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GENERAL
Deadline to drop course without a grade: Sept. 9
Deadline to withdraw from course with W: Oct. 25
Deadline to withdraw from course (WP/WF): Nov. 8

COURSE OVERVIEW
This is a basic course covering fundamental principles of chemistry. CHM1315 must be taken concurrently. It is assumed that one year of high school chemistry has been completed, or CHM1040C has been taken with a grade of C or better. This course is not recommended for those with ACT mathematics scores less than 21 without prior or concurrent enrollment in MAT 1271. We will follow the schedule provided in the gen chem information sheet handed out. This can also be found on the web, along with other general chemistry information at http://www.eiu.edu/~eiuchem/GenChem/

COURSE GRADE
The course grade will be determined as follows:

- Three 50 minute exams worth 100 points each.
- 10 point/10 minute quizzes given every Friday (except the first and last Fridays of the semester, and holidays). The two lowest quiz grades will be dropped. Total of about 10 quizzes.
- One comprehensive final examination worth 200 points, half of which is comprehensive, the other half over material covered during the last quarter of the course.

The following grades are guaranteed if your overall course score is greater than or equal to the following:

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Comments & Study Techniques

You may not know how to study effectively, this is important. Here are a few tips, some obvious, some maybe not.

1. There is no substitute for hard work. If you are not working hard then there is nothing anybody can do for you.
2. Even if you work hard you may not obtain the desired results if you are not studying in the most effective way. So how best to study?
3. Missing class is a bad idea. This material is not easily learned from the textbook alone. The question is, if you can’t be bothered to come to class, what then can you be bothered to do?
4. Read the textbook and familiarize yourself with this valuable resource. Correlate your readings with the lecture notes. Using both text and lecture notes will help to clarify many things. Reading the textbook and studying notes is insufficient (see below).
5. Look at the general chemistry section of my website. There are old quizzes and tests from a previous semester, this syllabus, and quizzes and tests as well as keys and assigned chapter problems are provided. Old tests and quizzes are most wisely used by printing them out and taking them (without notes or the book). Then print out the key and grade yourself.
6. Problems out of the textbook will be assigned for you to work. Working these problems is the best way for you to study. You should ultimately be able to work these problems in their entirety without the book or notes in front of you. After all, this is how you will be tested. It does no good however to stare at a problem for more than about 10 minutes if you’re not getting anywhere. Open the book, notes, or whatever to get you going. But remember always, you are not ready for a quiz or an exam unless you can do the assigned problems without notes or the book in front of you.
7. Study (that is do problems) in groups of 2 to 3 so if you get stuck you can help each other out.
8. Aside from working problems, it is an excellent idea to rewrite your lecture notes the same day as the lecture. Important thoughts will invariably be given in lecture which you cannot get down on paper fast enough. If you rewrite your lecture notes the same day, before the lecture is forgotten, much improved notes for studying will result. Not to mention the fact that you will learn a lot just by rewriting and thinking about the lecture.
9. A major goal is to learn to learn on your own. That said, ask questions if you are confused. Some of this material is difficult the first time around.
10. I am happy to help however you are responsible for your own success, or lack thereof.
11. Finally, I really do enjoy helping and getting to know people who come to my office, I am around much of the time. See me at office hours, any other time you can catch me, or make an appointment.
Policies

Since this is college lecture attendance is not mandatory. You will be treated as responsible adults able to make rational decisions. You will also live with the consequences of those decisions. In my experience if you do not regularly attend lecture you will obtain a letter grade at least 2 below the grade you would have been capable of attaining.

50 minute exams will primarily cover material from the previous exam through the topic specified. There will be at least one week advance warning concerning the scheduling of a 50 minute exam. You are expected to be there to take the exam. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. Don’t risk flunking the class by not showing up for an exam. It has happened in the past, and will happen in the future. Make sure this does not happen to you. You must notify me before missing an exam. The earlier you let me know the more understanding I will be. If you notify me after the exam, or during an exam by, for example, voice mail, a grade of 0 will be recorded. This is written here in no uncertain terms because I mean it. Permission to take a make-up exam will only be granted after you have consulted with me in person. If permission is granted, you will take an exam which is considerably more difficult than the regularly scheduled exam. Of course if you know way in advance that you have a conflict, or some unforeseeable event occurs, which is documented, I can be reasonable.

A quiz will be given every Friday unless otherwise stated. The final 10 minutes of class time every Friday will be devoted to this 10 point quiz. You must be present throughout the lecture to take the quiz. Students who attend the Friday lectures noticeably late will not be given a quiz. There are no make-up quizzes. The two lowest quiz grades will be dropped providing some leniency to this system.

The final exam will be Tuesday, December 17, from 8-10 AM.