CHM 2210 Section 9186  Organic Chemistry 1  Fall 2016

Syllabus (tentative, as of 08/15)

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Where to buy  http://www.cengagebrain.com/course/1486367 (includes OWL, see below).

Lecture  Flint 50,  Tuesday, 5th and 6th period (11:45 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.),
Thursday, 6th period (12:50 – 1:40 p.m.).

Office Hours  Sisler Hall 329, Tuesday, 7th period (1:55 – 2:45 p.m.); Thursday, 3rd period (9:35 – 10:25 a.m.).
Or by appointment: Inquire by e-mail, always include “CHM 2210-9186” in the Subject line and suggest 2 or 3 dates and times in your message.

Teaching Assistants  Organic Chemistry Learning Center in Flint 257/258, to be announced, (see e-Learning).
Undergraduate TA’s will have office hours in Sisler Hall 329, to be announced.

E-mail  Include “CHM 2210-9186” in the Subject line. Chemistry questions cannot be answered by e-mail; come to office hours or make an appointment. Questions regarding grades are not accepted by e-mail. Exam scores will be released only on e-Learning.

E-Learning  All course information will be posted on https://lss.at.ufl.edu (Canvas). Check regularly.

OWL  Use of the OWL on-line learning system is voluntary but highly recommended for practicing; no part of your grade will derive directly from the use of OWL. To enroll to OWL go to:
https://login.cengagebrain.com/course/ To be announced.

Top Hat  This classroom response system will be used on a voluntary basis for quizzes on topics covered on the preceding one or two class days). You will be able to submit answers to in-class questions using Android or Apple smartphones, tablets, laptops, or through text message. Each correctly answered quiz counts 1 point; a maximum of 25 points will be available. To make up for missed or failed quizzes, at least 30 quizzes will be offered. The points earned for correct answers will be added to your exam scores. You can visit the Top Hat Overview (https://success.tophat.com/s/article/Student-Top-Hat-Overview-and-Getting-Started-Guide) within the Top Hat Success Center which outlines how to register for a Top Hat account, as well as providing a brief overview to get you up and running on the system. An email invitation will be sent to you by email, but if don’t receive this email, you can register by visiting our course website: https://app.tophat.com/e/302612. The Join Code is 302612. Top Hat will require a paid subscription, and a full breakdown of all subscription options available can be found here: www.tophat.com/pricing.
Should you require assistance with Top Hat at any time, please contact Support Team directly by way of email (support@tophat.com), the in app support button, or by calling 1-888-663-5491.

Exams: Some questions may come from textbook problems, OWL problems, and/or TopHat quizzes.

Progress (during term) Exams:
In classroom, Flint 50.  Time (exam begins at):
Tuesday, September 27,  5th period (11:45 a.m.), Exam #1: Chapters 1, 2, 3;
Thursday, October 27,  6th period (12:50 p.m.), Exam #2: Chapters 4, 5, 6, 7;
Tuesday, December 6,  5th period (11:45 a.m.), Exam #3: Chapters 8, 9, 10, 11.

Final Exam: In classroom, Flint 50, Wednesday, December 14, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
The Final Exam is comprehensive, includes all Chapters 1 – 11.

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Grading: The final letter grade results from scores of three Progress Exams and the Final Exam:

- Progress Exams (100 points each) 300 points
- Final Exam 200 points
- Total points possible 500 points.

Your exam scores will include up to a maximum of 25 Top Hat points.
Your final grade will be based on the class average that is determined at the end of the course.
You will be informed about your performance in class as we go along. For example, letter grade cut-offs will be posted in class following each exam; the class average will be given the letter grade equivalent of “C+”. Exam scores will be released only on e-Learning.

After being scanned, the graded Progress Exams can be picked up at Sisler Hall 329 during office hours.

Attendance and Classroom Etiquette: Regular attendance is expected; be on time. The lectures will build on one another. If you miss lectures, you may find it difficult to catch up with the class, and you will miss the opportunity to collect points. In addition to the presentation of the course material, reviews and helpful comments will be provided during the lectures. If you do not want to come to class, it is your business.

Cell phone use is strictly prohibited at all times in the lecture auditorium except for answering TopHat.

Work Hard and Practice: This course covers a lot of material and it moves fast. Keep up with the course at all times, do not let yourself get behind, and you will be in good shape.

Allow at least two (2) hours per day (on 6 days a week) to study for this course; working the problems (especially those assigned for each chapter) is essential; read the book chapters.

It is by working the problems, learning how to draw structures (including 3-D drawings), writing mechanisms, pushing electrons etc., that you will learn organic chemistry.

Do not wait until the last minute to come to ask for help. Make ample use of help offered by the instructor and by the TA’s during office hours.

Organic chemistry is a challenging course, but it is completely manageable if you work hard AND practice.

Exams: You are expected to abide by the University of Florida Honor Code.

All tests (exams and quizzes) have to reflect only your own work.

If you come late on exam days you will not be given extra time. Hats may not be worn during exams.

Three Exams (50 minutes) will be given during the semester only at the scheduled time.

Re-grades: A grading dispute must be submitted in writing via e-mail to me (jschantl@chem.ufl.edu) and has to contain: (1) "CHM 2210-9186” in the Subject line.

(2) The problem number with the detailed reason for the re-grade request.

The re-grade request has to be submitted within one week (or as announced) from the date the graded exams have been released for pick-up. Once submitted, the entire exam will be re-graded to ensure accuracy; thus, the final score may be higher or lower than the original score, or unchanged.

Exam Absence Policy: This course abides by the exam absence policy of the University of Florida.

In short: Certain unavoidable absences by students from examinations are allowed, if properly documented and disclosed to the instructor in charge at least one week before the anticipated conflict. Students will be given the opportunity to take a conflict exam, which takes place shortly before the scheduled exam for the class.

No make-up exams are given in this course. No exams will be administered to absent or otherwise compromised students for a grade after the established and scheduled assessment time.

Unpredicted absences due to medical illness are not covered under the above exam conflict policy and will be considered in an appropriate manner.

For details see the “Organic Chemistry Exam Absence Policy – Preliminary Version”.

Once approved by the Organic Division, the preliminary version will be replaced by the final version.
Student Senate Resolution 2015-138 recommends the following message to be included in all University of Florida course syllabi.

Your well-being is important to the University of Florida. The U Matter, We Care initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352-392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.