

**MARINE SCIENCES:  
CHEMICAL PERSPECTIVES (CH 107)  
COURSE OUTLINE  
FALL SEMESTER 2001**

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**Required Textbook:** Pinet, Paul *R Invitation to Oceanography*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Jones and Bartlett Publishers, Sudbury, MA, 1999.

**Supplementary Books:**

Atkins, P. W., *Molecules*, W.H. Freeman, 1989.  
Gulko, David, *Hawaiian Coral Reef Ecology*, Mutual Publishing, 1999  
Atlas of Hawaii, Juvik, Sonia P. and Juvik James O., editors, University of Hawaii Press, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed., 1998.

**Web Pages:** [www.jbpub.com/oceanlink](http://www.jbpub.com/oceanlink)  
Explanatory and supplementary material; on-line review quizzes

**Exams and Grading:** Two 45-minute midterms, class discussions and homework assignments, class project, and a ninety minute comprehensive final.

Course Grade (all grades in percentages)  
– + .30 (average of the two midterms)  
+ .15 (class project)  
+ .25 (average of the class discussions and assignments)  
+30 (final)

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**Course Objectives:**

This is a course aimed at everybody who is interested in the oceans around us. As many diverse aspects of the marine environment are discussed, a molecular perspective will be emphasized. The oceans provide a habitat to a wealth of living organisms. Human beings also share this habitat to an increasing degree, a fact which has significant ecological consequence. From a chemical point of view, the ocean is a huge flask filled with water, where many chemical reactions take place. The climactic factors are just as important as the contents of this "flask" in determining the outcome of these reactions. As for the interactions of people, these can influence both what goes on inside and outside the flask. The science/chemistry background needed to follow the course will be provided on an individual basis rather than a repetitious review of general physical sciences.

It is hoped that the course will serve as a stepping stone for all science majors or intended science majors in demonstrating the direct relevance of many scientific concepts to our immediate environment. In addition, the course will develop an awareness of current issues and offer perspectives in economics, resource management, Hawaiian and Pacific Studies, as well as aesthetics. Finally, upon completing the course students are expected to have a better understanding of the marine environment and its inhabitants as well as an overall respect for the ocean.

Week	Date	Chapter in Text	Subject
1	8/27	1	Introduction to Marine Sciences... Oceanography, Oceanology, Marine Biology/Ecology, Marine Natural Products Chemistry, Related Disciplines... Oceans as sources of <u>inspiration</u> ...
1	8/29	2	<u>History</u> of Ocean Sciences... Current and future research...
1	8/31		No class: Academic Convocation
2	9/3		No class: Labor <u>Day</u>
2	9/5	2	The earth's structure... The fluid <u>spheres</u> ... The ocean floor...
2	9/7	2	The physiography of the ocean floor... Ocean basins... What is unique about Hawaii?
3	9/10	3	Continental drift and sea-floor <u>spreading</u> ... <u>Paleomagnetism</u> ...
3	9/12	3	Plate tectonics...
			<u>Earthquakes, tsunamis, other disasters influencing marine environments</u> ...
4	9/17	5	The properties of sea-water: basic chemical notions, atoms, molecules, sub-atomic articles
4	9/19	Supp. Mat.	Ions: <u>Monoatomic</u> , of atomic... Molecules... <u>Organic</u> and <u>Inorganic</u> molecules...
4	9/21	5	Gases dissolved in seawater...
5	9/24	Su . Mat.	Scuba <u>Diving: Physical and physiological aspects</u> ...
5	9/26	Su . Mat.	Scuba Diving: <u>Equipment</u> and <u>safety</u> ... Gas laws...
5	9/28	Supp. Mat. 5	<u>Acidity/Basicity</u> ... The carbon dioxide story... Buffering... The concept of chemical <u>equilibrium</u> (and further extensions to <u>evolutionary principles</u> )...
6	10/1	5	<u>Physical properties of water: Heat Capacity, salinity</u> ...
6	10/3		FIRST MIDTERM EXAM
6	10/5	4	Sediments in the sea...
7	10/8		<i>No Class: Discoverer's <u>Day</u></i>
7	10/10	6	Atmospheric processes: Movements of air, <u>Effects</u> of the earth's movement (The Coriolis Deflection)
7	10/12	6	Surface ocean currents...
8	10/15	6	<u>Deep</u> ocean circulation...
8	10/17	7	Ocean waves...
8	10/19	7	Properties of waves and wave mechanics... Tsunamis...
9	10/22	7(8) Su . Mat.	Tide/Wave relationships... Ocean waves and recreation: <u>Surfing</u>
9	10/24	Su . Mat.	History and culture of surfing in Hawaii... <u>Surfboards</u> ...
9	10/26	Su . Mat.	<u>Shaping</u> and <u>repairing surfboards</u> ... <u>Polymers</u> ...
10	10/29	Supp. Mat.	Comparison of small and large molecules... Linkages between molecules... Monomeric units... Biological <u>polymers</u> ...
10	10/31	8	Tides: Origins and Movements...
10	11/2	9	Marine <u>Ecology</u> : Marine habitats, Classification of marine <u>organisms</u> ...
11	11/5	9 (10)	Adaptive strategies... <u>Symbiotic relationships</u> ... <u>Photosynthesis</u> ...
11	11/7	9	Chemical communication and Defense mechanisms...
11	11/9	Su . Mat.	"Good chemists" among marine organisms...
12	11/12		<i>No Class: Veteran's <u>Day</u></i>
12	11/14	Su . Mat.	Marine natural <u>products</u> ... Chemist and <u>ecology</u> hand in hand...
12	11/16		SECOND MIDTERM EXAM
13	11/19	10	More on <u>photosynthesis</u> ... Oceans as chemical media
13	11/21	10	Chemical and environmental <u>efficiency</u> in the oceans... <u>Mixing</u> in the ocean...
13	11/23		No Class: Thanksgiving Break
14	11/26	11 (12)	Shorelines: Beaches, Coastal dunes... Shorelines of the Hawaiian Islands: Coral reefs and other coastal habitats...
14	11/28	11	Impact of <u>people</u> on shorelines... Environmental <u>pollution</u> ...
14	11/30	(15)	Larger inhabitants of the ocean: Marine mammals... Interactions between people and oceans... Marine mammals in <u>captivity</u> ...
15	12/3	(14)	Ocean recreation... Boating...
15	12/5	Supp. Mat.	Basic boating skills... <u>Navigation</u> ...
15	12/7	Supp. Mat. 14	Safe boating... Equipment... Law of the sea
	12/12		FINAL EXAM ( <u>Wednesday</u> : 10:30)

# MARINE SCIENCES: CHEMICAL PERSPECTIVES

## LAB (CH 107L)

### COURSE OUTLINE

### FALL SEMESTER 2001

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#### Objectives:

The main objective of this lab course is to introduce students to hands-on experience in marine sciences. Since most experimental work in this area involves work in the field, there will be a number of field trips to ecologically unique areas as well as to research institutions, where the students will observe and/or collect various marine organisms. Experience in isolation and separation techniques will provide the students with the skills necessary in the preservation and the chemical analyses of marine samples.

#### Requirements:

Each student will keep a note-book, where the experiments will be recorded and the field trips written up. Further reports will be prepared as instructed.

#### Grading:

The lab grade will be based on the following criteria:

Lab note-book	25%
Lab reports	20%
Experimental results	20%
Attendance	35%

#### LABSCHEDULE

<u>Week</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Experiment</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
1	8/29	Introduction	
2	9/5	Distillation of sea-water: <u>Density</u> v.s. <u>salinity</u> correlations	Hand-out
3	9/12	Visit to Waikiki <u>Aquarium</u>	Hand-out
4	9/19	Underwater observations: Atlantis submarine	Hand-out
5	9/26	Dissolved <u>gases</u> : Ammonia fountain	Hand-out
6	10/2	Estuaries: Visit to "Alan Davis Estuary" Sample collecting, reservation, and <u>freeze-drying</u>	Hand-out
7	10/9	Solvent-solvent <u>separation techniques</u>	Hand-out
8	10/17	Underwater <u>techniques</u> : SCUBA	Hand-out
9	10/24	Survey of <u>polymers</u> (how to fix a surfboard... )	<b>Hand-out</b>
10	10/31	Boating	Hand-out
11	11/7	Visit to the Coast Guard Station	
12	11/14	Chemistry of sea-food: A comparison of local and world-wide <u>recipes</u>	
13	11/21	Underwater <u>growth</u> measurements	Hand-out
14	11/28	Poster <u>presentations</u> of <u>project reports</u>	Hand-out
15	12/5	<u>Conclusion</u>	

*\*the schedule may be modified in view of weather conditions*