

# Asymmetric Syntheses

## Schedule:

**Week 1:** Significance of chirality in living organisms; stereochemistry; enantiomers and diastereomers; enantiopure materials.

**Week 2:** Chiral pool synthesis; stereoselectivity; basic concepts of asymmetric synthesis; topicity, prochirality.

**Week 3:** Cram's rule, Felkin-Anh, Bürgi-Dunitz, Prelog's rule; generations of asymmetric methods.

**Week 4:** Examples of first and second generation asymmetric methods.

**Week 5:** C–C bond-forming reactions I: asymmetric alkylation, Michael reactions.

**Week 6:** C–C bond-forming reactions II: additions, cycloadditions, Diels–Alder.

**Week 7:** Asymmetric oxidation reactions; epoxidation.

**Week 8:** Asymmetric reductions.

**Week 9:** Multiple asymmetric induction.

**Week 10:** Organocatalysis; memory of chirality.

**Week 11:** Kinetic and dynamic kinetic resolution; enzymatic reactions.

**Week 12:** Asymmetric total synthesis.

**Week 13:** Student literature presentations.

**Week 14:** Student literature presentations (continued).