

CHEMISTRY 0710, HONORS GENERAL CHEMISTRY I, FALL 2017

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CLASS WEBSITE: chemicaleducation.org Always refer to the site for updated information.

TEXT & SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS:

- 1) *Chemistry, A Molecular Approach, 3rd Edition* Author: Nivaldo Tro
- 2) *Laboratory Manual for Chemistry 0710* Available online from class website
- 3) Lab notebook with carbonless copies. Available at the bookstore.
- 4) Laboratory goggles (safety glasses are not permitted) Available at the bookstore.

OBJECTIVES OF COURSE: The primary purpose of this course is to **increase your ability to critically think, analyze data and information, and learn**. The most important attributes that you must bring to this course are enthusiasm for learning, an open mind, and a willingness to change.

LABORATORY: Lab meets the first week of the semester. See your lab syllabus for more information. The schedule of experiments is on the website.

RECITATION: **Everyone must be enrolled in a recitation section.** These sessions are during the first hour of your scheduled lab period (engineering students do not have laboratory). The purpose of the recitation is to provide you with an opportunity to learn the more complicated material that you are having difficulty understanding on your own. It is imperative that you come to the recitation well prepared, meaning that **you have worked on the course material to the best of your ability before recitation**. The most likely consequence of not doing so will be very poor performance on graded recitation quizzes.

HOMEWORK: Homework assignments for each chapter are listed on the course website. Homework may be collected during the recitation at the discretion of the instructor. **Always bring your completed homework to recitation.** You will be accountable for the content and concepts introduced and exemplified in these homework problems.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Attendance at all lectures, recitations and labs is very important. You will be responsible for all material and concepts covered in the lectures, lab experiments, assigned readings, textbook, quizzes, and homework sets. **If you miss a graded assignment, you will receive a zero for that assignment. There are no make-ups for assignments.** You must attend your registered recitation and laboratory section. The possibility of an excused absence will only be considered with proper documentation (e.g. Dr's. note, police report, funeral home documentation, etc.).

DISABILITY SERVICES: If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact me and the Office of Disability Resources and Services, 216 William Pitt Union, (412) 6487890/(412) 383-7355 (TTY) as early as possible in the term. DRS will verify your disability and determine reasonable accommodations for this course.

ACADEMIC HONESTY: Students are responsible for knowing and observing the University of Pittsburgh Code of Student Academic Integrity, which forbids cheating, fabrication or falsification of information, multiple submission of academic work, plagiarism, abuse of academic materials, and complicity in academic dishonesty. Academic evaluation in this course includes a judgment that the student's work is free from dishonesty. Students who are suspected of violating this code will be required to participate in the legal procedural process as outlined in the University Guidelines on Academic Integrity.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND PROFESSIONALISM: **You are required to always conduct yourself in a professional and courteous manner** toward the professor, recitation instructors, laboratory instructors, and to all other students in the class. **Take responsibility for your actions** (It is not the fault of your alarm clock or lack of parking spaces that you are late for class). **If you are late or need to leave early, use to doors at the back of the room.** All cellular phones, beepers, and chimes on watches must be turned off during class. Any exceptions to these policies must be discussed with the instructor at the beginning of the semester or class period. Please refrain from any other behavior that is disruptive or distracting to other students. **Class points will be lost for failure to follow these rules.** Class points will also be lost and legal action will be taken if you are found vandalizing the classroom.

LEARNING CHEMISTRY: In order to **learn** chemistry, you must **practice** chemistry. Although a certain amount of memorization is necessary, memorization alone will not be sufficient. You must attempt to understand the concepts involved. Work enough problems and ask enough questions until you master the material. Do not expect to completely master new ideas in one reading. Students who attempt to learn everything by "cramming" the night before the exam are not as successful as those who spend time everyday reviewing the material. **You are encouraged to work with other students in the class in a constructive manner.**

TENTATIVE EXAM SCHEDULE:

EXAM 1	10/5/17	see website for material covered
EXAM 2	11/9/17	see website for material covered
FINAL EXAM	TBA	Comprehensive

TENATIVE POINT DISTRIBUTION:

Recitation	100 points [†]
Laboratory	100 points*
Exam I	100 points
Exam II	100 points
Final Exam	200 points
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Total	600 points

[†] Percent score from Recitation is used. Lowest non-zero quiz score will be dropped.

* Percent score from Laboratory is used. You must record a score of 70 or higher in the laboratory in order to earn a passing grade for this course.