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ROWAN COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

PROPOSAL TITLE: SEPARATION PROCESSES 1406-401

X UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATE 4 CREDIT HOURS (w/lab)

SPONSOR(S): C. Stewart Slater and School of Engineering Curriculum Committee

DEPARTMENT & TELEPHONE# Chemical Engineering, x4631

CHECK ONE: X COURSE MINOR PROGRAM CONCENTRATION SPECIALIZATION ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM MAJOR PROGRAM

Table with 3 columns: STEP #1 (DEPARTMENT), STEP #2 (RECEIPT), STEP #3 (SCHOOL). Includes fields for APPROVED/DATE, SCC#, DATE RECEIVED, REVIEWED DATE, and various recommendation options.

STEP #4 (ACADEMIC DEAN) COMMENTS: RECOMMEND NOT RECOMMEND CONDITIONALLY RECOMMEND (SEE COMMENTS) DATE & SIGNATURE, DEAN OF SCHOOL

STEP #5 (SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE) DATE OF OPEN HEARING 9/23/96 APPROVED BY SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (DATE) 9/23/96 RETURNED TO SPONSOR(S) FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

STEP #6 (SENATE) DATE PRESENTED TO SENATE 9/25/96 APPROVED NOT APPROVED NOTIFICATION TO EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/PROVOST (DATE) 9/25/96 SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR SIGNATURE/DATE

STEP #7 (EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/PROVOST)

DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:  YES  NO

IF NO, REASONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

STUDENT CREDIT HOURS \_\_\_\_\_

FACULTY LOAD HOURS \_\_\_\_\_

EQUALIZED CREDIT HOURS \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL COPY & APPROVAL SHEET FILED (DATE) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/PROVOST [Signature]

REGISTRAR

DATE APPROVED COURSE DESCRIPTION RECEIVED 14 May 97

HEGIS TAXONOMY AND COURSE NUMBER ASSIGNED 1906-401

DATE/SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR B. J. Kelsey

NOTIFICATION FORWARD:

\_\_\_ SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON(S)

\_\_\_ ACADEMIC DEAN(S)

\_\_\_ REGISTRAR

\_\_\_ SPONSOR(S)

**Course Proposal****1. Details:**

- a) Course Title:** Separation Processes  
**b) Sponsor:** School of Engineering Curriculum Committee  
 Dr. C. Stewart Slater, Chemical Engineering  
**c) Credit Hours:** 4 credit hours (lecture and laboratory)  
**d) Course Level:** Senior (0906.401)  
**e) Curricular Effect:** Requirement for Chemical Engineering majors  
**f) Prerequisites:** Fluid Mechanics, Math for Engineering Analysis II,  
 Transfer Processes I&II, Applied Chemical Thermo.  
**g) Suggested Time/  
 Scale of Implementation:** Fall 1999  
 1 section  
**h) Resources:** Faculty will be hired and laboratory equipment obtained  
 consistent with Engineering School multi-year budget.  
 Library acquisitions will be required.

**2. Rationale:**

The proposed course is part of the Engineering Curriculum Proposal approved by the College Senate in December 1994. The proposed course is consistent with the establishment of the School of Engineering approved by the Board of Trustees in February 1995. The title has been modified slightly for clarity purposes.

The proposed course is a Chemical Engineering Program Criteria requirement of the Education and Accreditation committee (EAC) of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) for accreditation of the program by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). The course will build on the concepts covered in the earlier Core course: Transfer Processes.

The area of separation technology is crucial for students obtaining a chemical engineering degree. Students need to learn the basic fundamentals of how a separation technique is used to purify, concentrate and fractionate a process stream. This technology is vital to many of the areas of chemical engineering such as organic and inorganic production, energy and environmental management and petroleum refining. Students need to learn about separation processes since they typically account for >50% of a give production facility cost and therefore have a significant economic impact on final product cost.

**3. Essence of the Course:****a) Objectives:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Classify separation and mass transfer processes by various methods.
2. Understand the difference between equilibrium stage and rate controlled separations.
3. Utilize analytical, graphical and computer methods to solve stage-wise separation operations.
4. Perform scale-up and design calculations on continuous equilibrium operations of distillation, absorption and stripping.
5. Analyze the mass transfer/diffusional aspects of membrane operations of reverse osmosis and gas permeation.
6. Use process simulation software for commercial-scale separation processes.
7. Work in groups to solve open-ended design problems.
8. Understand the operational parameters of processes such as distillation, absorption, stripping, reverse osmosis, gas permeation through hands-on pilot-scale laboratory experience.

**b) Topical Outline:**

The topics to be covered are listed below. The instructor will supply the students with a syllabus during the first week of classes. The instructor will assess any technology advances in the subject matter prior to the course and make topic changes as deemed appropriate to maintain the level and currency of instruction.

Introduction and classification of separations

Vapor-liquid phase equilibrium

Form and sources of equilibrium data

Graphical representation of equilibrium data

Bubble-point and dew-point temperature calculations

Flash distillation

Binary flash distillation

Multicomponent flash distillation

Column distillation

Distillation equipment and cascades

External column balances

Internal stage-by-stage balances for binary systems

McCabe-Thiele method (graphical)

Lewis method (analytical)

- Multicomponent distillation
  - Calculation difficulties
  - Stage-by-stage calculations
  - Shortcut methods for approximate solution
    - Fenske, Underwood, Gilliland methods
  
- Staged and packed column design
  - Staged column equipment descriptions
  - Packed column equipment descriptions
  
- Absorption and stripping
  - Absorption and stripping equilibria
  - Operating lines for absorption and stripping analysis
  - Analytical solution - Kremser equations
  
- Membrane processes
  - Overview of membrane-based operations
  - Reverse osmosis
  - Gas permeation
  
- Sorption processes
  - Overview of sorption processes
  
- Laboratory experiments
  - Distillation
  - Absorption and stripping
  - Extraction
  - Reverse osmosis
  - Gas permeation

**c) Evaluation and Grading Procedure of Students:**

Student grades will be based on examinations, homework and/or projects. A course syllabus with a stated method of arriving the final grade, e.g., number of exams, projects, homework, laboratory experiments/reports percentage of grade, will be distributed to students the first week of classes.

**d) Course Evaluation:**

The proposed course will be evaluated on the basis of student evaluations and curriculum review by appropriate faculty.

**4. Results of Consultations:**

The proposed course is part of the Engineering Curriculum Proposal approved by the Faculty Senate in December 1994. Consultations were submitted with original proposal as specified by the Curriculum Committee. Consultations have been made with Chemistry faculty in the Department of Chemistry and Physics who have provided a letter of support.

## ***Catalog Description***

### **Separation Processes (0906.401)**

*(Prerequisites: Fluid Mechanics, Transfer Processes I&II, Applied Chemical Thermodynamics, Math for Engineering Analysis II)*

This course studies the principles, design and application of mass transfer separation processes. Equilibrium staged operations are presented with an emphasis on the application of analytical, graphical, and computer methods to the design of stagewise separation processes. Course topics include: binary and multicomponent distillation, absorption and stripping. The course provides an introduction to rate-controlled processes, such as membrane and sorption processes, and their design. Pilot-scale laboratory experiment in distillation, absorption, gas permeation and reverse osmosis will be conducted.



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*Department of Chemistry and Physics*

To: Curriculum Committee  
From: Robert Newland, Chairperson   
Subject: Chemical Engineering Senior-level required courses  
Date: February 15, 1996

I have examined the course proposals listed below and find them in accord with the previously submitted curriculum plan. I also have noted where courses require chemistry and /or physics prerequisites or the prerequisites require such courses and am convinced there are no additional resources required to meet this demand for our courses. We fully support these proposals.

Separation Processes  
Process Dynamics and Control  
Chemical Reaction Engineering  
Chemical Plant Design