**Course:** MATLS 2B03  
**Title:** Introduction to the Thermodynamics of Materials

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**Schedule:**  
Lectures: Thursday 12:30-14:20, CHN 103  
Office Hours: Tuesday: 13:00-15:00, JHE-213C  
Tutorials: Monday 12:30-14:20, JHE 326H  
Labs: Tuesday 8:30-10:30 (Group 1), Wednesday 14:30-16:30 (Group 2)

**Teaching Assistants:**  
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- Bita Pourbahari  
- Zhen Li

**Calendar Description:**  

Two lectures (one 2-hour sessions), Two tutorials (one 2-hour session), one lab (two hours, Every other Week); first term  
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 1A03 or 1E03.
Course Topics:
Week 1: Significance of thermodynamics.
Week 2: First law of thermodynamics.
Week 3: Second law of thermodynamics.
Week 4: Auxiliary Functions.
Week 5: Heat Capacity, Enthalpy & Entropy.
Week 6: Reading Week.
Week 7: Third law of thermodynamics.
Week 8: Equilibrium in one component systems.
Week 9: Behavior of gases.
Week 10: Gas-Solid Reactions.
Week 11: Electrochemistry.
Week 12: Review.

Course Objectives:
At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:
   a) Describe changes in state with special emphasis on isothermal and adiabatic pathways. Calculate heat, work, enthalpy, entropy and internal energy changes for an ideal gas undergoing these changes of state. Describe the first law of thermodynamics qualitatively and quantitatively.
   b) Distinguish between state functions and path dependent quantities.
   c) Understand the concepts of enthalpy and entropy.
   d) Describe the second law of thermodynamics and relate it to reversible and irreversible processes and the efficiency of a process.
   e) Be able to analyze and construct P-T diagrams of unary systems and use information they contain for solving engineering problems.
   f) Ability to describe gases in terms of the ideal gas law and van der Waals equation.
   g) Ability to split an electrochemical reaction to anodic and cathodic processes and calculate its thermodynamic characteristics.
   h) Identify equilibrium conditions for simple gas reactions.

Professional Development:
MATLS 2B03 is an important part of your training as an engineer. In particular items (a-h) will contribute to your specialized engineering knowledge (CEAB attribute 1.4). Many courses will build on the knowledge gained in this course, including MATLS 2D03, 3B03, 3C03, 3T04, 4C03 and 4D03.
Primary Textbook:

Other useful Resources:
• Peter Atkins, Four Laws that Drive the Universe
• David Ragone, Thermodynamics of Materials
• Robert DeHoff, Thermodynamics in Materials Science

Laboratories:
Laboratories are scheduled as below. During each lab, the TAs will guide you through a series of activities related to the corresponding topic. The labs will cover four themes:
(1) Engines: Oct 4 (Group 1), Oct 5 (Group 2)
(2) Heat-Capacity: Nov 8 (Group 1), Nov 9 (Group 2)
(3) Calorimetry: Nov 22 (Group 1), Nov 23 (Group 2)
(4) Formation and Concentration Cells: Dec 7 (Group 1), Dec 8 (Group 2)

Evaluation:
Lab Participation 8% (4 labs in total)*
Lecture & Tutorial Participation 8% **
Assignments 16% (4 assignments in total)***
Quizzes 34% (2 quizzes)
Final Exam 34% (2.5 hr exam)

* You will receive 2% for attending each of the labs, performing the required tasks and participating in the lab discussion with the TA. All students are expected to keep take notes and perform some calculations during the lab. An image of the calculations should be uploaded on Avenue to receive full credit.

** To earn the participation mark, one must answer the true/false and multiple-choice participation questions during class. Attending <25% of the lectures and tutorials will result in a participation mark of 0%, attending 25-49% of the lectures and tutorials will lead to a participation mark of 2%. Attendance in the range of 50 to 74% will lead to 4% and attendance of >75% will lead to a participation mark of 8%.

***Assignments are to be submitted into the appropriate drop-off box on Avenue. Late submissions will be penalized 25% per day.
• Stuff happens! You can submit one of your assignments up to 3 days late without any penalty.
Important Notices to Students from the University Administration

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You are expected to exhibit honesty and use ethical behaviour in all aspects of the learning process. Academic credentials you earn are rooted in principles of honesty and academic integrity. It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty.

Academic dishonesty is to knowingly act or fail to act in a way that results or could result in unearned academic credit or advantage. This behaviour can result in serious consequences, e.g. the grade of zero on an assignment, loss of credit with a notation on the transcript (notation reads: “Grade of F assigned for academic dishonesty”), and/or suspension or expulsion from the university. For information on the various types of academic dishonesty please refer to the Academic Integrity Policy, located at https://secretariat.mcmaster.ca/university-policies-procedures-guidelines/

The following illustrates only three forms of academic dishonesty:

- plagiarism, e.g. the submission of work that is not one’s own or for which other credit has been obtained.
- improper collaboration in group work.
- copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

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Some courses may use a web-based service (Turnitin.com) to reveal authenticity and ownership of student submitted work. For courses using such software, students will be expected to submit their work electronically either directly to Turnitin.com or via an online learning platform (e.g. A2L, etc.) using plagiarism detection (a service supported by Turnitin.com) so it can be checked for academic dishonesty.

Students who do not wish their work to be submitted through the plagiarism detection software must inform the Instructor before the assignment is due. No penalty will be assigned to a student who does not submit work to the plagiarism detection software. All submitted work is subject to normal verification that standards of academic integrity have been upheld (e.g., on-line search, other software, etc.). For more details about McMaster’s use of Turnitin.com please go to www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity.

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last names, user names for the McMaster e-mail accounts, and program affiliation may become apparent to all other students in the same course. The available information is dependent on the technology used. Continuation in a course that uses on-line elements will be deemed consent to this disclosure. If you have any questions or concerns about such disclosure please discuss this with the course instructor.

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Students requiring academic accommodation based on religious, indigenous or spiritual observances should follow the procedures set out in the RISO policy. Students should submit their request to their Faculty Office normally within 10 working days of the beginning of term in which they anticipate a need for accommodation or to the Registrar’s Office prior to their examinations. Students should also contact their instructors as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements for classes, assignments, and tests.

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EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES

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