

Basic Principles of Organic Chemistry

CHM 5224, Fall Semester 2015

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Organic chemistry is an art form at the heart of the pharmaceutical and materials-based industries.
Why Organic Chemistry? See: Macoss, M.; Baillie, T. A. *Science*, **2004**, 303, 1810

When:

- Classes/Lecture: MWF, Flint Hall 105 8:30 – 9:20 Aug 24 – Dec. 10 2014
- Optional Q&A: Thursdays, SISLER 340, 6:15 – 7:15 PM
- Exams: Select Thursdays (see Dates, below), Leigh Hall 0242, 6:15 – ? (no class Fridays after exams)
- Quizzes: Friday's of weeks without exams.

Key Dates:

Aug 24 (first day of class, begin exam one topics), ~ 10 lectures → **Sept 17/18 (Exam one / no class)**
Sept 21 (begin exam two topics), ~11 lectures → **Oct 15/16 (exam two / no class)**
Oct 19 (begin exam three topics), ~9 lectures → **Nov 12/13 (exam three / no class)**
Nov 16 (begin exam four topics), ~ 9 lectures → Dec 10 (last day of class) → **Dec 17 (Exam four, 10 am)**

***No class on UF sanctioned holidays

Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 am & by appointment

Course Objective: To learn fundamental principles pertinent to organic synthesis with special emphasis on reactivity, electron-pushing, and reactions/named reactions.

Course Content: We will roughly be following Grossman's textbook (see below)

- Review and introduction to synthesis-relevant physical organic chemistry principles
- Various reactions under acid and basic conditions
- Pericyclic: electrocyclizations, cycloadditions, sigmatropic rearrangements, and ene reactions
- Introduction to transition-metal catalysis

Grading:

- 10 Quizzes, 2 lowest dropped, 30% of overall grade
- 4 Exams, 70% of overall grade
- Grading will be done on a curve

Teaching Philosophy: The course will be a blend of lectures (developed from the text books listed below) and interactive problem sets and Q&A.

Lectures will be developed from the following textbooks:

Required

- *The Art of Writing Reasonable Organic Reaction Mechanisms*, 2nd Ed., Robert Grossman, online edition available [free of charge through the UF Library website](#).
- *Advanced Organic Chemistry, Part A*, 5th Ed., Francis A. Carey and Richard J. Sundberg. Online edition available [free of charge as a pdf through the UF Library website](#).

Recommended

- *Modern Physical Organic Chemistry*, Eric V. Anslyn and Dennis A. Dougherty (~\$110 online)
- *Strategic Applications of Named Reactions in Organic Synthesis*, Laszlo Kurti and Barbara Czako (~\$45 used online)

Canvas Course Website: <https://lss.at.ufl.edu>

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- Learning-support@ufl.edu
- (352) 392-HELP - select option 2
- <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>

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- Disability resources
- Resources for handling student concerns and complaints
- Library Help Desk support

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