

Chemistry 106X - Fall 2015

General Chemistry

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Lecture Period: MWF 11:45-12:45
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and by Appointment

Course materials

The following materials are *required* for the course and can be purchased in the UAF bookstore or elsewhere:

- *Chemistry* 11th Ed. by Chang and Goldsby. The following choices are available:
 - Complete Book - ISBN 978-0-073-40268-0
 - Half Book - ISBN 978-0-073-40268-1
 - eBook - ISBN 978-0-073-39835-8
- *Chemistry* 12th Ed. By Chang and Goldsby is also acceptable but chapter sections will refer to 11th Ed.
- McGraw-Hill ConnectPlus access for *Chemistry* 11th Ed.
- TurningPoint Technologies Response Card RF radio frequency clicker (new or used), or TurningPoint smart device app
- Experiments in General Chemistry 106X: A Laboratory Manual (free! print from Blackboard)
- A non-programmable non-graphing scientific calculator is required for each exam. The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry does not provide calculators for exams, the student *must* provide their own. A ~\$10 calculator will meet the needs of this course as long as it has standard arithmetic keys as well as 10x, LOG, EXP or ex, LN and xy functions.
- A University of Alaska email address is required for all communication in the class. This also provides access to the Blackboard system for individual scores and grades.

The following materials are *optional* and may assist the student in their studies:

- American Chemical Society (ACS) General Chemistry Study Guide
- *Chemistry* 11th Ed. *Student Solutions Manual* by Cruickshank
- *Chemistry* 11th Ed. *Student Study Guide*
- *Essential Algebra for Chemistry Students* 2nd Ed. by Ball

Important Dates

Monday, Sept. 7	Labor Day (No Class)
Friday, Sept. 18	Last day for student and faculty initiated drops (100% refund of tuition and fees)
Wed, Sept. 30	Exam 1
Friday, Oct. 30	Exam 2
Friday, Oct. 30	Last day for student and faculty initiated withdrawals (W grade on transcript)
Nov 26-29	Thanksgiving Holiday (No class on Friday)
Monday, Dec 7 th	Exam 3
Final Exam	Friday, Dec 18 th 10:15am – 12:15pm

Who should take this course?

The course is intended for students who are interested in enriching their lives with chemistry. The study of chemical science is valuable from an academic standpoint, fulfilling UAF's core science credits, as well as introducing students to proper laboratory techniques. Chemistry 106X is the second semester of a two-semester series in general chemistry, emphasizing the quantitative and mathematical identification of chemical phenomena.

Course expectations and outcomes

Students are expected to attend class; attendance will be monitored from in class responses. Each day *before* class the student should read and digest the portion of the textbook appropriate as per the class schedule, including example questions. *Active learning* involves the student using their sensory motor cortex (sight, smell, sound, taste and touch) in addition to their intelligence, to solidify through practice a concept the student has just read or heard about. Supplementing the course catalog, the course goals are to continue build the student's skills solving chemical problems, reading critically, formulating questions, completing laboratory experiments and communicating information assimilated throughout the course by completing exams. Class conduct should be professional as well as respectful of the rights other students to constructive learning experience.

Grading

Grades will be posted to blackboard, which can be accessed from the UAF homepage. Class grades may be adjusted (curved) from the following schedule only in the students' favor.

	Points	Grade Range	Letter Grade	Points
Examination 1	100	100 - 90%	A	800-720
Examination 2	100	89 - 80%	B	719-640
Examination 3	100	79 - 70%	C	639-560
Final Examination	100	69 - 60%	D	559-480
Lab and Groupwork	150	59% or less	F	< 480
HW, Pre-lecture work	210			
Participation and Clicker	40			
Total	800			

The instructor reserves the right to drop any student from class if that student has missed an exam without an excused absence, has missed more than two labs, appears to be failing as of Friday, September 18, 2015, or has many zeros for class participation grades. Students will be notified once via email before the drop; if the student corrects the deficiency, the student may remain in this class. Progress reports for freshman students are due to the Registrars Office by Sunday, October 11, 2015. The grade reported at that time will include the student's scores on the first exam, homework and the in-class participation grade. The last day for instructor initiated withdrawal is Friday, October 30, 2015 (W grade appears on academic record). An incomplete grade will only be assigned if a student misses the final exam for an outstanding reason, such as a medical problem, a death in the family, etc.

Homework

Homework problems will be assigned using questions from the textbook in coordination with the Connect-Plus program. Students should expect between 10-20 questions to be assigned each week. Homework assignments for the week will be due according to the course schedule below no later than 11:30am (close to the start of class). It is recommended that students promptly register and log in to Connect-Plus as homework will be assigned within the first class period.

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Quizzes

Each student must obtain a radio frequency clicker or smartphone app (see above), which is used in lecture to answer questions projected on the overhead. Clicker numbers *must* be registered online in the Blackboard system to receive grades, as responses are recorded electronically by the TurningPoint receiver and software on the classroom computer. No answers on paper will be accepted unless specified; any student found using any clicker other than their own will be in violation of the UAF honor code (see below). The quiz questions are likely to be similar to assigned homework problems, students should come prepared to class with any materials needed for the quizzes, as the quiz may be open book or open note. However, sharing of class materials will not be permitted.

Laboratory

The purpose of the lab is to do hands-on investigation of chemical principles and theories. Students will gain skills in scientific reasoning, experimental design, and use of chemicals as well as laboratory apparatus. Laboratory procedures will be available for printing on blackboard before the start of the lab section. Small group learning assignments will also accompany laboratory and account for a portion of the lab grade. Lab reports must be turned in the following week to be graded by the laboratory assistant, attendance in lab is *mandatory* for report credit. The laboratory portion of the student's grade will be based upon the average of the student's best 10 lab reports. Students may miss one lab with no impact on their lab grade; lack of attendance or failure to complete 8 laboratories will result in a *failing* grade for the course. If the student has special scheduling problems please discuss alternative options with Emily Reiter, Laboratory Director. Late reports may be accepted with penalized scores, excluding the last report of the semester, which will not be accepted late. **The first lab of the semester includes a safety review and must be attended in order to continue in the course.**

Exams

The student is responsible for all information from text, lecture, homework, quizzes and assigned study questions. Any of these sources will be used to construct exams questions. No use of a cell phone, pda, graphing calculator or otherwise will be allowed during the exam. Three one-hour exams and a cumulative final exam will be given as per the course schedule. The final exam will be a curved two-hour 70 item multiple-choice exam provided by the American Chemical Society Examinations Institute. The recommended review text (see above) is an excellent source of information assist students in practicing and preparing for the final exam.

Absences

Make up examinations at Testing Services will be allowed for legitimate absences only, an unexplained absence from an exam results in a zero. If the student anticipates an absence (intercollegiate sports, travel for military or university business) talk to the professor *before* the exam. If the absence is unexpected (illness, family or personal calamity), contact the professor at the earliest possible opportunity. Please note that makeup exams require the student to have *no* knowledge of the original exam. No extensions, makeup or late work will be accepted otherwise, however homework grades will receive a buffer for any missed assignments to be utilized by the student at their discretion.

Ethical considerations

The Chemistry and Biochemistry Department *Policy on Cheating* states:

Any student caught cheating will be assigned a course grade of F. The students academic advisor will be notified of this failing grade and the student will not be allowed to drop the course.

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Examples of cheating include, but are not limited to:

- Copying another student's answer while taking a quiz or exam
- Using another student's clicker for any reason
- Using another student's work while writing lab reports

Students must also adhere to UAF policies, the student code of conduct as well as the University of Alaska *Honor Code*, which states:

Students will not collaborate on any quizzes, in-class exams, or take-home exams that will contribute to their grade in a course, unless permission is granted by the instructor of the course. Only those materials permitted by the instructor may be used to assist in quizzes and examinations. Students will not represent the work of others as their own. A student will attribute the source of information not original with himself or herself (direct quotes or paraphrases) in compositions, theses, and other reports. No work submitted for one course may be submitted for credit in another course without the explicit approval of both instructors. Violations of the Honor Code will result in a failing grade for the assignment and, ordinarily, for the course in which the violation occurred. Moreover, violation of the Honor Code may result in suspension or expulsion.

Student success

There are a large number of resources to help students who would like to perform at their best. The student may make an appointment to see the instructor for help. (The instructor will attempt to reply to email questions within 24 hours during the school week.) The Chemistry and Biochemistry Department has established the Chemistry Learning Center (CLC), which offers student led instruction. Students may also see a tutor for additional assistance. Laboratory teaching assistants are available for help during posted office hours.

Disabilities

Students with a physical or learning disability are required to identify themselves to the Disability Services office, 474-7043, located in the Center for Health and Counseling. The student must provide documentation of the disability. Disability Services will then notify the instructor of special arrangements for taking tests, working homework assignments, and doing lab work.

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Tentative course outline and calendar

Week	Date	Ch.	Lesson	Assignments	Topic	Lab Experiment
-	Sept 4	11	11.1-11.2	HW11 Open	<i>Kinetic Molecular Theory</i>	-
1	Sept 7 Sept 9 Sept 11	- 11 11	- No class - 11.2-11.5 11.6-11.9		<i>Nomenclature and intermolecular forces</i>	No Lab
2	Sept 14 Sept 16 Sept 18	12 12 12	12.1-12.3 12.3-12.6 12.6-12.8	HW11 Due, HW12 Open	<i>Solutions and their properties</i>	1. Lab Safety review, IMF
3	Sept 21 Sept 23 Sept 25	13 13 13	13.1-13.2 13.3-13.4 13.5-13.6	HW12 Due, HW13 Open	<i>Chemical kinetics and rate laws</i>	2. Ten solutions and ten unknowns
4	Sept 28 Sept 30 Oct 2	- - 14	Review Exam 1 14.1-14.2	HW13 Due HW14 Open	Exam 1 <i>Equilibrium constant</i>	3. Silver plate photography
5	Oct 5 Oct 7 Oct 9	14 15 15	14.3-14.5 15.1-15.4 15.5-15.7	HW14 Due, HW15 Open	<i>Chemical Equilibrium Acids and Bases</i>	4. Kinetics of blue dye oxidation
6	Oct 12 Oct 14 Oct 16	15 15 16	15.8-15.10 15.10-15.12 16.1-16.2	HW15 Due, HW16 Open	<i>Acid/base strength</i>	5. New Keq Lab
7	Oct 19 Oct 21 Oct 23	16 16 16	16.3-16.5 16.6-16.7 16.8-16.9		<i>Acid/base equilibrium</i>	6. Acid/Base Week 1
8	Oct 26 Oct 28 Oct 30	16 - -	16.10-16.11 Review Exam 2	HW16 Due	<i>Titrations and solubility, Exam 2</i>	7. Acid/Base Week 2
9	Nov 2 Nov 4 Nov 6	17 17 17	17.1-17.2 17.3-17.4 17.5-17.7	HW17 Open	<i>Reaction Rates and Chemical Equilibrium</i>	8. Hydrolysis of salts/Buffers
10	Nov 9 Nov 11 Nov 13	18 18 18	18.1-18.2 18.3-18.4 18.5-18.6	HW17 Due, HW18 Open	<i>Equilibrium, Acids and Bases</i>	9. Thermo/Borax
11	Nov 16 Nov 18 Nov 20	18 19 19	18.7-18.8 19.1-19.3 19.4-19.5	HW18 Due, HW19 Open	Acids and Bases, Titrations, buffers	10. Voltaic Cells and Free Energy
12	Nov 23 Nov 25 Nov 27	19 20 -	19.6-19.8 20.3-20.5 -No Class-	HW19 Due, HW20 Open	Nuclear Chemistry	No lab Thanksgiving
13	Nov 30 Dec 2 Dec 4	20 23 -	20.6-20.8 23.3-23.5 Review	HW20 Due, HW23 Open	Nuclear Chemistry Exam 3	11. Nuclear Chem
14	Dec 7 Dec 9 Dec 11	- 25 -	Exam 3 25.1-25.4 Review	HW23 Due, HW25 Open	Organic Chemistry	Review
-	Dec 14 Dec 18	- -	ACS Practice Final Exam	HW25 Due	10:15am-12:15pm	Final

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Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Why are you taking this class?

What do you hope to learn?

What are you most looking forward to in this class?

What do you perceive as your greatest challenge with this course?