CHEM2210 Organic Chemistry I

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Meeting Times:
- class #11038: MWF 8:30-9:20am
- class #11042: T 10:40am-11:30am
  R 10:40am-12:35pm
- class #11043: T 11:45am-1:40pm
  R 12:50-1:40pm

Location: Flint 50

Required Materials:

1. Textbook (optional):
   Please find recommended textbooks in “Recommended Materials” section on page 2. For this course, some students in the past utilized the textbook, others did not. Purchasing the textbook or not depends on your learning style. Besides, I’ll provide you everything you need to succeed in this course. Just make sure you attend lectures. Attendance, though not mandatory, will play a big role in your learning.

   Attending all lecture is a must if you want to do well in this course

   (2) Molview:
   You will learn how to use this software (free) to communicate chemically. You can draw any chemical structures and share it with anyone. This will be how you communicate with me and your peers in the class and much more in Organic Chemistry 2. Try it out. It’s very easy.

2. Recommended Materials:

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4. Exams:

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10. Course Policy:

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   ▪ Rounding up final grade
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   ▪ Exam Grading and Regrades
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Disability and Accessibility

(3) Appropriate Expectation: The word “difficult” for someone is different than others. Your difficult may be moderate or easy for your friends, and vice versa. You are taking one of the hardest classes at college level. Do not take this lightly. Expect a lot of hard work and grinding since week 1. However, as difficult as it sounds, Tuzki, undergraduate TAs, and I are here to help. You are in good hands. We believe in you!

(4) Your Smiley Face: A positive attitude leads to a positive performance. Let’s smile! :D

The 2D and 3D structure of caffeine in Molview.
Recommended Materials:

(1) Textbook: There are three textbooks that I recommend. Smith 7th, Brown 8th, and Klein 4th. Smith is a new textbook we are implementing this year. Brown is the textbook that we had been using until last spring. And Klein is another new textbook with growing popularity. All textbooks are available in a hard-copy, loose-leaf, or e-Text.

(2) Solution Manual: Most of you know that the solution manual will provide you the answer of all problems in the textbook. In addition, Klein provides very detailed explanation of those answers. Ask yourself if you will be using the solution manual or not, or if it can facilitate your learning style. You decide.

(3) Organic Chemistry As A Second Language: First Semester Topics: This book is recommended by your peers in the past. If you struggle with learning chemistry, this book help breaking down and simplifying difficult concepts to aid your learning. I have a couple copies in my office if you would like to take a look before making a decision.

(4) A Molecular Model Kit can be useful to your understanding the compounds in three-dimensional space. Often, students purchase these kits together to save money.
Tentative Grading Scheme:

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Exams (~70%)
All four exams will be given from 8:20-9:50pm on the following dates.

- Exam 1 – Wednesday Sep 13th
- Exam 2 – Tuesday Oct 10th
- Exam 3 – Thursday Nov 2nd
- Exam 4 – Friday Dec 1st

The 1.5-hour time slot is designed so that you will not need to rush through the exam. Because organic chemistry is a subject that builds upon previously learned material, all exams will be cumulative, but will focus on the material covered following the previous exam.

Exam Absence: If you have to miss an exam, you are required to let the instructor know one week in advance of an exam date. Unexcused absence or missing exam without proper documentation will result in a score of zero. Please see the course policy on page 5 regarding exam absence for more details.

Final Exam (~30%): The final exam is cumulative and worth ~200 points. The final exam will be given on Saturday, Dec 9, 2023 (8:00 PM–10:00 PM). If you have a schedule conflict during this time, you must contact the instructor at least one full week prior to the final exam day.

Lecture: Attend every lecture if you intend to do well. If you miss a lecture, then make sure you get notes from a classmate. It is expected you have knowledge of the information that is passed on in lecture and in the textbook. Making appointments with me to meet and go over what you missed are not possible (there are just not enough hours in the day for me to meet with 10-20% of the class who will not show up each week). Due to the sheer number of students, one-on-one meetings will be difficult. It is essential that you come to class and get the most out of the resources available to you. Bring a lecture handout (print it out or open it in your electronic device) and practice the study guide.

Any unexcused absences for exams or missing exam without proper documentation will result in a score of zero. Please see the course policy for more details on page 5.

Study Guides: This material comprises of practice problems that will prep you for all exams. They will be posted on Canvas for each chapter. Please do them following the lecture that you attend.

Office Hours and SI Sessions:
Attending office hours and SI sessions are not mandatory but could be essential for your learning. Office hours are held by me while SI sessions are held by multiple undergraduate students who have taken the class in previous semester. We will practice selected problems and go over what you need to do well in the course under less intimidating environment. And YES, students who perform well practice selected problems and go normally attend either or both sessions.
How to get an ‘A’ in CHEM2210

My suggested plan for approaching CHEM2210: Because the contents in this course go by so quickly and there is so much to do in a small amount of time, you should maximize the results you get for the amount of effort you put in. You can use the same amount of time in different ways and be more or less effective. If you avoid procrastination, you will do much better in the class!!! Here is how I would do it if I were you.

1. Attend Lecture
2. Take 2nd note + Read eText
3. Practice the Study Guides

Chapter 1 (key)

1.1 Determine the constitution of the compounds with the following molecular formulas:

a) \( \text{H}_2\text{O} \)

b) \( \text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{CH}_2 \)

c) \( \text{H}_2\text{C} - \text{CH}_2 \)

d) \( \text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_3 \)

e) \( \text{H}_2\text{C} - \text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_3 \)

1.2 There are two constitutional isomers with molecular formula \( \text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{Cl}_2 \), because there are two possibilities for the location of the chlorine atom. It can be connected either to the central carbon atom or to one of the other two (equivalent) carbon atoms. Draw both isomers.

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4. Office hours and/or SI Sessions

Changes to this Syllabus: While changes to this syllabus are not anticipated, unforeseen circumstances may force changes to be made, especially for the benefit of the student population. In such an instance, any changes will be communicated to students well in advance in class through an email.
Course Policy

Exam Absence Policy: This course administers all conflicts with scheduled exams in accord with university policy. University recognized conflicts include, but are not limited to, religious observances, participation in official university activities, military obligations, and court-imposed legal obligations. Students will be given the opportunity to take a conflict exam, which will be given shortly before the scheduled exam provided that the conflict is a) properly documented and b) disclosed to the instructor at least one week before the scheduled exam.

Unpredicted Absences due to medical or sudden family emergencies are not covered under the above conflict exam policy. A student who is absent for an exam due to one of the reasons listed above must contact the instructor as soon as they are able and must submit documentation to the Dean of Students Office (https://care.dso.ufl.edu/instructor-notifications/). Once the instructor is satisfied with the validity of the documentation, a make-up exam will be scheduled after a reasonable amount of time, i.e., before the end of the semester. If the student’s documentation is deemed insufficient to excuse the absence, a score of zero will be assigned for the missed exam. Exams missed without any documentation will be assigned a score of zero.

Rounding up final grade

This course does not offer rounding-off of your final grade. There are multiple opportunities to earn credits in this course and you need to take advantage of those. What you earn is what you get. We will not offer any extra assignment either.

Final exam grade

This course does not offer using your final exam grade as your final grade. Your final grade is an accumulated performance from all assignments and test scores.

Exam Grading and Regrades: Exams will be scanned and subsequently graded online using Gradescope. Once exams are graded, scores will be posted online and you will have access to a scanned copy of your exam, including grading details for all questions. If you believe that you have found a grading error, you will have the opportunity to request a regrade of your exam through the Gradescope platform. Once a regrade request is submitted, the entire exam will be regraded to ensure accuracy, and your score may increase or decrease accordingly. Regrade requests can generally be submitted within a week after exam scores are posted. The regrade request period for the final exam may be shortened; details will be communicated to the class. Questions regarding grades/grading are not accepted by email or Canvas message.

Taking tests at Disability Resources Center (DCR)

If you have/require a special condition for taking tests, please contact DCR. Please keep in mind the following.

1) You must take the test on the same day and must finish the test the same time as the regular test schedule at the latest.
2) Please be informed that we may or may not be able to communicate while you are taking a test at DCR. If there is an error on a test that is corrected in the regular exam location, we will contact DCR as soon as possible. However, if we are unable to contact DCR, you will not be informed about the change and that will be your disadvantage.

Only utilize DCR if you have to. Otherwise, we suggest you take at a regular class schedule and location.
Disability and Accessibility

Disability Resource Center (DRC): In coordination with DRC, reasonable accommodations will be provided for qualified students with disabilities. Students should contact DRC at https://disability.ufl.edu/. If you wish to discuss academic accommodations, please contact me as soon as possible.

Questions & Concerns

The University of Florida is committed to and encourages a diverse and inclusive community that respects and values individual differences. UF provides equal and integrated access for students with disabilities to all of its academic, social, cultural and recreational programs, and provides reasonable accommodations to employees and visitors with disabilities.

Explore accommodation-related information by clicking the link below.

https://disability.ufl.edu/students/accommodations/