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Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 9 - 10 am or by appointment

Lecture: MWF 8:00 - 8:50 am, EH 103

Text: *The Chemistry of Everything*; Waldron. The material for which the student is responsible includes Lecture Material and the Assigned Homework. Students are not responsible for text material not covered by lecture or not covered within the assigned homework. The textbook is a supplement to the lecture, not vice versa.

Exams: Four semester exams worth 100 points each and a final exam worth 150 points will be given. The lowest score on one of the semester exams will be automatically dropped. **No make-up exams will be given.** A missed semester exam will count as the drop grade. A missed final exam is an automatic F for the whole course. Dates for the exams are on the Schedule. Any changes will be announced with ample notice. In the event of bad weather or other cause, the University may declare classes closed or it may declare that it will follow the "Delayed Class Schedule". If a university declared day occurs on an exam date, then the exam will be held on the first full class date thereafter.

Homework: The list of assigned problems is listed according to the chapter not according to the lecture over the particular material. Assigned problems (indicated on the Schedule) should be turned in on the day of the semester exam covering that body of information. A record of homework submitted will be kept and a grade (worth up to 12 points for each of four homework assignments) reflecting the extent of completed assignments. Homework will be returned after it is recorded; it will not be graded. Two points will be deducted for each class day delay turning in homework. Homework will only be accepted up to 5 class days from the exam. Two bonus points are available if all four homework assignments are turned in the day of each exam.

Grade: Your final grade for the semester will be a composite of several grades. It will be the average of: 1) three semester exams (the lowest semester exam will be dropped automatically), 2) the final exam and 3) the total homework grade

Semester exams	300
Final exam	150
Homework	<u>50</u>
Total	500

The letter grade at the end of the course will be based on the **total number of points** as determined below:

A	450 – 500 points	90 – 100%
B	390 – 449 points	78 – 89%
C	300 – 389 points	60 – 77%
D	275 – 299 points	55 – 59%
F	0 – 274 points	0 – 54%

Calculations: Electronic calculators are encouraged for homework and examinations. There is no need to buy anything fancy, but the calculator should be capable of working with exponents and log functions.

Attendance: Attendance has no direct contribution to grading. The absolute requirement for attendance is for exams. However, since lecture is the most important material, regular attendance and note taking is critical to success. Phones, pagers and other devices must have audible signals turned off during lectures and exams. Furthermore, all communication devices must be out of view. Students with justifiable causes (e.g., emergency response personnel, others with job-related causes, etc.) who need to have these devices active may do so, but this must be reported to Alisa Perkins before the start of the exam. Please remain seated and refrain from preparing to leave until dismissed. The book shuffling is disruptive. If you must leave before class is dismissed, please do so as quietly as possible.

This course can be challenging; for many it will also be very difficult. Regular attendance to lecture and keeping up with the assigned reading and homework is important. **Do Not Get Behind!** The material from chapter to chapter builds on the material covered previously. One valuable help source is other students. Collaborate with others in the class. Share notes. Go over problems together. Collaboration can help with both the lecture material and the assigned homework. I will also be available for assistance after class or by appointment. It is the student's responsibility to maintain pace and to seek help when necessary. The best advice I can give you is to work as many problems as possible. The selected homework problems are one source but there are often similar problems not assigned in the text and the end of the chapter and for extra practice you can work these problems. Good luck and I look forward to your participation in Chemistry 101.