Final report: 5KE002HT20 Aquatic Chemistry

**Unit code:** 5KE002  
**Name of course:** Akvatisk kemi/Aquatic Chemistry  
**Credits:** 15 hp  
**Pace:** 100%

**Semester:** Fall of 2020 (Dates: 02/11/20 - 15/1/21)  
**Course coordinator:** Michael Holmboe  
**Delivery (campus/online-remote):** ‘campus’ (due to COVID-19 all but the first two weeks were delivered online)

**Indicate if the unit is part of a program:**  
Optional to students in the Life Sciences program, CHemistry teachers etc.

| Number of registered students | 7 registered, including one re-registered student from a previous year, which ended up not taking the exam.  
| (3 Life sciences students, 4 from other programmes) |

| Number of responses on course evaluation | 6 |

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Course evaluation

<<See appendix>>

Comment by course coordinator:

The first two weeks of the course were held on campus, in person, but after the stricter corona recommendations implemented around Nov 17, all lectures and calculation exercises were made using Zoom. Still, alla labs were made in person on campus.

Summary of comments by the students:

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Committed lecturers that discusses the topics in the course in an interestening and fun way.
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Labs!

Interesting and relevant application of chemistry, fun labs and good study material

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Interesting fun and usefull

Summary of changes introduced after the last time the course was delivered

New course website on Canvas instead of Cambro. All lectures were done using the large media screens in Fören/Aktern and recorded via Zoom, allowing for hybrid teaching.

Summary of suggested changes prior to the next time the course is delivered

Improve the format for the calculation exercises, in case they need to be held online again.

Final report created 4/3/2021, by Michael Holmboe
Appendix.
Course evaluation 5KE002HT20
Course evaluation for Aquatic chemistry 56000HT2020

It is time for the course evaluation for Aquatic chemistry! Please take a few minutes to answer the questions, since the more input we get the better for next years students.

Thanks for participating!

/Michael Holmboe
Vilket program går du? Which program do you study?

- Kandidatprogrammet i Life Science / BS in Life Science: 50%
- Kandidatprogrammet i biologi och geovetenskap / BS in Biology and Earth Science: 0%
- Kandidatprogrammet i miljö- och hälsospecialitet / BS in Environmental Health: 0%
- Biomedicinprogrammet / Biomedicine Programme: 0%
- Utvecklingsprogrammet i bioteknik / MS in Biotechnology: 0%
- Utvecklingsprogrammet i bioteknik / MS in Biotechnology Engineering: 0%
- Annat/Other: 50%
How would you assess the quality of the course as a whole? On a scale from 1-5!
How would you assess the way you have been treated in general as a student during the course? On a scale from 1-5!
On average, how many hours per week have you devoted to your studies (scheduled hours plus own studies)

- 0 - 5 hours: 0
- 5 - 10 hours: 0
- 10 - 20 hours: 2
- 30 - 40 hours: 4
- > 40 hours: 0
Do you feel that female and male students have had the same conditions/opportunities during the course?

100% Yes

0% No
Have you been treated differently due to your gender or ethnicity?
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Do you think that the content of the course and the exam reflect well the course requirements/expected learning outcomes?

Yes: 100%

No: 0%
If you answered no on the previous question, is there any particular topic you think was missing/poorly covered?
How would you assess the quality of the lectures, on a scale from 1-5!

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How would you assess the quality of the workshops, on a scale from 1-5!
How would you assess the quality of the exercises, on a scale from 1-5?
How would you assess the quality of the labs, on a scale from 1-5!
How would you assess the quality of the literature, on a scale from 1-5! 

Bad -- Inadequate -- Good -- Very good -- Excellent

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How well did the exam reflect the overall course content? On a scale from 1-5!

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Could you give three reasons why you would not recommend the course to other students.

- Not very entertaining calculation exercises/sessions - A lot of work needs to be provided
- No.
- No, I really liked it and I think everyone who likes chemistry should know this stuff.
Do you have any other final comments about the course you would like to share?

- Nothing
- Great adjustment to corona restrictions with the online lectures!
- I think the lectures that are focused on the book should be more focused around the study questions. I also would have loved a summary of all the topics covered and combined.