Content of CHEM 330

1. Generalities

- 1.1 Definition and Classification of Polymers
- 1.2 Natural polymers
- 1.3 Synthetic polymers

2. Determination of structure and microstructure

- **2.1** Chemical structure and microstructure
 - 2.1.1 Naming the polymers and copolymers
 - 2.1.2 Definition of the polymer structures
 - 2.1.3 Definition of the polymer microstructure (tacticity, cis, trans, etc)
- 2.2 Polymer crystalline and polymer amorphous

3. Polymerization and copolymerization of monomers

- 3.1 Properties of polyaddition reaction
- 3.1.1 Free Radical Polymerization
- 3.1.2 Controlled radical polymerization (CRP)
- 3.1-3 Anionic polymerization
- 3.1.4 Cationic polymerization
- 3.1.5 Coordination polymerizations
- 3.2 Properties of free radical copolymerization reaction
- 3.2.1 Alternative Copolymer
- 3.2.2 Random copolymers
- 3.2.3 Block copolymers
- 3.2.4 Grafting copolymers

4. Techniques used to Determine the average molecular weight

- 4.1 Notion of molecular mass in the polymers (statistical calculation)
- 4.2 Experimental methods used to determine the molecular mass of polymers
 - 4.2.1 Viscosimetry
 - 4.2-2 Osmometry
 - 4.2.3 Terminal group evaluation
 - 4.2.3 Size exclusion Chromatography
 - 4.2.4 Light scattering

5. Thermal properties of polymers

- 5.1 DSC technique and the transition, melting and crystallization principles
- 5.2 TGA technique and degradation, depolymerization and thermal stability notions