

Organic Chemistry / Biochemistry II – CHM 3218 Syllabus

CHM 3218-0809, Fall 2013: Tuesday and Thursday (8:30-10:25am) in CLB C130

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Jungsoo – Wed. 7th period (1:55-2:45pm) in Leigh 400
Sirikanya – Tues. 4th period (10:40-11:30am) in Leigh 400

Course Description. This class covers material commonly found in undergraduate biochemistry courses, with an emphasis on application of concepts from organic chemistry. Topics will include amino acids and proteins, enzyme structure, mechanisms and kinetics, primary metabolism, and nucleic acid structure and metabolism.

Prerequisites. Students should have taken and passed either CHM 2210 and 2211 or CHM 3217.

Textbook: Principles of Biochemistry by David Nelson and Michael Cox, 6th Edition, WH Freeman and Company, 2008. 5th edition is also okay. Handouts, recommended practice problems, and additional course material will be posted on the course E-learning website.

Lecture schedule. A tentative lecture schedule with recommended reading and problems is posted on the course E-learning website. However, as the semester progresses, this schedule may be updated depending on how quickly we progress through the course material. Please make sure you have the most up-to-date version by checking the date in the file name of the lecture schedule.

Exams:	Exam #1	Sept. 19
	Exam #2	Oct. 22
	Exam #3	Nov. 19
	Final	Friday, Dec. 13 @ 7:30-9:30am

All exams are held in our regular classroom CLB C130. Out of the three exams, the lowest grade will be dropped, and the remaining two exams will each count 1/3 of the course grade. Since one exam is dropped, no make-up exams will be scheduled. The final (which cannot be dropped) will be worth 1/3 of the course grade. The exams will emphasize lecture material and assigned problems. The final will be cumulative, but will concentrate (~40%) on material from after the third exam.

Grading. Your final grade is assigned based on a curve that is determined at the end of the course. After each exam, approximate letter grade distributions will be posted so that you will have a feel for your performance relative to others in the class as the semester progresses. Grades for exams will be curved so the median for the class is a "B/B-". For information on UF's Grading Policy, see: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

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