



General Chemistry 105X

Syllabus

TITLE: General Chemistry I

NUMBER: 105X

CREDITS: 4

PREREQUISITES: Placement in WRTG F111X; placement in MATH F151X; or a B- or better in CHEM F103X; or permission of instructor and department.

COREQUISITE: CHEM F105L UX1.

LOCATION: Online

COURSE TYPE: online asynchronous with weekly optional lectures

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Arianna Demmerly

OFFICE LOCATION: N/A

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Chemistry 105X is the first semester of a two-semester series in general chemistry.

This course is an introduction to general chemistry and explores topics to a much greater depth than preparatory courses. Topics include: measurement, energy and matter, periodic trends, chemical composition, chemical reactions, solutions, bond theory, gases, thermodynamics, and problem-solving (applied mathematics). Students must be enrolled in both CHEM F105X and CHEM F105L to receive full credit.

Chemistry is a wonderful science that encompasses a broad range of areas, from understanding the functional process of biological systems to determining the mechanisms that underlie geological phenomena in the earth's crust. This course is intended for students who are interested in enriching their lives with chemistry and enhancing their critical thinking skills. The study of chemical science is valuable in not only fulfilling UAF's core science credits, but also in introducing students to proper laboratory techniques and challenging a student's critical thinking

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COURSE GOALS

Supplementing the course catalog, the course goals are to continue to 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 of other students to constructive learning experience.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

As a result of successfully passing General Chemistry F105X, the student will be able to...

- (1) understand and use the scientific method for investigating problems,
- (2) understand the relationship between public policy and science, and
- (3) solve chemical problems related to the topics covered in this course.

COURSE READINGS/MATERIALS

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

- (1) Chemistry an Atoms Focused Approach 3rd Ed. by Gilbert.
 - a. Published by Norton & Company
 - b. ISBN 978-0393697353
- (2) A non-programmable non-graphing scientific calculator is required for each exam.
- (3) Lab Kit from Hands on Labs: Kit SKU: LP-3615-CK-02

REQUIREMENTS FOR COURSE

Students must have regular access to a computer and the Internet to access online materials in Blackboard. Students will be expected to download course material as well as upload assignments.

HOMEWORK

Homework problems are assigned using end of chapter questions from the textbook in coordination with Smartwork5. Homework assignments for the week will be available when the course opens and homework's due Tuesdays at 11:59 pm on the system clock.

It is recommended that students promptly register and log in to Norton through Canvas as homework will be assigned within the first-class period. Please remember that Smartwork5 is a free software and has latency for updating scores. It is recommended that you wait 24 hours after the due date for your homework grade to show correctly. If you are having issues with homework or logging in to reach your assignments, then contact the Norton helpdesk at support.wwnorton.com.

WORKSHEETS AND ACTIVITIES

Worksheets and/or Activities are assigned based upon the chapter content and learning objectives. As such, some weeks contain activities, which involve interacting with a simulation or a video and then answering questions pertaining to that simulation or video. Activities are graded based upon completion, not on right or wrong answers.

Worksheets are a docx/pdf that you will need to download and fill out before turning into Gradescope. These are due on Sundays by 11:59 pm AKST.

Gradescope is a service that we provide for uploading your work. It allows for quick and efficient grading. Instructions for getting started will be provided in BlackBoard.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

Chemistry is an interactive science, meaning that you as a student must be engaged in order to get the best out of your learning experience. I as a professor have provided materials and I am available as much as possible, including weekly optional lectures, to help you learn the material, however I cannot help you if you do not express that you are having trouble with the content.

Learning the topics presented in this course can be accomplished through several different methods. This will include reading the textbook, viewing the provided lecture series for each week, solving problems, completing worksheets and activities, participating in discussions, taking exams, and actively engaging in the laboratory component of the course. Learning the scientific method will be accomplished by performing the laboratory experiments, keeping a laboratory notebook and discussing results with your classmates in the discussion boards.

COURSE POLICIES

Laboratory

Weekly laboratories help solidify concepts and gain hands-on experience investigating chemical principles and theories. Students will gain skills in scientific reasoning, experimental design, use of chemicals, as well as proper waste disposal techniques laboratory apparatus.

Procedures for the weekly lab will be available on Blackboard and Hands on Labs. Lab reports are due Friday. The Lab TA will grade them on HoL. Completing the laboratories is *mandatory* for credit. The laboratory portion of the student's grade will be based upon the average of the student's **best 11 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 questions or concerns please discuss them 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 completed to continue in the course.**

Hands on Labs Lab kits

Lab kits are to be purchased before **August 27th** in order to not be dropped from the course. This deadline is so the lab kit has proper time to arrive at their destination.

It is the student's responsibility to check the contents of their lab kit and ensure that all items are accounted for and unbroken. In case of broken items contact HoL support.

In case of late lab kits students will:

- (1) Notify the professor, TA and Safety Officer immediately and continue to keep us updated on a weekly basis of the status of the lab kit.
- (2) Students with late lab kits will be required to complete the exploration portions of labs that **NEED** the lab kit for completion.
- (3) Labs that do not require the lab kit or are available on Blackboard are still due as per the course schedule and will incur the standard lab late penalty.

Latework

This pertains to Smartwork 5. Late work for these is accepted up to three days after the due date. Late work contains a late penalty of 15% for the first day, 30% for the second day, and 45% for the third day. Late work past three days will receive an automatic 0. These policies are set in stone except under extenuating circumstances such as illness, death in the family or a personal calamity.

For any worksheets or activities uploaded to Gradescope any late work submitted past the listed due date on the schedule and/or syllabus will be eligible to be turned in late **up to 3 weeks after the posted due date**. Late penalties will incur for anything turned in late, with 10% after 24 hours, 25% after the first week and 45% after the second week.

Extensions

Extensions will only be given for Smartwork5 and Activities and Worksheets. Each student is granted three extensions through the semester. Exams, the midterms and the final exam are not included in these extensions.

Exams

The student is responsible for all information from text, lecture, homework, worksheets and assigned study questions. Any of these sources will be used to construct exams questions. Two online practice exams, a one-hour mid-term exam and a cumulative final exam will be given as per the course and UAF finals schedule. All exams including the midterm and Final Exam are online **take home exams, with one week duration for completion** and will need to be taken on **your own time**.

Attendance

Being actively engaged with this course is highly recommended. As part of this course, you will be asked to participate in public spaces on the internet. For example, you may be asked to write a blog post, comment on someone else's blog post, or post to online services like YouTube. You will create an account and a screen name for each of these services; it's important to understand that the screen name you choose will be public to the world. If you do not wish to use your real name, we suggest using your university username (your login username for Blackboard or you may choose to use a nickname alias instead. Contact your instructor directly if you have questions or concerns.

EVALUATION POLICIES

Grades will be posted to Blackboard, which can be accessed from the UAF homepage. Class grades will only be adjusted in favor of the students (ex: unfair questions on tests)

Tentative Percentage and Letter Grades:

	Points	Grade Range	Letter Grade
Midterm	15%	100 - 90%	A
Final Examination	15%	89 - 80%	B
Laboratory	17%	79 - 70%	C
Homework	10%	69 - 60%	D
Activities	10%	59% or less	F
Worksheets	13%		
Discussion	8%		
Exams	12%		
Total	100%		

“C” (including C+ and C-) indicates a satisfactory level of acquired knowledge and performance in completion of course requirements.

C- (1.7) is the minimum acceptable grade that undergraduate students may receive for courses to count toward the major or minor degree requirements, or as a prerequisite for another course. A minimum grade of C (2.0), however, MAY be required by specific programs for prerequisite and/ or major / minor courses. Please consult specific program listings in the UAF Catalog.

C- (1.7) is the minimum acceptable grade required for all Core (X) Courses.

“D” (including D+ and D-) indicates a minimal level of acquired knowledge and minimal performance in completion of course requirements. This grade does not satisfy requirements for courses in the major, minor, Core, or graduate programs.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

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

Any student caught cheating will be assigned a course grade of F. The student's 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
- Copying another student's answer in response to in-class questions
- 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 in part:

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.

EXPLANATION OF NB/I/W GRADES

Instructor Withdrawals: The instructor reserves the right to withdraw any student from class for any of the following reasons:

- (1) *Have not ordered/ shown proof of ordering the eScience lab kit (excluding those enrolled in in house labs) January 24.*
- (2) *The student has failed to communicate either by email, in SLACK or by BlackBoard to either the professor or their TA as of January 24;*
- (3) *The student has not participated significantly as of March 27;*
- (4) *The student has missed more than three labs as of March 27;*

Freshman Progress Reports: Freshman progress reports will be based on all graded materials, excluding lab grades, up to and including February 24.

Incompletes: A grade of "incomplete" is assigned only when a student misses the final

exam for a very good reason, such as a medical problem, a death in the family, etc

INSTRUCTOR RESPONSE TIME

I am generally quick to respond to emails (within 6 hours) except past 7 pm and on weekends. On weekends, response time is usually within 24 hours. Graded material is usually returned one-two weeks after the posted due date, and no later than 3 weeks.

HOW TO CHECK YOUR GRADE

To check your grades for assignments/quizzes and find comments from your instructor, click on the My Grades link in the sidebar menu. All assignments and any due dates are listed. If your instructor has left overall assessment comments, Click on the speech bubble icon to view overall comments and feedback.

If the score is for a test or quiz, the title of the test is a link. Then click on the check mark or your score to see results and feedback.

If the score is for an assignment, the title of the assignment is a link and by clicking this link you'll be taken to your submission, grade and comments.

If you see a green exclamation point, your assignment has not been graded yet.

EXPECTATION OF STUDENT EFFORT

Students should expect to spend 10-15 hours per week on this class. Students are expected to complete the weekly assignments by their due dates and to **show all work for every assignment**. Failure to show work on assignments can lead to point loss. If a student needs help or is having difficulty with how the material is presented, then they are expected to talk to me and try to receive additional help and guidance.

If circumstances arise that cause you to need extra time on any assignment(s), email me for guidance. Extensions of due dates may be granted, but I expect to be informed in advance if you are not able to submit your assignment on time. (Emergency situations will be dealt with as needed.) Students are expected to maintain a working backup plan to be implemented in the event of a computer malfunction or interruption of their normal Internet service during the course.

STUDENT PROTECTIONS AND SERVICES STATEMENT

Every qualified student is welcome in my classroom. As needed, I am happy to work with you, disability services, veterans' services, rural student services, etc to find reasonable accommodations. Students at this university are protected against sexual harassment and discrimination (Title IX), and minors have additional protections. As required, if I notice or am informed of certain types of misconduct, then I am required to report it to the appropriate authorities. For more information on your rights as a student and the

resources available to you to resolve problems, please go to the following site:
www.uaf.edu/handbook/

DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Students with a physical or learning disability are required to identify themselves to the Disability Services office (<http://www.uaf.edu/disability/>), Email: uaf-disabilityservices@alaska.edu, Phone: 474-5655 or TTY: 474-1827, located in room 208 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

SUPPORT SERVICES

Go to the Student Handbook (www.uaf.edu/handbook) for things like:

academic advising, tutoring, library and academic support, disability services, computing and technology, veteran and military support, academic complaint and appeals, late withdrawals, “classroom” behavior expectations and more.

UAF eCampus Student Services helps students with registration and course schedules, provides information about lessons and student records, assists with the examination process, and answers general questions. Our Academic Advisor can help students communicate with instructors, locate helpful resources, and maximize their distance learning experience. Contact the UAF eCampus Student Services staff at 907.455.2060 or toll free 1.800.277.8060 or contact staff directly with our [directory listing](#).

UAF Help Desk Go to <http://www.alaska.edu/oit/> to see about current network outages and technology news.

For technical questions, contact the Help Desk at:

- e-mail at helpdesk@alaska.edu
- phone: 450.8300 (in the Fairbanks area) or 1.800.478.8226 (outside of Fairbanks)

Effective Communication

Students who have difficulties with oral presentations and/or writing are strongly encouraged to get help from:

- [UAF Department of Communication's Speaking Center](#) (907.474.5470, speak@uaf.edu)
- [UAF English's Department's Writing Center](#) (907.474.5314, Gruening 8th floor)
- [CTC's Learning Center](#) (604 Barnette st, 907.455.2860).

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COVID-19

Students should keep up-to-date on the university's policies, practices, and mandates related to COVID-19 by regularly checking this website:

<https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus/uaf/uaf-students?authuser=0>

Further, students are expected to adhere to the university's policies, practices, and mandates and are subject to disciplinary actions if they do not comply.