CHM 2210 Section 9186  Organic Chemistry 1  Fall 2014

Syllabus (tentative, as of 08/22)

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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.
 tentative  Tuesday, 7th period (1:55 – 2:45 p.m.), Wednesday, Thursday, 3rd period (9:35 – 10:25 a.m.).
Or by appointment: Inquire by e-mail, include “CHM 2210-9186” in the Subject line and suggest 2 or 3 times/dates 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  In the Subject line, always include “CHM 2210-9186”.
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.

e-Learning  All course information will be posted on https://lss.at.ufl.edu.
Only Announcements, Resources, and Gradebook will be used. Check regularly.
Exam scores are released only on e-Learning.

OWL  The OWL on-line learning system will be available to students in this course.
Use of OWL is voluntary; no part of your grade will derive directly from the use of OWL.

Some exam questions may come from OWL problems and/or from textbook problems.

Exams  Progress Exams (During Term Exams):
In classroom, Flint 50. Time (exam begins at): Tentative coverage:
Thursday, September 18, 6th period (12:50 p.m.), Exam #1: Chapters 1, 2;
Tuesday, October 14, 5th period (11:45 a.m.), Exam #2: Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6 (part 1);
Thursday, November 6, 6th period (12:50 p.m.), Exam #3: Chapters 6 (part 2), 7, 8, 9 (part 1);
Tuesday, December 9, 5th period (11:45 a.m.), Exam #4: Chapters 9 (part 2), 10, 11.

Final Exam: In classroom, Flint 50; Thursday, December 18, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
The Final Exam is comprehensive, includes all Chapters 1 – 11.

Grading  The final letter grade results from three best Progress Exam scores and the Final Exam score.
Three best Progress Exams (100 points each) 300 points
Final Exam 200 points
Total points possible 500 points.

Your final grade will be based on a class “curve” that is determined at the end of the course. You will be informed as to your performance in class as we go along. For example, approximate letter grade cut-offs will be posted following each exam (typically, the class average will be given the letter grade equivalent of “C+”).
The graded progress exams can be picked up at Sisler Hall 429 during common secretarial office hours.
Attendance and Classroom Etiquette: Regular attendance is expected. The lectures will build on one another. If you miss lectures, you may find it difficult to catch up with the class. 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. However, if you do come to class, be on time. When you are in class please be respectful of others.

Cell phone use is strictly prohibited at all times in the lecture auditorium; please turn off your phone.

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 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.

Four Exams (50 minutes, in classroom) will be given during the semester only at the scheduled time.

Re-grades: All grading disputes must be submitted in writing by the student to the TA in charge of grading the problem in question, no later than by the end of the 2nd class period (or as announced) from the date the exams have been returned to the class. Once submitted, the entire exam will be re-graded to ensure accuracy, and the score may increase or decrease accordingly.

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”.

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Once approved by the Organic Division, the preliminary version will be replaced by the final version.