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# **Polymer Education and Human Development in Graduate Courses in an Industry-University Cooperation**

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適塾：大阪大学の原点



1838

175<sup>th</sup>

22世紀に輝く



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大阪大学  
OSAKA UNIVERSITY





# Osaka University

## Past, Present, and Future



**1838** - Origin in 'Tekijuku',  
academy of Dutch studies



**1931** - Osaka Imperial University's Foundation



**2014** - 11 Schools • 16 Graduate Schools  
29 Centers and Institutes • 2 Hospitals...  
**Japan's Leading Research University**

Evolving towards the future

**2031** – Osaka University's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Aspiring to be  
one of the world's top 10 research universities**



# Osaka University

4 campuses — Suita, Toyonaka, Minoh, and Nakanoshima  
11 schools, 16 graduate schools, 29 research institutes/centers  
2 university hospitals, and 4 libraries

**One of Japan's most outstanding comprehensive universities**

## Students

Undergraduates	15,562
Graduates	7,999
Others	1,050
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,611</b>

## Faculty and staff

Faculty	5,066
Staff	4,718
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,784</b>

**International Students : 1,985** (as of May 1, 2013)



# **Program of Human Resource Development by Industry-University Cooperation (2009-2011)**

Supported by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)

## **Osaka University**

### **Program of Core Human Development for Manufacturing on the Basis of Polymer Science and Engineering**

#### **Program Purpose**

Resolution of mismatch between needs from industry and actual education in university in relation to human resource development in the chemical field

#### **Project Members**

- ✓ Osaka University (3 graduate schools)
- ✓ 6 Companies (core: Mitsubishi Chemical & Kaneka)
- ✓ 4 Societies/Organizations



# Background



## Current Situation (University Side)

### Undergraduate Students and Master-course Students

- Decline in Basic Academic Skills
- Unbalance of Subjects by Research-oriented Education  
(Deficient offer of subjects on polymer science & engineering and chemical engineering, resulting in little response to demands of industry)

### Doctor-course Students

- Drop in advancement rate in doctor course
- Research ability of postdoctorals  
(Low activity to design and develop researches based on wide vision, resulting in insufficient response to requests in industry side for supply of high-level and diverse researchers)

### Academics

- Insufficient recognition for current situation of industry
- Low ability of academics for high-level education in response to demands of the present age



Discussion from Recognition of Current Situation  
by University and Industry

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# School of Engineering

## Graduate School of Engineering



- ✓ School of Engineering consists of 6 divisions including division of applied science
  - 3724 Undergraduate students (2013)
- ✓ Graduate School of Engineering consists of 10 divisions including division of applied chemistry
  - 165 Master course students (2013)
  - 62 Doctor course students (2013)





# Division of Applied Science



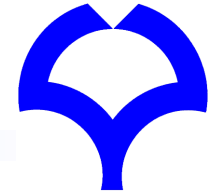
## School of Engineering

- ✓ Division of Applied Science consists of four departments (**Applied Chemistry**, Biotechnology, Precision Science and Technology, and Applied Physics)
- ✓ Prescribed student number of division of Applied Science: 217
- ✓ Required credits for graduation: 133
  - Liberal art subjects: 27 credits (mainly as first year grade)
  - Professional basic subjects: 24 credits (mainly as first year grade)
  - Professional subjects: 82 credits (including graduate thesis)
- ✓ Professional basic subjects: Mathematical analysis, Linear algebras, Mechanics, Electromagnetics, General chemistry, General biology, Student experiments of physics & chemistry, etc.
- ✓ Professional subjects (**Applied Chemistry**): Physical chemistry (6 credits), Inorganic chemistry (4 credits), Organic chemistry (8 credits), Analytical chemistry, Polymer chemistry (4 credits), Chemical engineering (4 credits), Biochemistry (4 credits), Industrial chemistry (6 units), Practices of physical chemistry & organic chemistry (4 credits), Student experiments of analytical chemistry, physical chemistry, & organic chemistry (6 credits), etc.

**Systematic Education Program**



# Division of Applied Chemistry



## Graduate School of Engineering

### Molecular Chemistry

Molecular Reaction Chemistry

Molecular Design Chemistry

Molecular Interaction Chemistry

Industrial Organic Chemistry

Resources Chemistry

Catalytic Synthetic Chemistry

Organometallic Chemistry

Condensed Matter Physical Chemistry

### Cooperative Areas

Molecular Excitation Chemistry

Organic Molecular Materials

Environmental Chemistry

### Materials Chemistry

Applied Electrochemistry

Structural Physical Chemistry

Physical Organic Chemistry

Structural Organic Chemistry

Synthetic Organic Chemistry

Inorganic Materials Chemistry

Polymer Materials chemistry

Functional Organic Chemistry

The Research Field of Functional Materials

### Cooperative Areas

Quantum Functional Materials

Beam Molecular Science and Technology

Division of Applied Chemistry consists of two courses  
(**Molecular Chemistry** and **Materials Chemistry**).





- ✓ Prescribed number of master-course students: 77
- ✓ Required credits for graduation: 30 (plus pass of master thesis)
  - Required subject: seminar in each laboratory (2 credits)
  - Intensive course by distinguished professors and researchers outside university: maximum 8 credits
- ✓ All the laboratories (total 22) have charge of one subject (2 credits) for master course students, related to each specialties.

**No systematical education program for  
master course students**



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# Basic and Practice Polymer Education Program

Target: Master-course students

## Basic Education Program

Introductory course of polymer science and engineering

Fundamental study on polymer engineering in industry

## Practical Process Program

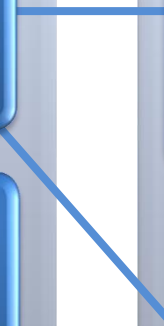
Practical course 1  
Evaluation and control of polymer property

Practical course 2  
Processing of polymers

## Development Examples in Industry

R&D on polymer property in industry

R&D on polymer processing in industry





# Basic and Practice Polymer Education Program

**Purpose:** Acquisition of fundamental knowledge for practical research and development using polymeric materials

**Content:** Systematically designed subjects covering from fundamental to applied engineering of polymeric materials

- Emphasis on basic and fundamental fields of polymer science and engineering such as solid state of polymers, relationships between structure and function, analysis of polymers, etc.
- Based on this knowledge, the program is developed to practical subjects of polymeric materials.
- Successful commercialization examples of polymers in industry are demonstrated by company researchers.
- Educational materials (lecture slides) of polymer science and engineering were systematically produced with the aid of professional university and company researchers.



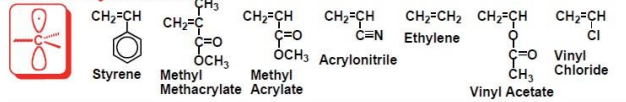
# List of Educational Materials

Course	Subject	
Introductory course of polymer science and engineering	Introduction of polymers Basic polymerizations Solid state of polymers Structure-property relations	History of plastics industry Polymers in solutions Rheology Industrial production processes
Practical course 1 Evaluation and control of polymer property	Thermal properties Optical properties Stability and degradation Engineering plastics Functional polymers	Mechanical properties Surface analysis Water-soluble polymers Thermosetting resins
Practical course 2 Processing of polymers	Practical processing Films and coating technology Advanced composites Gels Bioplastics	Nanoprocessing Fibers and membranes Adhesion Polymer alloys

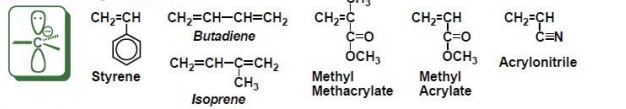


# Educational Materials (Examples)

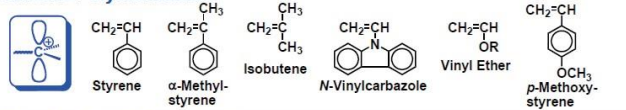
Radical Polymerization



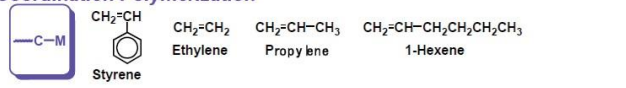
Anionic Polymerization



Cationic Polymerization

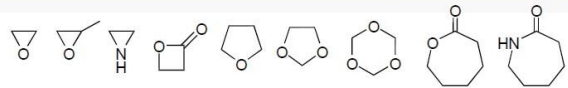
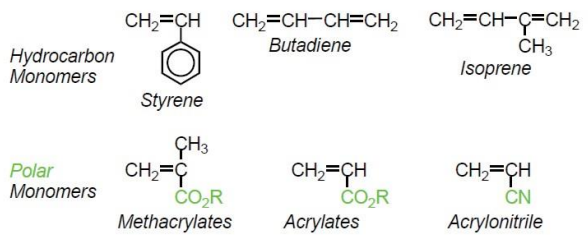


Coordination Polymerization



Carbanion: H2O, O2, ROH, H+  $\rightarrow$  Termination  
Living Polymerization: (No Termination, No Chain Transfer) with Highly Purified Reagents under High Vacuum or Inert Gas (N2, Ar)

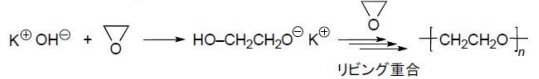
Monomers:



開環重合性モノマーの例

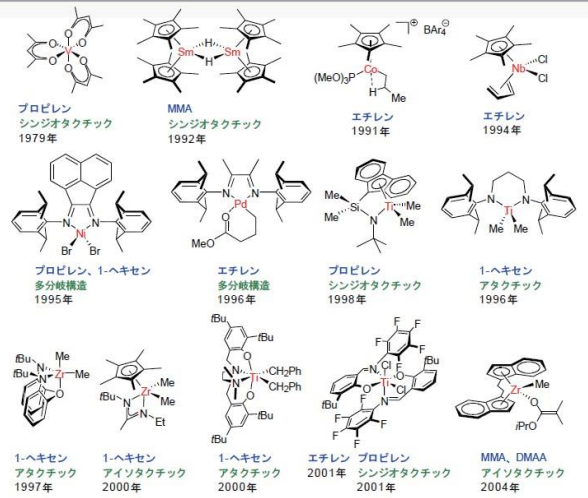
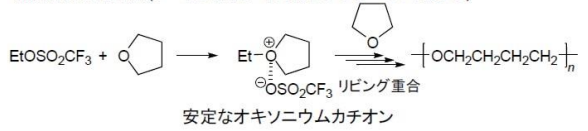
アニオン開環重合

開始剤: 求核剤(アルカリ金属のアルコキシド、水酸化物、アミド、水素化物など)



カチオン開環重合

開始剤: 求電子剤(プロトン酸、ルイス酸、オキソニウム塩など)









# To Self-standing Program

## Education Course for Company Researchers & Engineers

- ✓ Start in April 2011 by cooperation of alumni society of school of engineering, Osaka University
- ✓ Program in Osaka University (near central station of Osaka city)
  - Introductory course: 10 classes (each 90-100 min, all participated)  
Mainly focus on polymer physics (solid & solution chemistry, rheology)  
About 160 people participated in this program (2011-2013)
  - Practical course: 5-7 classes (each 180 min, selected)  
Engineering plastics, Thermosetting plastics, Composites, Adhesives etc.  
About 100 people participated in this program (2011-2013)
- ✓ Program in company
  - Tailor-made design of course according to request of company
  - 9 Companies used this system for education of young researchers

**Up-to-date reflection system of education program development according to request for academic and practical subjects in the standpoint of industry**



# Intense Interaction Internship and Training

## Half-day Internship in Company

Program for doctor course students

Through presentation of research topics and intense discussion with company researchers, doctor course students have a close relationships with them.

- ✓ Start in 2010; total 15 companies in 2010-2014.
- ✓ Students can understand their research significance and situation in industrial viewpoints by discussions with company researchers.
- ✓ Students also obtain a good chance to know research and development in company by close contact of company researcher.



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