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Course Syllabus: General Chemistry I
College of Science, Mathematics and Engineering
CHEM 1143 Section 201 20719
Room: Dillard 343
Semester and Course dates

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Textbook & Instructional Materials

Openstax General Chemistry <https://openstax.org/details/books/chemistry-2e>
ACS Exam study Guide: <https://acsexamsinstitute.com/>
Achieve homework service: <https://achieve.macmillanlearning.com/start>
Enroll in homework service with the MSU Registrar version of your name. No nicknames or aliases.

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism including the use of AI tools of any kind are prohibited. Such use will result in a minimum of and F for the project to an F for the course, depending upon the severity. Be aware that many software packages for writing and computing use AI for editing, solving and suggestions. No work will be accepted where these tools are used. An automatic AI use detection software is utilized to check all work submitted for a grade. Cell phones, PDA's Apple watches and computers must be off during lectures and examinations. Scientific calculators such as the TI-36x with one or two line screens and no memory are allowed in class and for exams. Advanced and programmable calculators are not allowed. Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

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Prerequisites

Completion of Intermediate Algebra and enrollment in College Algebra MATH 1233 or pre-calculus MATH 1533 and completion of High School chemistry or Introduction to Chemistry CHEM 1103 or 1203.

Description and Exam Schedule

Examination schedule is chapters 1,2,3,4 titled Matter, Molecules, Composition and the Mole and Stoichiometry covered on exam one tentatively scheduled for **2/27/25**; chapters 5,6,7 titled Thermochemistry, Quantum Mechanics and Bonding covered on exam two tentatively scheduled for **4/15/25**, and chapters 8,9,10 Covalent Bonding and Gases covered on exam three scheduled for **5/08/25**. The final examination will be the semester 1 comprehensive ACS National exam scheduled to take place one day the week of **5/12**.

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment

Assignments	Points
3 one hour exams	300
Homework	200
Final Exam	200
Total Points	700

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Percent Earned
A	90-100%
B	80 to 89%
C	70 to 79%
D	60 to 69%
F	Less than 50%

Homework

10 homework sets will be graded. All homework grades are retrieved from the Achieve homework service.

Quizzes

In-class open ended and/or multiple choice questions will be given to supplement exams in order to provide more time for online portions of the exams to be completed. Points will be summed for the overall exam score. These will be announced in class.

Exams

A portion of the exam will be taken online utilizing D2L. Online exams will occur during class periods for exams only. This will vary in content and quantity depending on the topics covered on the exam. Under no circumstances will make-up exams or additional assignments be given. One missed exam will be replaced by the final exam score at the end of the term if missed as a result of an MSU accepted injury or illness.

Make-up Work/Tests

One missed exam score can be replaced by the final exam score as long as the absence is acceptable by MSU policy.

Important Dates

Last day for term schedule changes: August 29 2024

Deadline to file for graduation: September 23, 2024

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" November 25, 2024

Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program and contact your instructor if access is significantly delayed. Utilize the instructor email address instead of D2L email for all communication and examine your mailbox regularly for emails from the instructor with attachments of required materials before exams and for reporting.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all meetings of the classes in which they are enrolled. Instructor's records will stand as evidence of absences. A student with excessive absences may be dropped from a course by the instructor. Dropping from the course after the last drop date assigns a grade of F. If the lecture is dropped, the lab may also need to be dropped. On the third unexcused absence, a Registrar drop form will be initiated by the instructor along with a written notice of intent to drop.

Students are responsible for all material presented in class and in assigned material. In-class exercises will not be provided outside of class.

It is important to study outside of class on a regular basis; working problems are the best way to learn chemistry.

Online Computer Requirements

[Click here to edit the text.](#) Taking an online class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. ****Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered a reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.*** Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. ****Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!!*** There are many places to access your class! Our online classes can be accessed from any computer in the

world that is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations; however, they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

Instructor Class Policies

The evaluation of student material is the domain of the instructor. Standard grading policy is followed without exception. Exam errors may be handled by removing the required points from the exam total, but credited if answered correctly for multiple choice format questions. The class average will be determined by the performance of the class. We will adhere to MSU's standard policy. Refer to the MSU website calendar for the final exam date. Questions about the assignment's grading should be brought to the instructor within one week after it is returned. Scores are reported with an assigned PIN after each exam.

By enrolling in this course, the student grants MSU a "limited right" in all intellectual property created by the student for this course. The "limited right" shall include but shall not be limited to the right to reproduce the student's work product to verify originality and authenticity, and for educational purposes. All materials associated with this course are copyrighted by MSU, the text publisher and the instructors, and may not be published on social media, websites or other means without the express written permission of MSU, the publishers and the instructors. This includes any recordings made in class.

Cheating on any exam, quiz or lab report will be regarded as academic dishonesty and may be subject to a zero or a final course grade of F. See calculator requirements above.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Services for Students with Disabilities

Students requiring accommodations should make an application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140

***Notice:** Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.