

# Syllabus

## CHM 3120L ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY LABORATORY

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**Course Website:** Canvas; Please visit the website regularly for announcements and resources. Everything is posted under “Files”

Videos available at: <https://www.chem.ufl.edu/undergraduate/courses-and-curriculum/chemistry-laboratories/analytical/>

### Required Materials

**Laboratory Manual:** No lab manual is required. All materials will be posted on the e-learning site, under Files.

**Laboratory Notebook:** Any sensible laboratory notebook, to be used only for this lab, is suitable. You will turn in scans or photos of your notes, retaining the original notebook for your own use. Please be sure that what you submit is legible and clear.

**Laboratory Attire:** The Essentials: Long, loose-fitting pants, full shirt, shoes which cover the feet, departmentally-approved safety glasses, tie-back for long hair.

### Course Objectives

CHM 3120L is an introductory laboratory course in Analytical Chemistry. By the end of the semester, students are expected to demonstrate:

- proper laboratory techniques for quantitative chemical measurements including accuracy on unknowns
- knowledge of a select group of analytical methods
- competence in data analysis, statistics and preparation of professional laboratory reports

### Grading

Your grade will be determined by the accuracy of your results, the quality of your reports, the quality of your laboratory notes, your competence in essential laboratory manipulations, and your performance on written quizzes. Grades will be posted in the Canvas gradebook.

Accuracy	6 @ 35 points	210
Questions, Reports and Notes	8 @ 70 points	560
Practical Exams	4 @ 40 points	160
Written Quizzes	3 @ 45 points	<u>135</u>
		1065 total

The following grading scale will be used:

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
A	≥93	B-	≥80	D+	≥67
A-	≥90	C+	≥77	D	≥64
B+	≥87	C	≥73	E	<60
B	≥83	C-	≥70		

There may be a curve, there may not be a curve.

### **Notes:**

- 1) Prior to the first lab, visit the e-learning site and review Preliminary Handouts 1-3, 5: laboratory safety, basic lab rules, laboratory notebook, and fundamental techniques. Also read the handout for Experiment #1.
- 2) You will need to bring a copy of the lab experiments to your lab period. This can be done with either a print out, on a tablet or a laptop. It is advised not to use your phone.
- 3) On the first day, you select a workstation. This is where you will complete your experiments. Everything you will need will be at that station.
- 4) A minimum of 18 out of 35 accuracy points will be given if the experiment is performed, the results are calculated correctly, and deadlines are met. For labs with an unknown number, the number must be reported or will get an accuracy score of zero.
- 5) For labs 1-5, there will be questions at the end of the lab handout. You will turn in the answers to these questions and calculations along with your results, tabulated and presented nicely. Starting with lab 2, you will be asked to write a section of a lab report (Intro, Experimental, Results and Discussion and Conclusion) with each lab. For lab 6 and 7, you will be writing a full lab report. More details will be given about each section as the semester goes on. There are some examples of lab reports on Canvas. Videos covering scientific writing will be posted to Canvas.
- 6) Lab reports and answers to questions must be typed. By lab 2, all calculations must be shown through Microsoft Equation Editor.
- 7) A copy of your lab notes must be submitted with your reports. Lab notes may be taken with a notebook or a tablet, but they must be handwritten in some form. A spreadsheet does not count as lab notes.
- 8) Lab reports are due at the specified time on Canvas for your section
- 9) A 10% penalty off the final score of the report will be assessed each time a result or report is submitted late. The maximum permissible late time is one week.

- 10) All written work (late or otherwise) must be received by 3:00 PM on August, 8/6/25
- 11) Each student is expected to pass laboratory practical exams on four essential analytical skills (use of the analytical balance/weighing by difference, quantitative transfer/use of a volumetric flask, use of glass pipets and use of micropipettes). The tests will be given by the TA during the regular laboratory period at times mutually acceptable to both the student and the TA.
- 12) Three written quizzes will be given on the dates specified on the schedule. Quizzes will be given on Canvas. They are open note, but you must work alone. If you wish to go over your quiz, please contact your TA. The questions in your lab write ups will greatly help you prepare for the quizzes.
- 13) Attendance is required at all scheduled laboratory periods, unless you are informed otherwise by your TA or the instructor.
- 14) Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Students are expected to obey the University of Florida Honor Code, detailed at  
The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-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 instructors or TAs in this class.  
You are required to abide by the Student Honor Code. Any violation of the academic integrity expected of you will result in a minimum academic sanction of a zero on the assignment. Any alleged violations of the Student Honor Code will result in a referral to Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. Please review the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code at <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code>
- 15) Make-ups will be granted only when justified. If you know ahead that you will have to miss lab, notify your TA and Dr. Jacobs in advance. If you are sick and cannot reach anyone before lab, you will have to present written evidence of the illness. ***If you are not feeling well, do not come to lab***. There are 2 sections of lab, make ups are easy to fit in.
- 16) If you are involved in a laboratory accident, you must go to the infirmary for treatment.
- 17) Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation.

Course Fees: You have already paid this, but the fee for this course is \$30.00

## Laboratory Schedule

**Note:** Note that the schedule may change due to weather/holidays/pandemic

Dates (starting date)	Preparation	Lab Work	Quizzes	Results Due
<b>Begin May 12<sup>th</sup></b> Week 1	Read Handouts 1-6 Read Experiment 1	Check in Experiment 1 Balance use Pipet use/calibration		
Week 2 (May 19 <sup>th</sup> )	Read Handout 7 Read Experiment 2	Begin Soda Ash Titrations HCl/NaOH titrations		Experiment 1 results and lab notes
Week 3 (May 26 <sup>th</sup> )		No lab due to Memorial Day		
Week 4 (June 2 <sup>nd</sup> )		KHP/NaOH titrations Finish Soda Ash	Quiz 1 and Deadline for Weighing Practical	
Week 5 (June 9 <sup>th</sup> )	Read Experiment 3 Review handouts to prepare for Quiz 1	Propagation of error (Beer's Law stats)		Soda Ash questions, results, <u>Introduction</u> and notes due
Week 6 (June 16 <sup>th</sup> )		No lab, Juneteenth		Propagation of error <u>Experimental</u> and notes due
Week 7, (June 23 <sup>th</sup> )		No Lab, summer break		
Week 8 (June 30 <sup>th</sup> )	Read Experiment 4	Spectrophotometric Fe	Quiz 2 Deadline for Pipetting Practical	
Week 9 (July 7 <sup>h</sup> )	Read Experiment 5	Chloride Ion Selective Electrodes		Spec Fe questions, results, <u>Results and Discussion</u> and notes due
Week 10 (July 14 <sup>th</sup> )	Read Experiment 6	Fluorescence of Quinine; Standard additions and Determination of quinine in cinchona bark	Deadline for volumetric flask practical	ISE questions, results, <u>Conclusion</u> and lab notes due
Week 11 (July 21 <sup>st</sup> )	No in person lab this week	At home Chromatography assignment		Quinine lab report due
Week 12 (July 28 <sup>th</sup> )	Read Experiment 7	Gas Chromatography	Quiz 3 Deadline for Micropipette Practical	At home Chromatography assignment
Week 13 (August 4 <sup>th</sup> )				Chromatography report and notes due