

General Chemistry 141, Fall 2016

Sections	Chem 141-10A
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Description General Chemistry I is the first of a two-semester course designed to introduce you to the fundamental terminology, principles, and theories of chemistry. The skills you gain in this class will prepare you for success in higher-level chemistry courses.

Oxford College is dedicated to a liberal arts education. The ultimate goal of a liberal arts education is not to provide a collection of knowledge, but rather to teach you how to think and how to learn. The study of science is an integral part of a liberal arts education. In Chemistry 141, you will develop strong skills in problem solving as you study concepts that explain how the world works. The skills you develop in general chemistry will be invaluable as you continue your studies in medicine or other fields.

Learning Outcomes The two primary goals of this course are

1. to train you to explain natural phenomena using the quantitative and qualitative principles of general chemistry, and
2. to prepare you for success in subsequent science classes.

In support of these ultimate goals, you will learn to select and apply algebra-based skills to solving quantitative problems, as well as to apply concepts you have learned in order to predict or explain changes in a system.

Content Knowledge To succeed in this class, you must master the following topics:

1. the scientific method
2. significant figures in measurements and calculations
3. the structure of the atom
4. nomenclature
5. stoichiometry
6. reactions in aqueous solution
7. net ionic equations
8. molarity
9. gases
10. thermochemistry
11. quantum theory
12. electron configurations
13. chemical bonds
14. molecular geometry and hybridization

Course Materials

Required textbook: *Chemistry*, 12th edition, by Raymond Chang and Kenneth A. Goldsby

Nonprogrammable scientific calculator: Calculators that can download and/or store information, can automatically solve equations, or can be programmed may not under any circumstances be used on a quiz or exam. **If you bring such a calculator, you will not be allowed to use it.**

Optional: *Student Solutions Manual*, by Brandon Cruickshank
Student Study Guide for Chemistry, by Raymond Chang and Kenneth Goldsby

Bring a notebook, pen or pencil, and calculator to every class. It is not necessary to bring your textbook. **Bring your calculator to every class.** You will need it for quizzes, and I only have a couple of extras for those whose calculators are malfunctioning!

Required for lab: Laboratory manual, sold by the Chemistry Department
Carbon-copy lab notebook
Safety glasses

You must purchase a carbon-copy lab notebook (available in the bookstore) before your first lab meeting. The lab manual and safety glasses will be distributed at the first lab meeting.

Topics

Chapter 1 Chemistry: The Study of Change
Chapter 2 Atoms, Molecules, and Ions (Sections 1-7)
Chapter 3 Mass Relationships in Chemical Reactions
Chapter 4 Reactions in Aqueous Solutions (Sections 1-5, 7)
Chapter 5 Gases
Chapter 6 Thermochemistry
Chapter 7 Quantum Theory and the Electronic Structure of Atoms
Chapter 8 Periodic Relationships Among the Elements (Sections 1-5)
Chapter 9 Chemical Bonding I: Basic Concepts
Chapter 10 Chemical Bonding II: Molecular Geometry and Hybridization of Atomic Orbitals

Grading

Your course grade will be computed as a weighted average comprising 80% of your lecture grade and 20% of your lab grade.

In lecture, you will have seven equally weighted grades (100 points each):

Total quiz score (10 best quizzes @ 10 points each)

Four in-class exams

Final exam (200 points; counts as two exam grades)

Your lowest exam score will be dropped, so that your lecture grade will be composed of the average of your five highest exams and your total quiz score. If your final exam is your lowest exam score, your final exam will count as one exam grade, and all four in-class exams will be included in your grade.

Your final letter grade will be determined by the usual scale. *There is no automatic rounding or curve to course grades.*

93	90	87	83	80	77	73	70	67	60	
A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	F

In fairness to all students, grades must be based solely on your performance in the course. If you believe I have misgraded an assignment, please bring this to my attention immediately. Otherwise, **under no circumstances will grades be open for negotiation.**

Partial credit will be awarded at my discretion and is not open for negotiation.

Note: You must earn a passing grade in both lecture and lab components in order to be awarded a passing grade in the course. If you fail either the lecture or the lab, you will receive an F in the course.

Homework	Diligently working problems is one of the major keys to success in general chemistry. To this end, you will be assigned homework problems to work through for each chapter. You should carefully work through these problems on your own or with a group. These problems will not be collected.		
Quizzes	Thirteen brief quizzes (10 points each) will be given in class every Wednesday to assess your understanding of the concepts discussed in the previous week (previous Wednesday, Friday, and Monday). The problems on these quizzes will be heavily related to the assigned homework problems. Therefore, though the homework problems will not be collected, <i>it is in your very best interest to work through every problem for every chapter.</i> You will need your calculator for quizzes, and you may not use a phone or tablet. Your three lowest quiz scores will be dropped, so that your total quiz score will be composed of your ten best quiz scores.		
Additional Problems	Suggested problems from the textbook will be posted to the Canvas page. You should work these problems on your own or with a study group.		
Exams	We will have four 65-minute in-class exams. The exams will be given during the regularly scheduled class period.		
	Exam 1	Friday, September 16	Ch. 1-3
	Exam 2	Friday, October 7	Ch. 4-5
	Exam 3	Friday, November 4	Ch. 6-8
	Exam 4	Friday, December 2	Ch. 9-10
	Exams will consist of quantitative problems as well as short essay questions. Some exams may include a few multiple choice questions. Exams will cover all material in lecture in addition to assigned textbook readings and other supplemental materials. Do the assigned reading!		
	Make sure that you have a pen or pencil and an acceptable calculator with you for each exam. You will not be allowed to use a graphing calculator on exams.		
Final Exam	The final exam will be comprehensive. It is given during the scheduled exam period, which is Tuesday, December 13, 9 am – 12 pm.		
Makeups	Makeup exams are not given after missed exams. In extenuating circumstances, it may be possible for a student to take an exam ahead of time, if I am given at least seven days’ notice. Under no circumstances will a makeup exam be given <i>after</i> the scheduled time and date of the exam.		
Review Sessions	Review sessions will be held one or two days before each exam, at a mutually agreed upon time. These sessions are completely optional and will give you the opportunity to ask me any questions you may have about the current material.		

SI	We are fortunate to have Michael Tsai as the SI leader for our sections of Chemistry 141. Michael excelled in General Chemistry last year, and his advice will be very valuable for learning and understanding general chemistry.
Expectations	<p>Electronics including but not limited to cellular phones, tablets, laptop computers, and mp3 players may not be used during class or exam periods. <i>Using these devices during class or lab meetings may adversely affect your course grade.</i></p> <p>You should minimize your trips to the restroom or other reasons for leaving during class. You may excuse yourself from class if necessary, but this is very distracting and should be kept to a minimum.</p> <p>Take responsibility for your own successes and failures. Work hard, and don't make excuses!</p>
Honor Code	<p>Academic integrity is crucial to the Oxford community. Therefore, as in all courses, you will be expected to adhere to the Oxford College Honor Code. Academic misconduct, as defined in the honor code, will not be tolerated and will be immediately referred to the Honor Council.</p> <p>Collaboration is not permitted on quizzes, exams, or lab reports.</p>
Disability Accommodations	If you are registered with Access, Disability Services, and Resources (ADSR), please submit your documentation letter to me during the first week of the semester so that I can make appropriate accommodations.
Attendance	<p>All students are expected to attend all lecture and laboratory sessions. However, I recognize that emergencies can arise that may result in absence from class. You should notify me if an absence is due to illness or other emergency. You are responsible for all material covered in lecture if you are absent.</p> <p>Besides missing class, these also count as an absence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Being late to class three times. (This means coming in after I've finished checking the class roster.) If you come in late, it is your responsibility to see me immediately after class to ensure that you are marked as being tardy and not absent. No adjustments will be made at a later time. 2. Coming to class more than 15 minutes late. 3. Leaving class early. 4. Going in and out of class. 5. Being inattentive or working on other assignments in class. <p>You are allowed 3 <i>absences</i> from lecture. If you exceed the 3 absence limit for <i>any</i> reason, by any combination of absences and tardies, you will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lose 1 point for the next absence (absence 4) 2. Lose 2 points for the next absence (absence 5) 3. Lose 3 points for each additional absence <p>Note that each point deducted is a <i>percentage point</i> of your final grade. Therefore, excessive absences will have a significant negative impact on your course grade.</p>
Canvas	The Chemistry 141 page on Canvas will be the primary means of communicating outside of class. It will also house supplementary course resources. Please be sure to check the course page daily.

Student Work Occasionally I will photocopy assignments that you turn in for inclusion in my teaching portfolio. Student work submitted as part of this course may also be reviewed by Oxford College and Emory College faculty and staff for the purposes of improving instruction and enhancing Emory education.

Tips for Success: Chemistry 141 is an intensive course and requires time. To perform well in this course, you must manage your time appropriately. You must have a proper study plan, beginning from the first day of class.

1. Develop a good attitude. Chemistry can be both fun and interesting if you allow it to be.
2. **WORK PROBLEMS!** The assigned problem sets are a good place to start, but you should also work lots of problems from the textbook.
3. Manage your time and your life. There are LOTS of extracurricular activities to get involved in at Oxford. None of them are an excuse for poor performance in the classroom. Remember why you are here.
4. Our class time is limited. Therefore, I will not tell you everything you need to know. Class time is for working through new problems and clearing up complex concepts. **You are responsible for all the information in the assigned reading**, regardless of whether it is discussed in class.
5. The average student will need to set aside *at least* eight hours a week to study for this class. However, students come into this class with all sorts of different backgrounds. You may be able to get away with studying less than this, or you may need to devote much more time in order to succeed. Do not compare yourself to your classmates. Just do what YOU need to do in order to succeed.
6. Memorizing facts is important to establish a basis for your knowledge but is not sufficient for success in Chemistry 141. You must be able to use your knowledge to think logically and analytically. Many of the test questions will require you to apply your knowledge to unfamiliar situations.
7. Come to class every day, stay alert, and take good notes.
8. Read the assigned material before each class, read it again after each class, and read it a third time before the exam.
9. Form a study group with a few classmates and work problems together.
10. Use the resources available to you: SI sessions, office hours, review sessions, chemistry tutors, and your classmates are all excellent resources to help you achieve success in this class.
11. The pace of this course is rapid. Stay current with the material and don't get behind.