

WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE

CHEMISTRY 60 SYLLABUS Section 3492 Spring 2015

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Lecture: Mon. & Wed. 5:10 - 6:35 pm MSA 005

Conference: Mon. 6:45 - 8:50 pm MSA 005

Lab: Wed. 6:45 - 8:50 pm MSA 402

Office hour: 40 minutes after classes

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Course description and objectives

This course provides an introduction to the chemical elements and general principles and laws of modern general chemistry. It includes a study of chemical reactions basic atomic theory, and molecular structure, as well as chemical bonding and the behavior of gases. It also covers nomenclature and problem solving. The laboratory exercises include gravimetric and volumetric analyses, elementary qualitative analysis, and experiments in solution chemistry.

Students whose previous chemistry background is inadequate for Chemistry 101 could take this course in preparation for chemistry 101. This course is also recommended for students who have been away from high school chemistry for more than two years.

Upon a successful completion of the course, you will be able to:

- A) Gain familiarity with fundamental concepts of chemistry and technical and abstract scientific ideas, which you can utilize to enlarge upon and enrich your own personal experiences.
- B) Apply appropriate mathematics in the solution of various chemical problems, which can prepare you to participate in an ever-increasing technological environment.
- C) Create abstract models of various chemical entities based upon concrete observations and current modern interpretation.
- D) Get familiarity with standard chemical laboratory equipment and differentiate between precision and accuracy of laboratory measurement and their effect on experimental results.
- E) Perform experiments that illustrate fundamental chemical principles and applications and interpret observations in the context of accepted chemical theory.

Text: Zumdahl Introductory Chemistry, A Foundation 8th Edition, Houghton Mifflin Company. 7th Edition is acceptable.

Lab Manual: James F. Hall, Introductory Chemistry in the Laboratory, D. C. Heath and Company, 8th Ed. 7th Edition is acceptable

Optional Supplementary Materials:

- A) Hein, ET al., Foundations of College Chemistry, Publishing Company,
- B) P.C. Scott, Study Guide for Hein, et al Foundations of College Chemistry
Provides you with a means of self-evaluation in determining how well you understand the materials of each chapter. It can be helpful if you look at the solutions only AFTER you try the exercises by yourself.
- C) S. Stoker, preparatory Chemistry, Macmillan publishing Co. , Inc.
Contains problems and explanatory material as well as text.
- D) D. M. Goldish, Basic Mathematics for beginning Chemistry, Macmillan Publishing Co. gives elementary, extensive discussions of the sort of algebraic operations needed in chemistry 60. This book might be helpful to you if your math background is weak.

The assigned readings and suggested exercises (see syllabus and lecture schedule) are designed to cover most of the important concepts presented in this course, and their applications. You will find that you need to practice on more exercises than are given on the "suggested" list in order to gain acceptable mastery of the material. There is no substitute for determined and perhaps lengthy effort to work out problems on your own. **You should not seek help until you have done at least some work on the exercise yourself.**

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU CANNOT LEARN MERELY BY OBSERVING; IF YOU JUST WATCH ME WORK EXERCISES, OR READ THE SOLUTIONS IN THE SOLUTIONS MANUAL, WITHOUT FIRST HAVING MADE A SERIOUS ATTEMPT BY YOURSELVES, YOU WILL BE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED IN DOING EXAMINATIONS

Laboratory:

Chem.60 is a laboratory course. Failure to perform the experiments and hand in reports **on time** will result in unsatisfactory grade in the course.

For reasons of safety, lab work may be done only during the assigned laboratory periods and when the instructor is around.

Note: You must wear eye protection whenever you are in the Lab. if you do not have the appropriate eye protection you may be dismissed from the laboratory section with loss of credit for that exercise.

Do not wear contact glasses in the Lab. They can absorb or trap some organic vapors and fumes and could cause eye damage.

Eating or drinking in the Lab. is prohibited. Read the instructions and the procedures for the experiment before coming to the Lab. Preparing flow charts before coming to the Lab will help you to finish the experiment in time and prevents avoidable accidents from happening.

Record all the data (including your observations). Have your lab instructor **sign your report/book** before you leave the lab at the end of experiment.

ABSENCES: There will be NO MAKE UP LABS! A grade of zero will be given for a missed lab session unless you can present a DOCUMENTED AND VALID excuse. LAB SWAPPING will be allowed only IF WRITTEN APPROVAL is obtained from me and the other instructor.

* PLEASE NOTE THAT A PASSING GRADE IN THE COURSE WILL BE CONTINGENT ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ASSIGNED LAB EXPERIMENTS.

For important deadlines, please refer to the calendar section of your class schedule.

THE COLLEGE ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY (PLEASE READ YOUR CATALOG) WILL BE ABSOLUTELY UPHELD FULLY IN THE COURSE. NEITHER CHEATING NOR COPYING WILL BE TOLERATED.

*Lab reports are due a week after completion. They are due at exactly the beginning of the lab period. Late lab reports are subjected to 50% deduction.

CHEME 60 SYLLABUS AND TENTATIVE LECTURE SCHEDULE Spring 2015

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading Assignment (from 7th edition)</u>
Feb. 9-11	Introductory remarks; Math review Measurements and calculations	Chapter ____ Appendix Chapter ____
Feb. 16	Holiday. Presidents' Day	
Feb. 18	<u>Mini Exam 1 Wednesday</u> Lecture: Matter and Energy	Chapters _____
Feb. 23-25	Elements, Atoms and Ions	Chapter ____
Mar. 2-4	<u>Exam 1 Monday. HW 1 due</u> Nomenclature	Chapter ____
Mar. 9-11	Chemical Reactions/Rxn in aqueous solutions	Chapters ____ and ____
Mar. 16-18	<u>Mini Exam 2 Monday</u> Chemical Composition	Chapter ____
Mar. 23-25	Chemical quantities	Chapter ____
Mar. 30-Apr. 1	<u>Exam 2 Monday. HW 2 due</u> Modern Atomic Theory	Chapter ____
Apr. 6-8	Spring Break	
Apr. 13-15	Chemical Bonding Gases	Chapter ____ Chapter ____
Apr. 20-22	Liquids and solids / Solutions	Chapters ____ & ____
Apr. 27-29	<u>Mini Exam 3 Monday</u> Acids and Bases	Chapter ____
May 4-6	Equilibrium	Chapters ____
May 11-13	Redox reactions*/ Organic Chemistry	Chapter ____
May 18-20	Reviews. Practice/Pre- Final Exam <u>HW 3 due.</u>	
May 25-27	Monday: Holiday, Cesar Chavez Day <u>Wed: Lab Final Exam</u> and Reviews for Final	
<u>June 1</u>	<u>Final Exam, 5:10 pm-7:10pm, All Chapters</u>	

EXAMINATION AND GRADING

There will be three 30-minute mini exams and two 60-minute examinations (tentative dates given on lecture schedule). The mini exams and exams cover chapters we finish in the previous class day. HWs are due before taking exam. Workshop handouts are given during conference meetings and must be completed and checked for full credit.

A final examination which contributes 25% to your course grade will be given at the scheduled time and **it is comprehensive.**

During exams students may leave the exam hall only after submitting their exam paper. A student who left the hall for any reason may not be allowed to come back and finish the exam or make any changes in his/her answers.

Students who come to the exam hall after the exam is started, may not be allowed to take the exam, if at least one student has left the exam hall before he/she came into the hall.

Cell phones and Beepers must be completely turned off during class time.

Your laboratory reports and lab final exam will be contributing 20% to your final course grade. (please see the lab schedule)

Homework and workshop altogether will contribute 15% to your final course grade. These include homework in handouts and in textbook. Being a group leader is required and altogether contributes 5%.

There will be no make-up exam. If you miss an exam for a good reason (need to show documentation), the weight of the remaining exams will be increased accordingly.

After all accumulated points in the course including final exam are totaled the final grades for the course will be assigned according to the following percentages:

> 90 %	A
89.9% - 75%	B
74.9% - 65%	C
64.9% - 50%	D
< 50%	F

Chem. 60 Tentative Laboratory experiment schedule

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Lab: W 6:45-8:50 pm Room: MSA 402

Lab Manual: James F. Hall, Introductory chemistry in Laboratory, D.C Heath and Company, 8th Edition. (7th edition is acceptable)

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Expt #</u>	<u>Laboratory experiment</u>
1	Feb.11		Check in, Laboratory safety
2	Feb.18	Exp# 1 and 2	Mass determinations and Use of Volumetric glasswares
3	Feb.25	Exp# 5	Density determinations for: Solids, liquids, solutions
4	Mar.4	Exp 9	Calorimetry: Specific heat determination of metals and Glass beads (Part B only)
5	Mar.11	Exp# 7	Properties of some representative elements a. Alkali and Alkaline Earth Metals b. Metallic and nonmetallic oxides Parts 1 & 2 only c. The Halogen Family; Parts 1 and d. 2 only
6	Mar.18	Handout	Nomenclature of inorganic compounds
7	Mar.25	Exp 19	Preparation and properties of oxygen
8	Apr. 1	Exp 11	Acid-Base reactions
	Apr. 8	Spring Break	
9	Apr.15	Exp 10	Precipitation reaction
10	Apr.22	Exp 15	Stoichiometry of Magnesium oxide
11	Apr.29	Exp 18	Lewis Structures and Molecular shapes
12	May 6	Video	Boyle's and Charles' Laws
13	May 13	Exp 21	Ideal gas Law
14	May 20	Exp. 26	Acid-Base Titration/Check-out
15	May 27		Review

Keeping track of your scores:

	1	2	3	total
Mini exams = 50x3 = 150 pts				

	1	2	total
Exams (2 x 100 pts) = 200 pts			

Workshop group leader	1	2	3	4	5	total
Group leader = 10 pts each time Total = 50 pts						

Workshop	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
10 pts each Total=90pts										

	1	2	3	total
Homework in textbook = 20 pts each. Total = 60 pts				

	Week															
Lab (week)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
10 pts each																

Lab Final Exam: _____/50 points

Final Exam: _____/250 points

Grand Total: _____/1000

Grade: _____