastosowania polimerów</i> , Wydawnictwo Oświatowe FOSZE, Rzeszów 2013										
	Supplementary literature	(1) J.F. Rabek: <i>Współczesna wiedza o polimerach. Tom 1: Budowa strukturalna polimerów i materiały badawcze</i> , PWN, Warszawa 2017 (2) J.F. Rabek: <i>Współczesna wiedza o polimerach. Tom 2: Polimery naturalne i syntetyczne, otrzymywanie i zastosowania</i> , PWN, Warszawa 2017										
	eResources addresses											
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Factors responsible for polymers degradation 2. Degradability of polyolefins, polyamides and polyesters. 3. Mechanisms of action of degradation stabilizers and antioxidants. 4. Factors and processes causing failure of plastic products. 5. Methods of testing the tribological properties of plastic 											
Practical activities within the subject	Not applicable											

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