SC-4325

MODULE DETAILS			
Module Code:	SC-4325		
Module Title:	Reactive intermediates in Organic Syntheses		
Module Level:	4 (Undergraduate)		
Degree/Diploma:	Bachelor of Science (Chemistry)		
Type of Module:	Major Option		
Modular Credits:	2		
Prerequisite:	None		
Anti-requisite:	None		
Module Delivery			
Mode of Delivery:	Lectures 2 x per week, plus tutorials		
Semester Offered:	August		
Time Commitment:	The total expected student workload is 5 h a week.		
	Contact hours are 2 hr per week.		
	Total time commitment per semester is 70 h.		
Module Synopsis:			
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MODULE AIMS, TEACHING METHODS, ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT				
Aims:	The module is designed for the students to gain knowledge on selected reactive intermediates in organic synthesis, free radicals and learn the basic concepts of organic photochemistry.			
Learning Outcomes:	On successful completion of this module, a student will be expected to be able to:			
	Knowledge and Understanding			
	Lower order: (40%)	 gain knowledge on the formation, reactivity and stability of free radicals and know the basic concepts of organic photochemistry and mechanism reactions involved 		
	Application and Analysis			

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	Middle order: (40%)	 to be able to explain the structure, bonding, generation and reactivity of carbenes and nitrenes, intra- and intermolecular addition reaction of carbenes to double bonds 		
	Evaluation & Synthesis, Competence, Communication, and Values & Attitude			
	Higher order: (20%)	- work independently and collaboratively in a team		
Module Content:	 Radicals: General principles of free radical chain reactions; reactivity and stability of free radicals; the use of free radicals in carbon-carbon bond formation; introduction to the various radical initiators. -Carbenes: Formation of singlet and triplet carbenes as well as nitrenes and their addition to carbon carbon double bonds; mechanisms of 1,4- and 1,6-addition reactions; stereochemistry of addition of carbene and nitrene to double bonds; reactivity in addition reactions; insertion reaction and rearrangement. -Photochemistry: Consequences of absorption of light by molecules, principles and reactions of carbon-carbon double bonds; diazo compounds and azides; the photochemistry of carbonyl compounds will also be discussed including Norrish Type-I, Norrish Type, Norrish Type-II processes, hydrogen abstraction and the Paterno-Büchi reaction. 			
Teaching methods				
Details of teaching and learning activities:	Lectures and tutorials will be delivered in lecture rooms; class discussions to take place within or at the end of lessons; Drawing of "mechanisms of a reaction" and discussions on the whiteboard during tutorials <i>Allocation of Teaching and Learning Activities</i>			
	Tutorials:	One hour per week		
	Laboratory/ Practicals:	N/A		
	Fieldtrips:	N/A		
Assessment tasks	•			
Details and type of assessments on this module:	Formative assessment	Tutorial and feedback		
	Summative assessment	 Examination: 60% Types of assessment employed: Written examination paper: 4 questions from choice of 6 questions; Questions for the written exams: short-answer questions, definitions/drawing our mechanism/predict structure; 		
		Coursework: 40% - 1 written assignment (10%) - 1 oral presentation (10%) - 2 class tests (20%)		
Support and additio	nal information			

Attendance Policy/Requirement:	Students are expected to attend all taught sessions throughout the module including tutorial discussions
Notes:	
Breadth Options:	Not a breadth option
	2. Photochemistry and Pericyclic Reactions, Jagdamba Singh and Jaya Singh, Revised 2nd Edition, New Age International Publishers
Learning Support (References):	Essential/Further reading: 1. Organic Chemistry by Clayden, Greeves, Warren and Wothers, Second edition, 2012, Oxford University Press.