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Department of Chemical Sciences

Graduate Course on

Organic and Inorganic Chemistry

How to plan synthesis of new molecules?

This course will highlight tools and methodologies that aid in sculpting molecules. We will provide a comprehensive insight into advanced organic and organometallic chemistry starting with a brief overview of basic concepts and then delve into details of reactions and principles.

Course Contents

- How to introduce new functionalities into a molecule? Functional group interconversions and bio-conjugation reactions
- Forming new bonds: Addition and reduction reactions
- Tracking and trapping reactive intermediates
- Methodologies for making receptors and ligands
- Basics of organometallic chemistry
- How to design new molecules: Principles of retrosynthetic analysis and multistep synthesis
- Special Topics on carbon-hydrogen bond activation, catalysis, light-activated reactions, supramolecular chemistry, and routes from synthetic biology to new chemistry, catalysis using 1st row transition metals and main group elements, organic and inorganic chemistry with f-block elements.

Prescribed Text:

1. Advanced Organic Chemistry, Francis A. Carey and Richard J. Sundberg, Part B: Reactions and Synthesis
2. The Organometallic Chemistry of the Transition Metals, Robert H. Crabtree, 5th Edition and lecture notes Prof. Jeffery Schwartz, Princeton University, 2000

(For detailed course content, see Courses in the webpage of the Chemistry Subject Board)

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The first lecture starts on August 6, 2017.