**Cover Sheet: Request 10486**

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Course Title: Bio-Based Products from Renewable Resources
Transcript Title: Bio-Based Products
Effective Term: Earliest Available
Effective Year: Earliest Available
Rotating Topic?: No
Amount of Credit: 3
Repeatable Credit?: No
S/U Only?: No
Contact Type: Regularly Scheduled
Degree Type: Baccalaureate
Weekly Contact Hours: 3
Category of Instruction: Joint (Ugrad/Grad)
Delivery Method(s): On-Campus
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Prerequisites: CHM 2045 or CHM 2095 and CHM 2046 or CHM 2096 or equivalent general chemistry courses, or instructor permission.
Corequisites: None
Rationale and Placement in Curriculum: This course was developed to offer additional (and well-needed) elective credit for Biological Engineers primarily, and will be used as either a departmental elective or an engineering elective. Its placement in the curriculum as an elective makes it attractive for junior and senior Biological Engineering students. It will also serve as elective credit for other engineering majors as well as science-based majors.
Course Objectives: This course is to provide students an overview of status quo and future direction of the engineering bioproducts from renewable resources. Topics are selected to cover the fundamental understanding, conversion technologies, and practical applications from renewable biomass to energy, fuel, materials, and chemicals. The students should gain knowledge about fundamental principles of bioproducts from renewable resources and also gain basic skills to further work in such areas as biorefinery and bioproducts.
Course Textbook(s) and/or Other Assigned Reading: No textbook. References: Biorefineries—Industrial Processes and Products, Birgit Kamm, Patrick R. Gruber, Michael Kamm, 2006, and Sustainable Production of Fuels, Chemicals and Fibers from Forest Biomass, Junyong (J.Y. ) Zhu, Xiao Zhang, and Xuejun (Jun) Pan, 2011.
Weekly Schedule of Topics: Course Outline:
Week
Biorefinery and biobased products overview

1 Biomass properties, characterization and chemistry
2 Fundamental principles - biomass conversion processes
3 Energy fuels from biomass

4-8 Spring Break

9 Chemicals from biomass

10 Midterm Exam

11 Materials from Biomass

11-14 Class project presentation

15 Reading week

16 Final Exam

17 **Grading Scheme**: Attendance 5%
Homework 25%
Term Presentation 10%
Lab Reports 10%
Midterm Exam 25%
Final Exam 25%

Grading Scale:

A 90-100%
B 81-89%
C 70-79%
D 60-69%
E < 60%

**Instructor(s)**: Zhaohui Tong
1. **Catalog Description:** 3 credits. This course is to provide the knowledge for the production of fuels, chemicals and materials from renewable resources. The course includes the fundamental principles and practical applications of bio-based products: biorefinery and biobased products overview, fundamental concepts in understanding biorefinery and biobased products; materials, chemical platforms, and fuels from biomass.

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4. **Relationship of course to ABET program outcomes:** This course addresses ABET Program outcomes (a), (d), (g), (h), (j) and (k).

   (a) Apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering
   (b) Design and conduct experiments, as well as analyze and interpret data
   (c) Design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs
   (d) Function on multi-disciplinary teams
   (e) Identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems
   (f) Understand professional and ethical responsibilities
   (g) Communicate effectively
   (h) Understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global and societal context
   (i) Recognize the need for, and engage in life long learning
   (j) Understand contemporary engineering issues
   (k) Use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice

5. **Instructor:** Zhaohui Tong
   a. Office location: 103 Rogers Hall
   b. Telephone: 352-392-1864 x 103
   c. E-mail address: ztong@ufl.edu
   d. Web site:
   e. Office hours: by appointment (8AM-5PM, M-F)

6. **Teaching Assistant:** None

7. **Meeting Times:** 10:40am-11:30am (T) and 10:40am-12:35pm (R)

8. **Class/Laboratory Schedule:** None
9. **Meeting Location:** 106 Rogers Hall

10. **Material and Supply Fees:** none

11. **Textbooks Required:** No textbook required

12. **Reference books:**

   Title: Biorefineries-Industrial Processes and Products  
   Editor(s): Birgit Kamm, Patrick R. Gruber, Michael Kamm  
   Publication date: 2006  
   Edition: First edition  
   ISBN: 3-527-31194-7  
   Publisher(s): Wiley-VCH Verlag GmbH &Co. KGaA

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13. **Course Outline (tentative):**

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14. **Attendance and Expectations:** Attendance is required. It is vital to class participation and in-class discussion. Absences for which a medical or court excuse is provided (professional letterhead required) will be excused. Any tardiness or early departure from class of 10 minutes will be figured as a half absence. Five absences will result in losing the grading for **Attendance** of 5%. Greater than five absences will result in the next lower letter grade.
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A C- will not be a qualifying grade for critical tracking courses. In order to graduate, students must have an overall GPA and an upper-division GPA of 2.0 or better (C or better). Note: a C- average is equivalent to a GPA of 1.67, and therefore, it does not satisfy this graduation requirement. For more information on grades and grading policies, please visit: [http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html](http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html)

16. Exam: There are two formal exams for this course.

17. Honesty Policy – All students admitted to the University of Florida have signed a statement of academic honesty committing them to be honest in all academic work and understanding that failure to comply with this commitment will result in disciplinary action. This statement is a reminder to uphold your obligation as a UF student and to be honest in all work submitted and exams taken in this course and all others.

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ABE 6933C: ADVANCED BIO-BASED PRODUCTS FROM RENEWABLE RESOURCES

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**MEMO**

**DATE:** December 16, 2015  
**TO:** College of Engineering Curriculum Committee Members  
**FROM:** James D. Leary, ABE Department  
**RE:** Differences in Grad/Undergrad, Dual-Listed Courses

ABE6XXX, *Advanced Bio-Based Products from Renewable Resources* and ABE4XXX, *Bio-Based Products from Renewable Resources* are dual-listed courses. ABE6XXX was approved separately from ABE4XXX, so a review of the requirements between the two was difficult. The differences in the requirements are summarized directly below as taken from each syllabus.

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The primary difference between the two courses is that the graduate course requires a Course Project worth 20% of the grade, while the undergraduate course has a Term Presentation worth 10% of the grade. Other minor differences of 5% are in Homework and the Midterm Exam.
Biorefineries are integrated biomass-conversion processes used to generate biobased products such as biofuels (e.g., biobutanol and bioethanol), bioenergy (heat and power), and biobased chemicals and materials [1,2]. Biorefineries are analogous to present day petroleum refineries. Biorefineries for the valorization of biowaste to produce products and bioenergy are gaining considerable momentum in developed counties. The age-old concept of landfills is discouraged because of a variety of problems: (1) from a global perspective, land resources are under immense pressure; (2) landfills produce greenhouse gases; and (3) valuable resources are being buried (Table 1.2).