

Chemistry 105X - Fall 2016

General Chemistry

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Lecture Period: TR 6 - 7:30pm
Classroom: Reichardt 201
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or by Appointment

Course materials

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

- *Chemistry* 12th Ed. by Chang and Goldsby.
Complete Book - ISBN 978-0-07-802151-0
- McGraw-Hill ConnectPlus access for *Chemistry* 12th Ed.
- TurningPoint Technologies Response – See Blackboard for registration instructions
- Experiments in General Chemistry 105X: A Laboratory Manual
(free! Handouts can be printed from Blackboard, updated weekly)
- 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* 12th Ed. *Student Solutions Manual*
- *Chemistry* 12th Ed. *Student Study Guide*
- *Essential Algebra for Chemistry Students* 2nd Ed. by Ball

Important Dates

Monday, Sept. 4	Labor Day (No Class)
Friday, Sept. 8	Last day for student and faculty initiated drops (100% refund of tuition and fees)
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Exam 1
Tuesday, Oct. 31	Exam 2
Fri, Nov. 3	Last day for student and faculty initiated withdrawals (W grade on transcript)
Th-Sun, Nov 23 - 26	Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, Nov 30	Exam 3
Dec 12, 6pm - 8pm	Final Exam

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 105X is the first semester of a two-semester series in general chemistry, emphasizing the quantitative and mathematical identification of chemical phenomena.

Corequisites: ENGL 111X and MATH 107X

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

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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	1000-900
Examination 2	100	89 - 80%	B	899-800
Examination 3	100	79 - 70%	C	799-700
Final Examination	150	69 - 60%	D	699-600
Quizzes	100	59% or less	F	< 600
Lab	250			
Homework	160			
Participation and Clicker	40			
Total	1000			

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 9, 2016, 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 Monday, Oct. 2, 2017. The grade reported at that time will include the student's scores on the first exam, homework, quizzes and the in-class participation grade. The last day for instructor initiated withdrawal is Friday, November 3, 2017 (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 6pm (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.

* Occasionally, students experience problems using Connect. For example, students may type in a right answer, but Connect will count their answer as wrong. Or, perhaps a student cannot open Connect on his or her particular laptop for some unknown reason. If a student experiences any "electronic" problems using Connect, the student must contact Connect at **1-800-331-5094** for help. The Connect technicians are usually able to resolve the problem. However, if the problem is still not resolved, then the student should contact Dr. Weltzin with the case number given by the Connect technician. Dr. Weltzin will then notify the Connect sales team of the problem and give them the case number so that the problem can be resolved.

Quizzes/Worksheets

Each student must obtain a radio frequency clicker (see above) or download the Turning Technologies app, which is used in lecture to answer questions projected on the overhead. Either option can be used but students must purchase a Cloud registration code if not obtaining a combo from the bookstore. 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 and are designed to help prepare for exams as well as the ACS final. Students should come prepared to class with any materials needed for the quizzes, as the quiz may be open book or open note or require a calculator. However, sharing of class materials will not be permitted. Quizzes will occur the last lecture period for each

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chapter and consist of 5 questions worth a total of 10 points, 3 minutes for each question. Answers will be collected through the use of clickers. A total of 11 quizzes will be given throughout the semester and the highest 10 scores will be tabulated (dropping lowest score).

*If a student misses an in-class clicker quiz and is concerned about losing points, then that student should see Dr. Weltzin about making up the quiz. Dr. Weltzin will assign textbook problems similar to the quiz problems to the student and the student must solve the problem immediately on a sheet of paper and turn in the answer. The student will receive points if and only if the answers are correct.

Laboratory

The purpose of 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.

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 exam 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. **All students are required to take this exam in order to pass the course.** 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.

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.

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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.

Tentative course outline and calendar

Week	Date	Ch.	Lesson	Assignments	Topic	Lab Experiment*
1	Aug 29	1	1.1-1.6	HW1 Open	<i>Measurements, units, and Practice</i>	No Lab
	Aug 31	1	1.7-1.8			
2	Sept 5	2	1.9-1.10 (Quiz #1)	HW1 Due, HW2 Open	<i>Periodic table and nomenclature</i>	Math/Excel Review
	Sept 7	2	2.1-2.4			
3	Sept 12	3	2.5-2.7 (Quiz #2)	HW2 Due, HW3 Open	<i>The Chemical Equation</i>	1. Lab Safety review,
	Sept 14	3	3.1-3.5			
4	Sept 19	3	3.6-3.10 (Quiz #3)	HW3 Due	<i>Reactions</i>	2. Introduction to lab techniques and
	Sept 21	3	Review			
5	Sept 26	-	Exam 1	HW4 Open	Exam 1 <i>Solutions and Reactions</i>	3. Identification of unknowns
	Sept 28		4.1-4.4			
6	Oct 3	5	4.5-4.8 (Quiz #4)	HW4 Due, HW5 Open	<i>Gasses and kinetics</i>	4. Reactions in aqueous solutions
	Oct 5	5	5.1-5.4			
7	Oct 10	6	5.4-5.8 (Quiz #5)	HW5 Due, HW6 Open	<i>Enthalpy and calorimetry</i>	5. Gas Laws
	Oct 12	6	6.1-6.3			
8	Oct 17	6	6.6-6.7 (Quiz #6)	HW6 Due, HW7 Open	<i>Quantum Numbers and Functions</i>	6. Enthalpy
	Oct 19	6	7.1-7.4			
9	Oct 24	7	7.4-7.8 (Quiz #7)	HW7 Due	<i>Quantum</i>	7. Copper Cycle
	Oct 26	7	Review			
10	Oct 31	7	Exam 2	HW8 Open	Exam 2 Periodic Trends	8. Intro Spectroscopy
	Nov 2	8	8.1-8.3			
11	Nov 7	8	8.4-8.6 (Quiz #8)	HW8 Due, HW9 Open	<i>Bonding and Structure</i>	9. Applied Spectroscopy
	Nov 9	8	9.1-9.5			
12	Nov 14	9	9.5-9.10 (Quiz #9)	HW9 Due, HW10	<i>Bonding and Structure</i>	10. Stoichiometry
	Nov 16	10	10.1-10.4			
13	Nov 21	10	10.5-10.8 (Quiz #10)	Thanksgiving	<i>Hybridization</i>	No Lab
	Nov 23	-				
14	Nov 28	10	Review	HW10 Due, HW24 Open	<i>Hybridization</i>	11. Aspirin Synthesis
	Nov 30	-	Exam 3			
15	Dec 5	24	24.1-24.3	HW 24 Due	Exam 3 <i>Organic Chemistry</i>	12. Review or TBD
	Dec 7	-	Review for Final			
	Dec 12	-	Final Exam	ACS Final Exam	FINAL EXAM Dec 12 6pm-8pm	

* Honors sections of lab will have an altered schedule.

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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?