

# *Chemistry Class FAQ's*

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### **When should I come to class in a hybrid class?**

Hybrid classes in chemistry meet during the lab session. If you access CUNY first you will find the class meeting days and times next to the class information. For example, it would say Chem 202 Wednesday 5-7.45 PM. That means the class meets weekly, assuming BMCC is open, on Wednesdays at 5 pm sharp. You also need to consult BMCC's calendar at <https://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/academics/academic-calendar/> to find out what dates the school is open. Your instructor will never tell you if there is a class next week, or even the present week as he or she, like you, needs to consult CUNY first and BMCC's calendars. As instructors may have several sections in order not to give misleading information, it is recommended to suggest students check the calendars.

### **Do we have videos in a hybrid chem class?**

The answer is no, there are no prerecorded videos in your chem class made by the instructor. During the meeting sessions, your instructor will have time to lecture on selected subjects, and those lectures are neither recorded nor can be recorded due to privacy issues. If you want a class in which the instructor lectures through videos you may wish to contact the instructor in hand to make sure that is the preferred method of teaching. Still, our textbook comes with free youtube videos: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLykBd3LSjfsTaaqeHEqiq6Blz4Oar7P2P>

### **What if I miss a lab session?**

If you snooze you lose. There are no make-ups for a missed lab. Your grade will be affected by that.

### **When is the lecture on a hybrid chem lab?**

There are none. You will not sit down in a classroom and listen to the instructor's lecture about chemistry. Still, at the beginning of the lab session, your instructor will cover chemistry material.

### **I don't like the textbook! What can I do?**

Many textbooks cover the same chemistry content. Check the syllabus for additional bibliography and find a textbook you feel comfortable with. Your learning should not be tied up to a specific source, learn as much as you can from as many sources as you can. Just in case, here are some other books you might want to use: (a) Zumdahl, Zumdahl, DeCoste, Chemistry from Cengage (b) Chang, Goldsby Chemistry from McGraw Hill (c) Rosenberg, Epstein, Krieger, Schaum's Outline of College Chemistry from Schaum (it has many solved problems). You can find them all for very little money on Amazon.

### **It's my first time in CHEM lab. What should I do?**

Make sure you print the lab experiment due for that day, and that you work on the prelab before entering the lab. The lab manual can be found in the LMS. An experiment is covered in every class; the list of experiment names was given to you on the first day of class (if you missed the first day of class, read FAQ questions regarding the subject) and can be found in the chemistry lab. Don't miss your goggles, and dress properly: no short sleeves, short pants, and tie your hair if it's long. Go over the experiment and make sure you understand what to do.

### **I missed the first lab session. What should I do?**

The first lab session introduces the chemistry lab. However, if you snooze you lose. There are no make-ups for a missed lab. Ask your coworkers about what you missed. Do not contact your instructor: it is your responsibility to come to class, and you should not cause extra work for your unreadiness. If you signed up late to class, it is your bad, you'll get the leftovers. Next time make sure you respect the deadlines and be ready when class enrolment starts not months later.

**My BMCC ID number does not work when submitting the HW. What should I do?**

If you signed up to class late, switched classes or were part of the waiting list, your BMCC id will not work for the HW for the first weeks of class. While you are being placed into the system, you should use 12345 as your ID when submitting HW.

**Do we have ppts in this class?**

Our textbook comes with a set of free ppt:

[https://oercommons.org/authoring/  
22997-openstax-chemistry-ch-1-17-enhanced-lecture-slides/view](https://oercommons.org/authoring/22997-openstax-chemistry-ch-1-17-enhanced-lecture-slides/view)

However, I do not use ppt for my lectures. I lecture on the board. So get ready to take notes.