



Course Syllabus: General Chemistry
CHEM 1143
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Course Description

CHEM 1143 is a first semester chemistry course to satisfy lab science requirements for BS majors and provide entry level information for students wishing to pursue other chemistry courses. The content covers basic chemistry concepts, calculations, and background for future courses such as organic, analytical, environmental, and biochemistry. This is a survey course. Highlights and introductions to various specific and applied concepts will be covered in several areas relating to different aspects chemistry.

Objectives

Objectives include: to understand scientific thought and process as it relates to chemistry and problem solving; to analyze numbers and data to interpret outcomes of experimentation; to comprehend how atoms/matter form and change through a chemical process; and to understand stoichiometry, thermodynamics, periodic trends, substance formation/bonding, and laws and theories pertaining to matter.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

[Chemistry 2e - OpenStax](#)

ACS General Chemistry Study Guide

Owl v2 (Cengage Publishing): mandatory homework platform

Study Hours and Tutoring Assistance

Professors have office hours for the purpose of asking questions, working problems, and clarifying information – use this! Chemistry also offers free tutoring for lab and lecture classes. Person tutors can be obtained but for an hourly rate (please see office assistant for the current list). Study sessions for each test will be scheduled if time allows. PLEASE COME!

Youtube, chemreview, Khan Academy, and Quizlet are all very good options to look up videos, examples, demonstrations, extra problems, and practice problems.

SI sessions 4 times a week. 10 are mandatory for a grade.
TASP (free tutoring)

Student Handbook

Refer to: Student Handbook-2023-24 [Student Handbook 2023-2024 \(msutexas.edu\)](https://msutexas.edu)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

There are many assignments where group work is required or encouraged, but some work must be done independently. Please pay attention to group assignments versus independently assignments. Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

"Close" work will be warned. Obvious cheating (1st and all assignments) and all other cheating past the first warning will receive zeros that will not be dropped. Use of phones or any other cheating during an exam will be a zero for the exam that will not be dropped.

[Office of Student Conduct](#)

Grading

Grade distribution:

Table 1:

Assignments	Percent
Exams	60
Homework/Quizzes/SI	21
Final Exam	19

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Percent
A	89
B	79
C	69
D	59
F	Less than 59

Homework

Chapter homework will be in D2L (Owl, Cengage), but all grades will be viewed in D2L. After more difficult chapters, some group work packets will be given. Much of the work will be done in class for those that work diligently, but enough time will not be given to complete packets. You must work with your group in some fashion to finish the assignment by the due date. **MAKE SURE TO CHECK YOUR COMPUTER'S OPERATING SYSTEMS TO ENSURE YOUR COMPUTER IS COMPATIBLE AND UP TO DATE.*

Quizzes

Quizzes will be given after each chapter. These are no "pop" quizzes. All quizzes will be given in class to simulate a test environment and to test true knowledge and not research skills. Some quizzes will be group assignments and/or take-home types.

Exams

Exams will be given after every 2 – 3 chapters. You will need a nonprogrammable calculator OR one that can be cleared before each exam. No Inspires will be allowed for exams.

Final Exam

The exam is a comprehensive exam, nationally standardized exam through our accreditation agency, American Chemical Society. There are old, released copies to view online and in our library at the reserve desk. There is a book to check out in our office to help study, or you may buy your own – see our office secretary. *THE BOOK IS VERY HELPFUL, BUY IT NOW SO THAT YOU CAN STUDY AND MAKE NOTES IN EACH CHAPTER.*

Extra Credit

There are occasions when extra credit may be offered for attendance to professional seminars sponsored by our department.

Late Work/Make Up Work

Quizzes can be made up until they are recorded in D2L, this is approximately 4 days – one week after quiz is given. It must be a school sponsored absence or an illness that results in a university excuse. There will be no extensions on the online homework assignments. Exams can only be made up with a university excuse or equivalent. Make sure to ask about make up material if you miss class for any reason.

Important Dates

Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#) **Drop date is Oct 30.**

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Moderate 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 or contact your instructor.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all meetings of the classes in which they are enrolled. Although in general students are graded on intellectual effort and performance rather than attendance, absences will lower the student's grade because vital information is not gained. Excessive, non-university excused absences or missing TWO exams or THREE quizzes will result in an instructor drop. Missing this amount of material results in the inability to pass the course. The instructor must give the student a verbal or written warning prior to being dropped from the class.

Online Computer Requirements

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 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 which 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](#).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [Safety / Emergency Procedures](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled "Run. Hide. Fight." which may be electronically accessed via the University police department's webpage: ["Run. Hide. Fight."](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Grade Appeal Process

There is a timeline and protocol for grade appeals. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [Undergraduate Catalog](#).

Notice

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

Tentative Course Schedule

Dates	Activities/Assignments/Exams
Aug 29 – Sept 15	Chapters 1 - 3
Sept 19	EXAM 1
Sept 21 – Oct 12	Chapters 4, 9
October 17	EXAM 2
Oct 19 – Nov 2 Oct 30, 4 PM	Chapters 5 – 6 Last date to drop
Nov 7	EXAM 3
Nov 9 - 28	Chapters 7 - 8
Dec 5	EXAM 4
Dec 7	REVIEW
Dec 12, 8:00 AM	ACS FINAL