

## Department of Chemistry Code of Conduct

The Department of Chemistry takes academic integrity very seriously. Violations of the student code of conduct erode the equitable learning environment that we strive for in all of our courses. Therefore, we are requiring all students in our courses to agree to the academic integrity statement in this document prior to receiving access to the course on Canvas.

All work submitted as part of your enrollment in this course should be your own work and you must follow all the rules associated with the assignment. Incidents of academic misconduct (including cheating, plagiarizing, research misconduct, misrepresenting one's work, and/or inappropriately collaborating on an assignment) will be dealt with severely, in accordance with the Student Code (Policy 6-400, Section V). A single instance of academic misconduct **could** result in a failing grade for the course. Multiple instances of academic misconduct may result in probation, suspension or dismissal from a program, suspension or dismissal from the University, or revocation of a degree or certificate.

Moreover, submitting assignment problems to online tutoring resources or searching for solutions on such websites and submitting the result as your own work constitute a serious violation of the Student Code (See: <https://regulations.utah.edu/academics/6-400.php>). The websites whose use is banned include CHEGG and CourseHero.

The appropriate practice for working through problem sets is:

1. Attempt the problem on your own without the aid of your book/notes.
2. Use your book/notes to check your method and gain a deeper understanding of the concept being asked.
3. Discuss the concept with your classmates. This is a crucial aspect of the course. Often, the best way to master a new concept is to engage in a detailed discussion with your peers and learn from each other.
4. Reach out to your teaching assistants to make sure you understand the concept correctly.
5. Contact your professor and explain your thought process to make sure you understand the concept correctly.

Importantly, steps 1-5 are all bypassed when a question is submitted to an online tutoring resource and the entire solution is received. This is highly detrimental to your success in this course as the process represented in steps 1-5 is critical for you to learn HOW to think about these problems. The Department will monitor online sites closely. If you are suspected of submitting assignments to online tutoring resources or searching for solutions on such websites to submit as your own work, you may be asked to explain your solution in person or virtually to the professor. An accompanying oral examination may result to assess that the work you submitted as your own. The Department will routinely monitor any submissions to online tutoring websites and report all instances to the VP of Student Affairs and the College of Science Academic Affairs Committee for investigation.

All study materials in this course are considered intellectual property of the University of Utah (this includes lecture slides, problem sets, exams, answer keys etc.). Any unauthorized distribution of the aforementioned materials will be reported to the VP of Student Affairs to initiate an

investigation. The Department will actively monitor this and report to any website that publishes the material the violation, as well as reporting it to the VP for Student affairs and the College of Science Academic Affairs Committee for investigation.

By signing this document, you certify that you understand the Student Code and the University's policies that govern academic integrity (Policy 6-400, Section V) and that any breach of these will carry serious consequences, which may include receiving an E for the assignment or the course, or more severe penalties imposed by the University.

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