

## 2400 Course Syllabus Spring 2012

### Organic Chemistry 1

Chemistry 2400

M/W/F: 5:30pm – 6:40pm

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Week	Week of....	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
1	January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Intro Lecture	Lecture	Lecture
2	January 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Quiz 1</b> and Lecture	Lecture
3	January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Quiz 2</b> and Lecture	Lecture	Lecture
4	January 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam 1</b>	Lecture	Lecture
5	February 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Quiz 3</b> and Lecture	Lecture	Lecture
6	February 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Quiz 4</b> and Lecture	Lecture	Lecture
7	February 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam 2</b>	Lecture	Lecture
8	February 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
9	March 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Quiz 5</b> and Lecture	Lecture	Lecture
10	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lecture	Lecture	Lecture
11	March 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Quiz 6</b> and Lecture	Lecture	Lecture
12	March 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam 3</b>	Lecture	Lecture
13	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lecture	Lecture	Lecture
14	April 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Quiz 7</b> and Lecture	Lecture	Lecture
15	April 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exam 4</b>	Lecture	Lecture
16	April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lecture	<b>No Class</b>	<b>No Class</b>

**Semester Midpoint: Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Final Exam: Mon. April 30<sup>th</sup> 4:15pm - 6:45pm**

**Grading Scheme:** 4 exams will be given during the Semester. At the end of the Semester the lowest grade will be dropped. The average score from the remaining three exams will count **55%** of your final grade. **7** Short quizzes will be given, the lowest of which will be dropped, and they will contribute **10%** to your final grade. The homework for the class will contribute **5%** to your final grade. There will be a final exam, which will count **30%** of the final grade. You are strongly encouraged to take all four in-course exams since selected material from these exams will appear on the final exam.

**Letter Grades:**

**A+ = >96%**

**A = 91% - 95%**

**A- = 88% - 90%**

**B+ = 84% - 87%**

**B = 79% - 83%**

**B- = 75% - 78%**

**C+ = 70% - 74%**

**C = 66% - 69%**

**C- = 60% - 65%**

**D = 56% - 59%**

**F = < 56%**

**No make-up examinations or quizzes will be given.** Missed examinations will be recorded as a **zero**.

**To receive a passing grade in this course, the student MUST**

- 1) take the final examination
- 2) meet certain minimum requirements in the laboratory portion of the course (see lab manual).

**Examinations:** The best 3 of the 4 examination grades will be counted toward the student's grade if all exams are taken. Each student is allowed to drop one exam grade. There will be no make-up exams. I Will replace an excused absence grade with the equal grade immediately following the grade missed.

The professor reserves the right to move ANYONE during the Examination for ANY REASON without explanation. If you are asked to relocate gather your test and personal items and move to the newly assigned seat.

**In-class quizzes:** The best 6 quiz grades out of 7 will be counted toward the final grade. There will be no make-up quizzes. Missed quizzes will be recorded as zero.

**HW:** Graded HW will be done using Owl. This is an online HW available through the publisher of your text book.

I will also collect written homeworks throughout the semester. Written homeworks can ONLY be handed in during lecture. Due Dates will be announced IN LECTURE.

**Class Attendance and Preparation:** Students are responsible for class preparation and for any material presented in the course of the lectures *whether or not it is contained in the textbook*. Chemistry is a *highly* structured course, with each new topic based on others previously developed. Thus it is *critical* for students to keep *consistently* up-to-date in their readings and assignments. To fall even one class period behind is to risk considerable difficulty in mastery of future material. Therefore students should

- 1) review previous material, especially if it was not perfectly understood
- 2) complete reading assignments *before* the lecture in which the topics are covered, or at least immediately after the lecture
- 3) complete assigned problems and exercises on time, with an emphasis on mastery of concepts and principles involved rather than looking for a formula that will give the expected answer (*remember that the question can be asked in a different way and not just with different numbers!*)

Students are expected to attend all classes and are responsible for all assignments and materials presented. In the event of unavoidable absences, it is the responsibility of *the student* to find out what materials were covered or what assignments made in his or her absence.

**Class Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all lecture classes.

Students are required to take all quizzes, lecture exams and the course final exam.

Note: Sometime after the mid-point of each course (an exact date will be set by the Provost or his designee), the University now requires faculty members to: 1) Give an F to any student who is on the course roll but no longer attending class and 2) Report the last day the student attended class or turned in an assignment. Students who are withdrawn may petition the Departmental Chair for reinstatement into their classes. Students who withdraw themselves by the mid-point of the course will receive a W under this policy.

**Some** Examples of Unacceptable Student Conduct:

- Not following the testing procedures as instructed.
- Talking while your professor is lecturing.
- Arguing with the professor about student conduct.
- Not sitting up straight with paper directly in front of you during an exam.
- Not keeping your scantron or exam papers covered during an exam.
- Using a disrespectful tone of voice, harsh words or profanity.
- Making inappropriate gestures of any kind.
- Leaving class before the lecture is over.
- Letting your cell phone ring audibly during a lecture or exam.
- Having a cell phone available during a quiz or test.
- Not having your student ID for a quiz or test.
- Arriving late for lecture or for an exam.
- Allowing your laboratory data or answers to be copied.

**Cell Phones and Beepers:** In consideration of your classmates, turn off all sound alerts during every lecture and examinations. If you must have the cell phone during the daily lectures, please set it to ring on vibrate mode (silent). If you need to be on call during an exam, please inform the instructor and leave the phone with the instructor.

**Chemistry Department Policy on Student Conduct and Integrity:** The *Georgia State University Policy on Academic Honesty* is in force in this course. This includes but is not necessarily limited to infractions in the area of *plagiarism, cheating on examinations, unauthorized collaborations, falsification, and multiple submissions*. This policy is published in *On Campus: the Student Handbook*, which is available to all members of the university community.

All examinations must represent your individual effort, with no unauthorized aid. To either *give* or *receive* unauthorized information during an examination is cheating, as is the use of *any* unauthorized supplementary material. In addition all laboratory work performed in conjunction with this course must represent your individual effort. Only original data obtained by your own *in-laboratory* experimentation are permitted to be used, except when *expressly authorized* by your laboratory instructor. Data from supplementary sources, handbooks, reference literature, etc. must be *clearly referenced* (title, author, volume, pages(s), etc.). Falsification or destruction of data constitutes cheating as well. Conduct disruptive of class, examinations, or laboratories *or* falsification or destruction of information related to chemistry courses will be taken as a violation of the policies of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the Georgia State University Student Code of Conduct, Section 6.0. Any suspected offenses may be referred to the Chairman of the Department or the Dean of Students for appropriate disciplinary action.

**The foregoing provides a general plan for the course, deviations from which may be necessary. The instructor will announce any such changes in class.**