

ENG3160 Material To Be Covered:

Biological Mass Transfer Introduction

- Review of growth phases and kinetics
- Growth requirements

Mass Transfer Fundamentals

- Diffusion, mass balances and Fick's law
- Boundary layer flow and convection
- Lumped approximation models and mass transfer correlations

Bubble Mechanics

- Surface tension, Laplace's law and bubble formation
- Drag forces, terminal velocities and holdup correlations (**a**)
- Bubble surface mass transfer coefficients (**k_L**)
- k_La** correlations and measurement
- Applications in aerobic culture operations

Agitation

- Impellers, mixing and flow patterns
- Power correlations for mass transfer

Membrane Processes

- Diffusion through membranes
- Dialysis, Pervaporation and Ultrafiltration
- Tissue perfusion
- Applications in oxygenation, biological product recovery and drug delivery

Sterilization Operations

- Steam sterilization
- Chemical sterilization and disinfection
- Depth and porous membrane filtration
- Bio-containment

Heterogeneous Reactions (if time permits)

- Diffusion through porous solids with chemical reaction
- Convection to membrane surfaces
- Rate limitations and Thiele modulus
- Applications in pellet fermentations, tumor necrosis and bio-films