1. KentVision Code and title of the module

FSCI3030 – Core Inorganic and Physical Chemistry for Forensic Science

## Division and School/Department or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module

Division of Natural Sciences (Chemistry and Forensic Science)

## The level of the module (Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)

Level 4

## The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents

15 credits (7.5 ECTS)

## Which term(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)

Spring

## Prerequisite and co-requisite modules and/or any module restrictions

None

## The course(s) of study to which the module contributes

Compulsory for the following courses:

BSc (Hons) Forensic Science

BSc (Hons) Forensic Science with a Year in Industry

BSc (Hons) Forensic Science with a Year Abroad

BSc (Hons) Forensic Science with a Foundation Year

MSci Forensic Science

Not available as an elective module

## The intended subject specific learning outcomes. On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

8.1 Demonstrate knowledge of core and foundation scientific chemical and physical concepts, terminology, theory, units, conventions and methods in relation to the chemical and forensic sciences;

8.2 Understand primary areas of chemistry including properties of chemical elements, states of matter, physiochemical principles, thermodynamics and inorganic chemistry;

8.3 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to inorganic and physical chemistry and to apply such knowledge and understanding to the solution of qualitative and quantitative problems;

8.4 Demonstrate an ability to recognise and analyse problems and plan strategies for their solution by the evaluation, interpretation and synthesis of scientific information and data to a foundational level;

8.5 Demonstrate the ability to collate, interpret and explain the significance and underlying theory of experimental data, including an assessment of limits of accuracy.

## The intended generic learning outcomes. On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

9.1 Demonstrate a range of appropriate communication skills;

9.2 Demonstrate generic skills needed for students to undertake further training of a professional nature;

9.3 Demonstrate problem-solving skills, relating to qualitative and quantitative information, extending to situations where evaluations have to be made on the basis of limited information;

9.4 Demonstrate numeracy and computational skills, including such aspects as error analysis, order-of-magnitude estimations, correct use of units, and modes of data presentation;

9.5 Demonstrate information-retrieval skills, in relation to primary and secondary information sources, including information retrieval through on-line computer searches;

9.6 Demonstrate information-technology skills such as word-processing and spreadsheet use, data-logging and storage, Internet communication, etc;

9.7 Demonstrate time-management and organisational skills, as evidenced by the ability to plan and implement efficient and effective modes of working. Self-management and organisational skills with the capacity to support life-long learning;

9.8 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to the subject and to apply such knowledge and understanding to the solution of qualitative and quantitative problems;

9.9 Demonstrate an ability to recognise and analyse problems and plan strategies for their solution by the evaluation, interpretation and synthesis of scientific information and data.

## A synopsis of the curriculum

This module will provide forensic science students with some of the core understanding in inorganic and physical chemistry. These aspects will underpin students’ understanding of Analytical Techniques and the Chemistry related to various forensic processes, leading to an enhanced understanding of Forensic Chemistry.

## Reading list

## The University is committed to ensuring that core reading materials are in accessible electronic format in line with the Kent Inclusive Practices.

## The most up to date reading list for each module can be found on the university's [reading list pages](https://kent.rl.talis.com/index.html).

## Contact Hours

Private Study: 124

Contact Hours: 26

Total: 150

## Assessment methods

13.1 Main assessment methods

* Online Quiz 1 (1 hour) – 5%
* Online Quiz 2 (1 hour) – 5%
* Assessed Worksheet 1 (4 hours) – 15%
* Assessed Worksheet 2 (4 hours) – 15%
* Examination (2 hours) – 60%

13.2 Reassessment methods

* 100% Examination

## Map of module learning outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to learning and teaching methods (section 12) and methods of assessment (section 13)

**Module learning outcomes against learning and teaching methods:**

| **Module learning outcome** | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.8 | 9.9 |
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| Private Study | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Workshop | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |  | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Lectures | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |  | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |  | **x** | **x** | **x** |

**Module learning outcomes against assessment methods:**

| **Module learning outcome** | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.8 | 9.9 |
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| Online Quizzes | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |  |  | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Assessed Worksheets | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Examination | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |  | **x** | **x** | **x** |

## Inclusive module design

The Division recognises and has embedded the expectations of current equality legislation, by ensuring that the module is as accessible as possible by design. Additional alternative arrangements for students with Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)/declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the relevant policies and support services.

The inclusive practices in the guidance (see Annex B Appendix A) have been considered in order to support all students in the following areas:

a) Accessible resources and curriculum

b) Learning, teaching and assessment methods

## Campus(es) or centre(s) where module will be delivered

Canterbury

## Internationalisation

Science is an international discipline with widely applicable international resonance. This module presents subject-specific knowledge generated, developed, and refined by scientists around the world. Mastery of the learning outcomes will equip students to apply the knowledge in a wide range of international contexts and these will be addressed in making the content relevant to current global issues. The Division of Natural Sciences is an international community of students and staff and group activities and teaching will provide a platform for internationally-focussed discussion.

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**Module record – all revisions must be recorded in the grid and full details of the change retained in the appropriate committee records.**

| Date approved | New/Major/minor revision | Start date of delivery of (revised) version | Section revised  (if applicable) | Impacts PLOs (Q6&7 cover sheet) |
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| 8 Dec 2021 | Minor | Sept 2022 | 12-14 | No |
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