School of Chemistry

Aims and Objectives: Session 2023-2024, Semester 2

Module CH2603: Organic Chemistry 2 (French)

Course Title: Introduction to Organic Synthesis

Duration: 11 hours

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Aims: To introduce students to the chemistry of carbonyl compounds

including structure and reactivity, 1,2- and 1,4-addition and enols and enolates. Introduction to elementary synthetic strategy including retrosynthetic analysis. Detailed description of syntheses based upon carbonyl reactivity, difunctional compounds and ring synthesis

methods.

Objectives:

1. Understand the structure, bonding and reactivity of the carbonyl group.

- 2. Know the main reactions involving 1,2-addition to C=O: hydration, formation of acetals, imines and cyanohydrins, addition of hydride and organometallic reagents (organolithiums and Grignard reagents).
- 3. Know about 1,4-addition to unsaturated carbonyl compounds.
- 4. Understand the formation and reactivity of enols and enolates. pKa and delocalisation, structure and reactivity of enolates, enols and enol ethers.
- 5. Reactions of enolates and specific enolate equivalents (enolate alkylation, aldol reactions, Claisen condensation conjugate addition).
- 6. Introduce concept of retrosynthesis and its application in devising strategies to synthesise organic compounds. Recognise functional group relationships; 1,2-1,3-, 1,4-, 1,5-related compounds and their synthesis.