

2400 Course Syllabus Fall 2014

Organic Chemistry 1

Chemistry 2400

M/W/F: 10:10 – 11:20 am

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Week	Week of....	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
1	August 25 th	Lecture	Lecture	Lecture
2	September 1 st	Holiday	Lecture	Quiz 1 & Lecture
3	September 8 th	Lecture	Lecture	Quiz 2 & Lecture
4	September 15 th	Lecture	Exam 1	Lecture
5	September 22 nd	Lecture	Lecture	Quiz 3 & Lecture
6	September 29 th	Lecture	Lecture	Quiz 4 & Lecture
7	October 6 th	Lecture	Exam 2	Lecture
8	October 13 th	Lecture	Lecture	Lecture
9	October 20 st	Lecture	Lecture	Quiz 5 & Lecture
10	October 27 th	Lecture	Lecture	Quiz 6 & Lecture
11	November 3 th	Lecture	Exam 3	Lecture
12	November 10 th	Lecture	Lecture	Quiz 7 & Lecture
13	November 17 th	Lecture	Lecture	Quiz 8 & Lecture
14	November 24 th	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday
15	December 1 st	Lecture	Lecture	Lecture
16	December 8 th	Exam 4	No Class	No Class
17	December 15 th	FINAL EXAM		

Semester Midpoint: Tuesday October 14th

Final Exam: Mon. December 15th 8:00 am – 10:30 am

Grading Scheme: **FOUR 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. **8 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 = 92% - 95%
A- = 88% - 91%
B+ = 84% - 87%
B = 79% - 83%
B- = 75% - 78%
C+ = 71% - 74%
C = 66% - 70%
C- = 60% - 65%
D = 57% - 59%
F = < 57%

No make-up examinations or quizzes will be given. Missed examinations will be recorded as a **zero**. Valid excuses may be brought to my Office during my scheduled office hours. I will allow students to take one comprehensive Quiz or Exam to replace an excused Quiz or Exam.

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

1) take all required quizzes, all required exams, and the final examination

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. ***I will pass out a Roll during the exam*** The roll is to be passed around during the exam. ***ANY STUDENT who does NOT sign the roll will receive a Zero for that exam even if a test is submitted.**

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 move to the newly assigned seat quietly.

In-class quizzes: The best 7 quiz grades out of 8 will be counted toward the final grade. There will be no make-up quizzes. Missed quizzes will be recorded as zero. There will be no make-up quizzes.

HW: Graded HW will be done using OWL. This is an online HW available through the publisher of your text book. Information can be found at:

<http://www.cengagebrain.com/micro/gsuorgchem>

I will also collect *written homeworks* throughout the semester. Written homeworks can ONLY be collected and returned during lecture. Dates of HW are to be announce.

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*; however, all material is available in the course text. **Organic 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 mastering future material. Therefore students should

- 1) **review** previous material, especially if it was not perfectly understood
- 2) **continuously read** ahead of the lectures in the textbook *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.

Laptops and Digital Devices

Laptops, Tablets, Cell Phones, Portable Video Devices, Portable, Handheld game consoles, and many other digital devices are very distracting to the people around you. If you are going to use these devices during class you should sit in the last three rows of the classroom as to minimize the impact on other students.

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: TURN YOUR RINGERS OFF. All phones should be set to silent **ESPECIALLY** during Exams and Quizzes.

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.