CHEMISTRY 0120
Spring 2018
Course Syllabus

Course Information
Course Number: 10274
Lectures: TR 11:00-12:15 PM
Room 152 Chevron Science Center

Instructor Information
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Textbook and Materials
Sapling (Electronic Homework)
Top Hat (Audience response system)

CHEM 0120 Student Lab Manual (required for CHEM 0120 students)
Safety Goggles (required for CHEM 0120 students)
Scientific Calculator (required)* need log and ln

Blackboard (Course Web): A Course Web site has been set-up for this course section. You will be added to the site when you register for CHEM 120. The Course Web site will have class materials including: power points, sample exams, answer keys, and your grades on Exams.

Recitations: Since the lecture portion of the class is very large in size, weekly recitations give you opportunity to receive more personal and individual attention. This portion of the class allows you to work on your problem solving and critical thinking skills so essential in the field of chemistry. A brief quiz or In Class Exercise (ICE) will be given each week except as noted in the course schedule. Quiz questions will often reflect homework material but can also include lecture information. This is to help you keep on track with the material and show you areas where you may be behind.

Laboratory: Laboratory is where chemistry comes alive. This is where you can see the concepts you are learning in lecture play out to observe and understand them for yourself. This is where you become a true chemist and learn experimental techniques and begin to explore on your own. In order to complete your lab work in a safe and effective manner you need to be prepared for your lab before you enter the lab class. This will also allow you to gain as much knowledge from your experiment that will later help you in this class as well as others.

Attendance: Students should attend lecture. Lecture gives students the opportunity to understand the material in a different manner. Additional material and examples will be presented during lecture. A student has an obligation to exhibit honesty and to respect the ethical standards of the profession in carrying out his or her academic assignments. Without limiting the application of this principle, a student may be found to have violated this obligation if he or she: Indulges, during a class (or examination) session in which one is a student, in conduct which is so disruptive as to infringe upon the rights of the faculty member or fellow students.
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. **This includes cell phone pictures.**

**Absences:** There are **NO** makeup exams except in the case of a serious family or medical emergency or official University of Pittsburgh business. If you miss an exam due to one of these reasons you must notify me within 24 hours. If you know you will miss an exam beforehand, we can make arrangements.

**Recitation and Lab Make-ups:** All students are required to attend their scheduled recitation for this course. If you need to miss recitation, please arrange with your recitation instructor to make-up the material. In general, you may attend another recitation within the same week for make ups (**this may mean you have to attend an earlier section**). Please refer to your lab manual for directions on making up a lab session.

**Re-Grading Policy:** If you feel your exam was graded improperly, you may return your entire exam for a re-grade within one week of the date the answer key was posted. A written explanation must accompany the exam explaining the error made in grading. The entire exam will then be subject to re-grading.

**Academic Honesty:** 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 in particular **cell phones.**

**Students with Special Needs:** 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.

**Course Mechanics:**

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*Note that according to Departmental Policy, if you earn a failing grade in the laboratory component of this course, you will receive a failing grade in the course.*