

## General Chemistry I CHM 2045 HPBC (Lopez, Fall 2020)

*The instructor reserves the right to make changes or corrections to this syllabus at any time.  
Students will be notified when any changes are made via an announcement on canvas.*

### Course Overview

**DESCRIPTION:** CHM 2045 and CHM 2045L constitute the first semester of the two term sequence of General Chemistry, CHM 2045/2045L - 2046/2046L. Prerequisite information and credit suitability can be found in the Undergraduate Catalog. Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** As both a general education requirement and majors course, CHM2045 serves to teach: the scientific method, skills for problem solving, general chemistry knowledge, and a connection to the principles that govern the natural world.

**LECTURE:** T, R Period 8-9 (3:00 am to 4:55 pm) - virtual (online) with asynchronous lectures (exception: Top Hat in class questions are synchronous, see details below).

### INSTRUCTOR:

**Lectures:** September 1st through December 8th

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Office Hours (online, via Zoom)

T 9:30 am - 11:30 pm; W, R 1:00 pm -3:00 pm

### MATERIALS:

**Required:** TopHat (in class questions) subscription and ALEKS Prep Access.

ALEKS Prep – additional information here <https://www.chem.ufl.edu/undergraduate/aleks/> and more information in ALEKS section below.

**Recommended:** Silberberg and Amateis, 8<sup>th</sup> ed., *Chemistry, The molecular nature of matter and change*, can get eBook for less than \$50 for 5 years – available for a limited time.

<https://www.bsd.ufl.edu/G1CO/IPay1f/start.aspx?TASK=INCLUDED>

A non-graphic / non-programmable scientific calculator.

Optional: eBook of Student Solutions Manual made specifically for this course. Title: GENERAL CHEMISTRY - CHM 2045, ISBN: 9781307629521 and can be purchased here:

<https://create.mheducation.com/shop/> through McGraw Hill or through UF Bookstore.

**Note:** You will also need a small, handheld mirror or reflective surface for Honorlock exams.

**GRADES:** Grades for the term will be determined as follows:

3 Progress Exams	60%
Final Cumulative Exam	23%
Aleks	2%
Online Homework	8%
Worksheets	2%
Top Hat in class questions	5%
TOTAL	100%

The following grade cutoffs will be used (these are non-negotiable):

90-100% = A	86-89.9% = A-	83-85.9% = B+	80-82.9% = B	77-79.9% = B-
73-76.9% = C+	69-72.9% = C	66-68.9% = D+	63-65.9% = D	60-62.9% = D-
< 60.0% = E				

Information on current UF grading policies for assigning grade points can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>

**POSTED GRADES:** Should a student wish to dispute any grade received in this class, the dispute must be in writing (via e-mail to [simonlopez@chem.ufl.edu](mailto:simonlopez@chem.ufl.edu)) and submitted to the instructor within one week of the grade being posted to canvas. After one week has passed from when the grade was posted and the student made aware of the posting of the grade(s) via an announcement on canvas, the instructor considers those grades final.

**ALEKS:** Two percent of the course grade will be based on completion of the Aleks prep course. The deadline for completion of the Aleks prep course is **September 18, 2020**. The following shows the points you can earn based on completion:

Aleks completion percentage	Percent of grade earned
0-69%	0%
70-79%	0.5%
80-89%	1.0%
90-98%	1.5%
99-100%	2.0%

#### **ONLINE HOMEWORK:**

Six percent of the course grade (8 %) will be based on online homework assignments through the Canvas website of CHM2045. Each assignment has a displayed deadline for earning full credit; assignments that are late can be completed for half credit (maximum 24 h later, contact Dr. Lopez). Students that miss a homework deadline due to an excused absence can ask for an extension by contacting the instructor. You can earn up to 8 % toward your grade by completing these assignments.

<b>Course Schedule</b>		
Dates	Topics (# of lectures)	Chapters (Silberberg 8 <sup>th</sup> )*
Sep 1, 3	Introduction and review (2) + Mass relations (2)	Ch. 1-2 + Ch 3 (pt 1)
Sep 8, 10	Mass relations and stoichiometry (2) + Aqueous reactions (2)	Ch. 3 + Ch 4 (pt 1)
Sep 15	Aqueous reactions (3) + Exam #1 review (1)	Ch. 4
<b>Wednesday Sep 16th (8:20-10:20 pm)</b>	<b>Exam 1</b>	<b>Ch 1-4</b>
Sep 17, 22	Gases (3)	Ch. 5
Sep 24, 29 + Oct 1	Thermochemistry (5)	Ch. 6
Oct 1, 8, 13	Kinetics (5)	Ch. 16
Oct 15 Oct 20	Nature of light, Quantum mechanical model (2) Review (1)	Ch. 7
<b>Tuesday October 20th (8:20-10:20 pm)</b>	<b>Exam 2</b>	<b>Ch. 5-7, 16</b>
Oct 22, 27	Electron configurations and periodic trends (4)	Ch. 8
Oct 29, Nov 3	Chemical bonding models (4)	Ch. 9
Nov 5, 10, 12	Molecular geometry (5)	Ch. 10
Nov 12, 17	Covalent bonding theories (3)	Ch. 11
Nov 19	Intermolecular forces + Exam #3 review (2)	Ch 12
<b>Friday Nov 20th (8:20-10:20 pm)</b>	<b>Exam 3</b>	<b>Ch 8-11</b>
Nov 24	Intermolecular Forces (1), liquids (1)	Ch 12
Dec 1, 3	Liquids (1), Solids & Solutions (3)	Ch 12 + Ch 13
Dec 8	Colligative Properties (2)	Ch 13
<b>Monday Dec 14th (7:30-9:30 am)</b>	<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>Ch 1-13 + 16</b>
*The topics that will be covered from each chapter will be selective and announced in class.		
<b>Holidays (no classes):</b> Monday, September 7, Labor Day; Wednesday, November 11, Veterans Day Wednesday through Friday, Nov 25-27 (Thanksgiving)		

**IN CLASS TOP HAT QUESTIONS:** After the Drop/Add period ends, lecture participation will be facilitated via the Top Hat student response system (<https://tophat.com/>). You will be emailed by Top Hat (TH) with instructions on how to register for usage of the system. You'll be able to use your smart phone or laptop or tablet or any other applicable device. No clickers required. Four percent of the course grade (4 %) will be based on performance on in-class Top Hat questions. You can earn points in class by correctly answering Top Hat questions (1 point per correct answer + 1 point per participation). **No "makeup" Top-Hat options will be offered for any reason - no exceptions.** TH in class questions will be **synchronous** with weekly class times, starting at 3:00 pm (US east-time). An announcement will be made by Canvas at least 24 h before these TH questions occur. Check periodically (daily) your canvas site of the course, emails and announcements.

**WORSHEETS (WS):** Because the HPBC group does not have Discussion Classes, this section has weekly online worksheets that will count toward your overall grade (2%). They will be unlocked at Canvas every Monday morning (9:00 am) until 11:59 pm the same day, starting the second week of class.

**CANVAS (<http://elearning.ufl.edu>):** Here you will find the syllabus, gradebook, files, class announcements, and other pertinent info for the course. It is your responsibility to check Canvas often to make sure that you do not miss important announcements and to ensure that your gradebook is accurate. For computer assistance, visit <http://helpdesk.ufl.edu/>.

**CLASS DEMEANOR:** In order to have an optimal learning environment, the classroom needs to be free of disruptions. Therefore, it is expected that students come to class on time and leave only when class is concluded by the instructor, and that the class is not disrupted by student talking or cell phone noises (in case of zoom meetings).

**EXAMS:** Exams will be administered at night from 6:00pm to 10:20pm (Eastern time) outside of class, and will be held through Canvas using Honorlock. Exam questions will consist of questions similar to HWs /worksheets/ practice problems you have completed and practice on Canvas, as well as TH in class questions. So expect numeric entry, multiple dropdowns, multiple answer, true/false, multiple choice, matching, and multiple fill in the blanks. You must use a non-graphing non-programmable scientific calculator on exams (with log, ln, root, and exponent (scientific notation) functions). Be sure to also bring pencils, and your UFID card. No notes, papers, cell phones or other electronic devices can be in view during exams. **Detailed instructions for your exams using Canvas will be given prior the exam.** This course uses Honorlock for proctoring of during-term exams. Honorlock is UF's designated online proctoring service for classroom exams and quizzes that were previously in person but have moved online as part of the COVID-19 response effort. In order for you to take exams in this course you will need a government issued photo ID (or your Gator-1 ID), a working camera and microphone on your computer, a stable internet connection, and the Google Chrome browser (<https://chrome.com>) on your computer. Before and during your exam you will need to follow the Honorlock proctor's instructions. Please familiarize yourself with the Honorlock student guide: <https://dce.ufl.edu/media/dceufledu/pdfs/Honorlock-Student-Guide-UF-Update.pdf> and the Honorlock Student Exam Preparation Information: <https://dce.ufl.edu/media/dceufledu/pdfs/Honorlock-Student-Exam-Preparation-Information.pdf>.

To alleviate the stress of exams, we have incorporated an "average/replace" policy (the lowest of the four progress exams will be replaced by the average of the four progress exams). This "average/replace" policy will help to minimize the impact of a single poor performance but it will not completely disappear. For example, if a student has: Exam 1 score of 190/200, Exam 2 score of 150/200 and Exam 3 score of 180/200, then their average/replace score will be 173/200 and it will replace the original Exam 2 score. **Any and all**

**exam grade disputes must be performed within one week of the scheduled exam date.** 5 points will be deducted from your score if you neglect to sign the Honor Pledge question at the end of every exam.

**EXAM ABSENCES:** Absences will be handled in accordance with official UF academic regulations. For more information, see <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/> . See below for further clarification for two different types of situations.

(1) Conflicts with other events: Acceptable reasons to miss a scheduled exam include conflicting evening exams in courses with higher course numbers, religious holidays, military obligations, special curricular requirements (e.g., attending professional conferences), or participation in official UF-sanctioned activities such as athletic competitions, etc. For more information on such absences see the official UF Policy at <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/#absencestext> ). If you must be absent for an exam due to a documented and approved conflict known in advance, you must e-mail your instructor the documentation at least one week prior to the scheduled exam and an early conflict exam will be scheduled for you.

(2) Missing an exam due to an emergency or sudden illness: If you are absent for an exam due to an unpredicted documented medical reason or family emergency, you must contact the instructor as soon as possible, and you may be asked to have your excuse verified by the Dean of Students Office (DSO). Your instructor will follow UF academic regulations in evaluating the notification and/or documentation received by you or by the DSO on your behalf. Once your instructor is satisfied with the validity of your exam absence a make-up exam will be scheduled after a reasonable amount of time, i.e., before the end of the semester. If your documentation is deemed insufficient to excuse your absence you will receive a zero on the missed exam.

**CONTACTING THE INSTRUCTOR / OFFICE HOURS:** Emails are for administrative purposes only, and not for distance-instruction. All academic inquiries must be made during Zoom office hours. If this is not possible, visit the graduate TAs zoom office hours (schedule posted on Canvas). Please be prepared before coming to office hours, bring specific questions and your previous work.

**CHEMISTRY LEARNING CENTER (CLC):** There is free help to be had from graduate student teaching assistants via zoom. Graduate TAs will have office hours on zoom. You will also receive zoom links for the all CHM2045 graduate TAs so you may attend any TAs zoom office hours. Additionally, there is the teaching center <http://www.teachingcenter.ufl.edu> which offers some resources for being successful in your chm2045 class.

**RECORDINGS:** Our class sessions may be audio-visually recorded for students in the class to refer to at a later time and for enrolled students who are unable to attend live. Students who participate with their camera engaged or utilize a profile image are agreeing to have their video or image recorded. If you are unwilling to consent to have your profile or video image recorded, be sure to keep your camera off and do not use a profile image. Likewise, students who un-mute during class and participate verbally are agreeing to have their voices recorded. If you are not willing to consent to have your voice recorded during class, you will need to keep your mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the "chat" feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live. The chat will not be recorded or shared. As in all courses, unauthorized recording and unauthorized sharing of recorded materials is prohibited.

**HONOR CODE:** UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor

received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class. **5 points will be deducted from your score if you neglect to sign the Honor Pledge question at the end of every exam. You will receive a 0 for the exam and no average/replace, if cheating has been detected.**

**DISABILITIES:** Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting [disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started](http://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started). It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation (use canvas email). The student is responsible for scheduling the exam dates with the DRC. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible. The DRC has 4 business day policy to submit Accommodated Testing Requests (ATRs).

**UF MULTICULTURAL & DIVERSITY AFFAIRS:** Department within the Division of Student Affairs. Multicultural and Diversity Affairs (MCDA) celebrates and empowers diverse communities and advocates for an inclusive campus for all students across identities. MCDA is located on the second level in the student union. <https://multicultural.ufl.edu/>

**U MATTER, WE CARE:** 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](mailto: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.

**COUNSELING AND WELLNESS CENTER:** Visit [counseling.ufl.edu/](http://counseling.ufl.edu/) or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.

**UF TEACHING CENTER (CLAS):** Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352-392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. [teachingcenter.ufl.edu/](http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/)

**INCLUSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:** We embrace the University of Florida’s Non-Discrimination Policy, which reads, “The University shall actively promote equal opportunity policies and practices conforming to laws against discrimination. The University is committed to non-discrimination with respect to race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinion or affiliations, genetic information and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act.” We are committed to fostering an open and inclusive classroom and laboratory environment in our College, where every student, guest instructor and contributor feels valued. If you have questions or concerns about your rights and responsibilities for inclusive learning environment, please see your instructor or refer to the Office on Multicultural & Diversity Affairs Website: <http://www.multicultural.ufl.edu/>

**EVALUATIONS:** Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of

instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/> . Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

**GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:** Physical science courses provide instruction in the basic concepts, theories and terms of the scientific method in the context of the physical sciences. Courses focus on major scientific developments and their impacts on society, science and the environment, and the relevant processes that govern physical systems. Students will formulate empirically-testable hypotheses derived from the study of physical processes, apply logical reasoning skills through scientific criticism and argument, and apply techniques of discovery and critical thinking to evaluate outcomes of experiments. These objectives will be accomplished through participation in the course lectures and discussion sections, and individual work done on homework assignments and assessments.

A minimum grade of C is required for general education credit.

**GENERAL EDUCATION STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:** The following learning outcomes will be assessed through online assessments and examinations.

Area	Institutional Definition	Institutional SLO
<b>CONTENT</b>	Content is knowledge of the concepts, principles, terminology and methodologies used within the discipline.	Students demonstrate competence in the terminology, concepts, methodologies and theories used within the discipline.
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	Communication is the development and expression of ideas in written and oral forms.	Students communicate knowledge, ideas, and reasoning clearly and effectively in written or oral forms appropriate to the discipline.
<b>CRITICAL THINKING</b>	Critical thinking is characterized by the comprehensive analysis of issues, ideas, and evidence before accepting or formulating an opinion or conclusion.	Students analyze information carefully and logically from multiple perspectives, using discipline specific methods, and develop reasoned solutions to problems.

**SPECIFIC GOALS OF CHM2045:** You will be required to analyze scientific concepts and think critically. This means being able to answer both quantitative (mathematical) and conceptual (qualitative) multiple choice problems in a limited period of time. Additionally, you will have to write or orally communicate during your discussion periods. We will also demonstrate how these topics can be applied to the scientific method and how observation and experimentation leads us to the development of scientific theories. To achieve this, students will be introduced to the following concepts from the textbook. You will review the importance of chemistry in our everyday lives. You will be required to utilize the methods of science as a logical means of problem solving through critical thinking. This means you must analyze information carefully and logically from multiple perspectives, using discipline specific methods, and develop reasoned solutions to problems. To ensure your competency in these concepts you will be required to complete online homework assignments and take quizzes and exams that require critical thinking, analysis of problems and drawing conclusions.

**Critical Thinking:** Critical thinking skills are essential in the general chemistry course. There are six criteria by which we promote critical thinking: 1. Information acquisition: Identifying and differentiating questions, problems and arguments. 2. Application: Assessing the suitability of various methods of reasoning and confirmation when approaching a problem. Students are taught to develop hypotheses and to find support and limitations associated with their hypotheses. 3. Analysis: Identifying and analyzing stated and unstated assumption and using logical reasoning to evaluate different viewpoints. 4. Synthesis: Students are

encouraged to formulate questions and problems, construct arguments to address such questions and be able to effectively communicate conclusions. 5. Communication: In discussion of alternative points of view, students will be encouraged to criticize or defend their arguments with the use of logical reasoning and evidence. 6. Evaluation: Assessing the quality of evidence and reasoning to draw reasonable conclusions.

**Mathematics:** It is crucial in the general chemistry course to be competent in mathematics. Listed are the criteria by which we promote understanding and application of math: 1. Information acquisition: Students learn to select data that is pertinent to solving a problem. 2. Application: Use of algebraic, geometric and statistical reasoning to solve problems. 3. Analysis: Interpret and draw conclusions from formulas, graphs and tables. 4. Synthesis: To associate patterns and observations to more abstract principles and to consider specific applications of such principles. 5. Communication: Communicating information symbolically, graphically, numerically and verbally. 6. Evaluation: Estimate and verify solutions to mathematical problems to determine reasonableness, compare alternatives and select optimal results and understand the limitations of mathematical and statistical methods.

**DISCLAIMER:** This syllabus represents my current plans and objectives. If those need to change as the semester progresses, then the changes will be communicated to the class clearly.