

General Chemistry I 2:00 p.m. MWF
Fall 2025 (2261)
Chemistry 0110-1420 (33045)

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Lecture: 2-2:50 p.m.
Room: 121 David Lawrence Hall
Website: Canvas

This syllabus might change. Any changes will be announced.

Required Material:

- 1) [OpenStax Chemistry Open Access Electronic Text](#)
- 2) **Non-programmable** Electronic calculator with logarithms, inverse logarithms, and powers of ten
- 3) Goggles and lab coat for Lab
 - Lab manual information will be provided by Dr. Madison
 - Lab is directed by Dr. Madison (tam7@pitt.edu)
 - Lab is managed by Mrs. Bellis (ddq11@pitt.edu)
- 4) Achieve online homework
 - Inclusive access (fee is included in tuition)
 - Log in to Achieve through Canvas

Recommended Material:

Colored pens, pencils, or markers for taking notes.

POINT DISTRIBUTION

Achieve Graded Homework	60
Exam 1 (Wednesday, October 1)	100
Exam 2 (Wednesday, November 12)	100
Recitation (first hour of lab period)	
• Quizzes (week of 9/14 and 10/26)	80
• Participation and Formative Assessments	20
Final Exam (Monday, December, 8, 8:00-9:50 a.m.)	200
<u>Lab</u>	<u>100</u>
Total	660 (560 for 0410 students without the lab)

POLICIES

Graded Achieve online homework questions account for sixty points. Your lowest three Achieve scores will be dropped. Begin completing the Achieve questions after we complete each chapter. The last date to submit Achieve homework is Monday, December 8, at 11:59 p.m.

Exams are all multiple-choice questions and are administered in person on paper in the lecture hall. If you arrive late, you have the time that remains after you arrive to complete your exam and is one hour and fifty minutes (or 110 minutes). There are no make-up exams. If you have a verifiable extenuating circumstance, contact me as soon as possible prior to the exam.

The recitation score is obtained from the two recitation quizzes (80%) and from low stakes formative assessments and attendance (20%). Participation points are assigned by the recitation instructor for attending recitation (one point per recitation except on quiz days) and for completing the low stakes assignment in recitation. You are permitted to miss one recitation with appropriate documentation. Quizzes are administered in recitation during the weeks of 9/14, and 10/26. There are no make-up quizzes. If you have a verifiable extenuating circumstance, contact me and your recitation instructor as soon as possible prior to the exam.

Academic Integrity

The minimum sanction for cheating in this class is a zero score for the exam or assignment on which the violation was committed.

Academic Integrity

Students in this course will be expected to comply with the [University of Pittsburgh's Policy on Academic Integrity](#). Any student suspected of violating this obligation for any reason during the semester will be required to participate in the procedural process, initiated at the instructor level, as outlined in the University Guidelines on Academic Integrity. This may include, but is not limited to, the confiscation of the examination of any individual suspected of violating University Policy. Furthermore, no student may bring any unauthorized materials to an exam, including dictionaries and programmable calculators.

To learn more about Academic Integrity, visit the [Academic Integrity Guide](#) for an overview of the topic. For hands-on practice, complete the [Academic Integrity Modules](#).

Disability Services

If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact both your instructor and [Disability Resources and Services](#) (DRS), 140 William Pitt Union, (412) 648-7890, drsrecep@pitt.edu, (412) 228-5347 for P3 ASL users, as early as possible in the term. DRS will verify your disability and determine reasonable accommodations for this course.

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I ask that everyone in the class strive to help ensure that other members of this class can learn in a supportive and respectful environment. If there are instances of the aforementioned issues, please contact the Title IX Coordinator, by calling 412-648-7860, or e-mailing titleixcoordinator@pitt.edu. Reports can also be [filed online](#). You may also choose to report this to a faculty/staff member; they are required to communicate this to the University's Office of Institutional Engagement and Wellbeing. If you wish to maintain complete confidentiality, you may also contact the University Counseling Center (412-648-7930).

Email Communication

Each student is issued a University e-mail address (username@pitt.edu) upon admittance. This e-mail address may be used by the University for official communication with students. Students are expected to read e-mail sent to this account on a regular basis. Failure to read and react to University communications in a timely manner does not absolve the student from knowing and complying with the content of the communications. The University provides an e-mail forwarding service that allows students to read their e-mail via other service providers. Students that choose to forward their e-mail from their pitt.edu address to another address do so at their own risk. If e-mail is lost as a result of forwarding, it does not absolve the student from responding to official communications sent to their University e-mail address.

Religious Observances

The observance of religious holidays (activities observed by a religious group of which a student is a member) and cultural practices are an important reflection of diversity. As your instructor, I am committed to providing equivalent educational opportunities to students of all belief systems. At the beginning of the semester, you should review the course requirements to identify foreseeable conflicts with assignments, exams, or other required attendance. If at all possible, please contact me (your course coordinator/s) within the first two weeks of the first class meeting to allow time for us to discuss and make fair and reasonable adjustments to the schedule and/or tasks.

Sexual Misconduct, Required Reporting, and Title IX

If you are experiencing sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic violence, and stalking, please report it to me and I will connect you to University resources to support you.

University faculty and staff members are required to report all instances of sexual misconduct, including harassment and sexual violence to the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX. When a report is made, individuals can expect to be contacted by the Title IX Office with information about support resources and options related to safety, accommodations, process, and policy. I encourage you to use the services and resources that may be most helpful to you.

As your professor, I am required to report any incidents of sexual misconduct that are directly reported to me. You can also report directly to Office of Civil Rights and Title IX: 412-648-7860 (M-F; 8:30am-5:00pm) or via the Pitt Concern Connection at: [Make A Report](#)

An important exception to the reporting requirement exists for academic work. Disclosures about sexual misconduct that are shared as a relevant part of an academic project, classroom discussion, or course assignment, are not required to be disclosed to the University's Title IX office.

If you wish to make a confidential report, Pitt encourages you to reach out to these resources:

- The University Counseling Center: 412-648-7930 (8:30 A.M. TO 5 P.M. M-F) and 412-648-7856 (AFTER BUSINESS HOURS)
- Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (community resource): 1-866-363-7273 (24/7)

If you have an immediate safety concern, please contact the University of Pittsburgh Police, 412-624-2121.

Any form of sexual harassment or violence will not be excused or tolerated at the University of Pittsburgh.

Statement on Classroom Recording

To ensure the free and open discussion of ideas, students may not record classroom lectures, discussion and/or activities without the advance written permission of the instructor, and any such recording properly approved in advance can be used solely for the student's own private use.

Your Well-being Matters

College/Graduate school can be an exciting and challenging time for students. Taking time to maintain your well-being and seek appropriate support can help you achieve your goals and lead a fulfilling life. It can be helpful to remember that we all benefit from assistance and guidance at times, and there are many resources available to support your well-being while you are at Pitt. You are encouraged to visit [Thrive@Pitt](#) to learn more about well-being and the many campus resources available to help you thrive.

If you or anyone you know experiences overwhelming academic stress, persistent difficult feelings and/or challenging life events, you are strongly encouraged to seek support. In addition to reaching out to friends and loved ones, consider connecting with a faculty member you trust for assistance connecting to helpful resources.

The [University Counseling Center](#) is also here for you. You can call 412-648-7930 at any time to connect with a clinician. If you or someone you know is feeling suicidal, please call the University Counseling Center at any time at 412-648-7930. You can also contact Resolve Crisis Network at 888-796-8226. If the situation is life threatening, call Pitt Police at 412-624-2121 or dial 911.