

Summer 2008 SYLLABUS
CHEM 343: TECHNIQUES AND INTRO TO SYNTHESIS &
CHARACTERIZATION (2 credit hours)

Corequisite for 343; 341, 343 prerequisite and 342 corequisite for 344.

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Text: *The Organic Lab Survival Manual*, any edition
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Packets from Chem. Stockroom;
LL38

This semester, the Teaching Assistants (TA's) are:

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The TA's will provide you with their office hours and other necessary information in the first lab session. They are responsible for the instruction, supervision and grading of the laboratory. Feel free to contact them in this regard. If you have a complaint about the way your lab reports are graded, please contact me.

Sections 20 and 71 will be held in Chem. 216. The other sections will be held in Chem. 214. The tentative schedule of experiments is given below.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Exercise/Experiment</u>	<u>Pre-lab Reading (for Zubrick 6th edition)</u>
Tues. June 03	Check-in; lab safety; equipment demo: Micro and Macro, course protocol	Zubrick Chap 1,2 & 4-9
Thurs. June 05– Mon. June. 09.	1) Identification and purification of unknown solids 2) Microscale boiling point determination	Zubrick Chap 10-14 and 26
Tues. June 10	Simple and fractional Distillation. Set-up for the synthesis of ethanol. Microscale	Zubrick Chap 17-21 and 36.
Thurs. June 12	Distillation of prepared ethanol. Macroscale	Zubrick Chap 17-21 and 36.
Mon. June. 16	Extraction of chlorophyll and crotonenes from Spinach (save your crude products). Microscale	Chap 15, 16, 27, 28 and 37.
Tues. June 17	Chromatographic separation of chlorophyll and carotenoids. Microscale	Zubrick Chap 29
Thurs. June 19	Acid catalyzed dehydration of a secondary alcohol. Microscale GC analysis of the products. Microscale	Chap 31 and 32
Mon. June. 23	Acid catalyzed hydration of norbornene. Microscale	Chap 25 and read Zubrick on separatory funnel extraction
Tues. June 24	The stereochemistry of Br ₂ addition to an alkene. Microscale	Zubrick on reflux
Thurs. June 26- Mon. June. 30	Williamson ether synthesis. Miniscale 1) Synthesis and work-up. 2) Purification and NMR analysis (Early checkout is possible)	Zubrick on reflux, extraction and short-path distillation. Chap 35 on NMR
Tues. July 1	Final checkout	

Safety: It is the number one priority. Lab safety glasses are mandatory. Shorts, tank-tops, sandals, etc. are not allowed. Cell phones, beepers, devices that require headphones, etc. should not be used in the lab. Long hair must be tied back. Gloves are available and sometimes will be made mandatory. Precautions about each experiment are noted at the end of experiment's write up.

Course Objective: The main objective of this course is to provide you hands-on experience with the basic techniques used by organic chemists. Afterwards, you will utilize these techniques in synthesis. Later in the semester, you will also learn important characterization/product analysis techniques.

Notebooks: Reports should be in bound form. Hand written reports should be done in ink (pencil can be used only for calculations). Typewritten lab reports are accepted. Lab reports are due during your scheduled lab time one week after the completion of the experiment. Late submission of reports will result the loss of 10 points per day. Guidelines for maintaining a lab notebook and a sample of a lab report are provided at the back of your packet.

Lab Preparation: Read the appropriate sections of Zubrick before each experiment. The actual experiments are provided in the form of a packet and are available for a minimal fee (usually \$5).

When you come to the lab, turn in all the pre-lab questions. Also, write down the experiment partially with information like title, purpose, overall reaction, and general procedure. Add observations, data, and conclusion during the course of the experiment.

Grading: Single session experiments are worth 100 points, and double session experiments are worth 200 points. You are allowed to drop one lab grade worth 100 points. Grades will be computed based on a possible 1000 points. The final assignment of letter grades will be based approximately on the following schedule:

1000- 900	90%-100%	A
899-800	80%-89%	B
799-700	70%-79%	C
699-600	60%-69%	D
Below 600	below 60%	F

I reserve the right to lower these divisions. Yields are not the primary focus of the course. Your ability to work diligently and think like a good bench chemist will be more important. The quality of your lab report will contribute significantly to the overall grade. Your techniques and lab habits will be observed by myself or the TA, and will also contribute to the final grade. In case you have low yield, a low mp, or impurities in your product, please don't fudge the data. If you can offer a reasonable explanation, it will be considered more important.

Make-up exams will not be given. For unusual circumstances, please come see me.

Incompletes will be assigned only for the reasons mentioned in the Student Handbook. Failure to check-out and replace missing or broken equipment will also result in an incomplete.

Five points each will be deducted for each general item found in ones drawer at any time.

Miscellaneous Information: At the initial check-in you will be assigned a locking drawer. Check each item on the check-in list and get the missing or broken items replaced, free of charge, from the stockroom (B-38). After, the initial check-in, you will be responsible for replacing any missing or broken item. The micro-scale equipment will be available on a daily check-out basis. All this equipment must be returned in one piece, clean and ready to use at the end of each lab period. Again, you will be responsible for the immediate replacement of any of the broken or missing item.

I reserve the right to make changes in the syllabus when necessary in order to meet the learning objectives, to compensate for missed classes, or for other similar reasons.