



Course	CHEM 1311, section 003: General Chemistry I
Professor	Dr. Steven O. Nielsen
Term	Fall 2006
Meetings	MWF 2:00–2:50 pm, FN 2.102 (Kusch Auditorium)

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General Course Information

Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, & other restrictions	One year of high school chemistry is assumed.
Course Description	Introduction to elementary concepts of chemistry theory. The course emphasizes molecular structure and bonding, chemical reactions, and the mole concept and its applications.
Learning Outcomes	<p><u>Objectives</u> This course is the first of a two-course sequence. The goal is to provide students with a working knowledge of the basic concepts of general chemistry needed for creative problem solving, as well as a background for advance chemistry and related science courses, and for laboratory applications. The course focuses on the following: the architecture of the atom; molecular structure and bonding; chemical reactions; thermochemistry; the mole concept and its applications; and the properties of solids, liquids and gases. Basic problem solving skills and critical thinking are also emphasized.</p> <p><u>Expected Learning Outcomes</u> Upon successful completion of this course, students will therefore:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) be able to use basic concepts in quantum theory and chemical bonding theory by predicting both the chemical properties (e.g. periodic trends, reactivities) and the electronic and 3-dimensional structures of representative compounds2) be able to interpret experimental data (in both tabular and graphical form) by appropriately setting up and solving scientific problems using dimensional analysis with proper attention to scientific units and significant figures3) be able to demonstrate an understanding of the role of energy in physical changes and chemical reactions by predicting the direction and magnitude of energy changes and by performing thermochemical calculations4) be able to demonstrate an understanding of the properties of gases by applying the gas laws and kinetic molecular theory to processes involving gases
Required Texts & Materials	<i>Chemistry: Matter and Its Changes, 4th Edition</i> by James E. Brady and Fred Senese course materials located on WebCT at http://webct6.utdallas.edu/
Supplemental Texts, Readings, & Materials	** <i>General Chemistry</i> version 3.0 (interactive DVD-ROM covering one year of freshman general chemistry); available through CSA or online at http://www.t2i2edu.com <i>Study Guide for Chemistry: Matter and Its Changes, 4th Edition</i> by Brady <i>Student Solutions Manual for Chemistry: Matter and Its Changes</i> by Nicholas Drapela

Schedule & Academic Calendar

Class Period	Day	Date	Topic	Chapter
1	Fri	Aug 18	Introduction/Atoms and elements	1
2	Mon	Aug 21	Atoms and Elements	1
3	Wed	Aug 23	Atoms and Elements	1
4	Fri	Aug 25	Compounds and Chemical Reactions	2
5	Mon	Aug 28	Compounds and Chemical Reactions	2
6	Wed	Aug 30	Measurement	3
7	Fri	Sept 1	Measurement	3
	Mon	Sept 4	Labor Day	
8	Wed	Sept 6	Measurement/calculations	3
	Thurs	Sept 7	Exam 1 (Chapters 1,2,3)	
9	Fri	Sept 8	Quantum Mechanical Atom	8
10	Mon	Sept 11	Quantum Mechanical Atom	8
11	Wed	Sept 13	Quantum Mechanical Atom	8
12	Fri	Sept 15	Quantum Mechanical Atom	8
13	Mon	Sept 18	Chemical Bonding: General Concepts	9
14	Wed	Sept 20	Chemical Bonding: General Concepts	9
15	Fri	Sept 22	Chemical Bonding: General Concepts	9
16	Mon	Sept 25	Chemical Bonding: General Concepts	9
17	Wed	Sept 27	Chemical Bonding and Molecular Structure	10
18	Fri	Sept 29	Chemical Bonding and Molecular Structure	10
19	Mon	Oct 2	Chemical Bonding and Molecular Structure	10
20	Wed	Oct 4	Chemical Bonding and Molecular Structure	10
	Thurs	Oct 5	Exam 2 (Chapters 8,9,10)	
21	Fri	Oct 6	The Mole	4
22	Mon	Oct 9	The Mole	4
23	Wed	Oct 11	The Mole	4
24	Fri	Oct 13	The Mole	4
25	Mon	Oct 16	Solutions	5
26	Wed	Oct 18	Solutions	5
27	Fri	Oct 20	Solutions	5
28	Mon	Oct 23	Solutions	5
29	Wed	Oct 25	Oxidation-Reduction reactions	6
30	Fri	Oct 27	Oxidation-Reduction reactions	6
31	Mon	Oct 30	Oxidation-Reduction reactions	6
32	Wed	Nov 1	Oxidation-Reduction reactions	6
	Thurs	Nov 2	Exam 3 (Chapters 4,5,6)	
33	Fri	Nov 3	Energy and Chemical Change	7
34	Mon	Nov 6	Energy and Chemical Change	7
35	Wed	Nov 8	Energy and Chemical Change	7
36	Fri	Nov 10	Energy and Chemical Change	7
37	Mon	Nov 13	Properties of Gases	11
38	Wed	Nov 15	Properties of Gases	11
	Thurs	Nov 16	Exam 4 (Chapters 7,11)	
39	Fri	Nov 17	Properties of Gases	11
40	Mon	Nov 20	Properties of Gases	11
41	Wed	Nov 22	Review	
	Fri	Nov 24	Thanksgiving Holiday	
42	Mon	Nov 27	Final Exam Review	
	Tues	Nov 28	Cumulative Final Exam (7pm to 9:45pm)	

Exam Schedule:

Thurs	Sept 7	Exam 1
Thurs	Oct 5	Exam 2
Thurs	Nov 2	Exam 3
Thurs	Nov 16	Exam 4
Tues	Nov 28	Final Exam (NOTE change in day)

Course Policies

<p>Grading (credit) Criteria</p>	<p><i>Course Evaluation:</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>(i) Quizzes</td> <td>15%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(ii) Midterm Exams (4 x 15%)</td> <td>60%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(iii) Final Exam</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> </table> <p>(i) <i>Quizzes:</i> There will be approximately 8 quizzes on the material covered in class. These will be in-class quizzes. They will be announced one lecture in advance, and will likely occur either at the beginning or end of the period. There will be no makeup quizzes given (you will receive a “zero” for any quiz you miss). Your one lowest quiz grade will be dropped.</p> <p>(ii) <i>Midterm exams:</i> ALL 4 MIDTERM EXAMS MUST BE TAKEN, at the scheduled time and on the scheduled day. There will be no makeup exams given. The lowest of the 4 exam scores will be automatically replaced by a higher final exam score. If you have an acceptable, documented reason for missing an exam (e.g., documented illness, auto accident, participation in UTD-sponsored event, observance of religious holiday), you will be allowed to replace the missed exam with your score on the final. Otherwise, you will receive a “zero” for that exam, that zero will not be replaced by the final, and will be included in the calculation of your final class grade. You may arrive late for an exam up until the first student finishes and leaves (only penalty being that you will have proportionally less time to finish the exam). After this grace period you will not be allowed to take the exam and will receive a score of “zero”.</p> <p>(iii) <i>Final Exam:</i> The final exam must be taken, will be comprehensive and cannot be replaced by any other grade, so don't miss it. No makeup final will be given. NOTE THE DAY OF THE FINAL (TUESDAY).</p>	(i) Quizzes	15%	(ii) Midterm Exams (4 x 15%)	60%	(iii) Final Exam	25%
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<p>Make-up Exams</p>	<p>There are no make-up exams (see above).</p>						
<p>Extra Credit</p>	<p>There is no extra credit.</p>						
<p>Class Attendance</p>	<p>Your attendance and class participation will have an impact on your final grade. Taking an active role in your learning will (guaranteed) help you perform better.</p>						
<p>Student Conduct and Discipline</p>	<p>The University of Texas System and The University of Texas at Dallas have rules and regulations for the orderly and efficient conduct of their business. It is the responsibility of each student and each student organization to be knowledgeable about the rules and regulations which govern student conduct and activities. General information on student conduct and discipline is contained in the UTD publication, <i>A to Z Guide</i>, which is provided to all registered students each academic year.</p> <p>The University of Texas at Dallas administers student discipline within the procedures of recognized and established due process. Procedures are defined and described in the <i>Rules and Regulations, Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, Part 1, Chapter VI, Section 3</i>, and in Title V, Rules on Student Services and Activities of the university's <i>Handbook of Operating Procedures</i>. Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the Dean of Students, where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting the rules and regulations (SU 1.602, 972/883-6391).</p> <p>A student at the university neither loses the rights nor escapes the responsibilities of citizenship. He or she is expected to obey federal, state, and local laws as well as the Regents' Rules, university regulations, and administrative rules. Students are subject to discipline for violating the standards of conduct whether such conduct takes place on or off campus, or whether civil or criminal penalties are also imposed for such conduct.</p>						
<p>Academic Integrity</p>	<p>The faculty expects from its students a high level of responsibility and academic honesty. Because the value of an academic degree depends upon the absolute integrity of the work done by the student for that degree, it is imperative that a student demonstrate a high standard of individual honor in his or her scholastic work.</p> <p>Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, statements, acts or omissions related to applications for enrollment or the award of a degree, and/or the submission</p>						

	<p>as one's own work or material that is not one's own. As a general rule, scholastic dishonesty involves one of the following acts: cheating, plagiarism, collusion and/or falsifying academic records. Students suspected of academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary proceedings.</p> <p>Plagiarism, especially from the web, from portions of papers for other classes, and from any other source is unacceptable and will be dealt with under the university's policy on plagiarism (see general catalog for details). This course will use the resources of turnitin.com, which searches the web for possible plagiarism and is over 90% effective.</p>
<p>Email Use</p>	<p>The University of Texas at Dallas recognizes the value and efficiency of communication between faculty/staff and students through electronic mail. At the same time, email raises some issues concerning security and the identity of each individual in an email exchange. The university encourages all official student email correspondence be sent only to a student's UTD email address and that faculty and staff consider email from students official only if it originates from a UTD student account. This allows the university to maintain a high degree of confidence in the identity of all individual corresponding and the security of the transmitted information. UTD furnishes each student with a free email account that is to be used in all communication with university personnel. The Department of Information Resources at UTD provides a method for students to have their UTD mail forwarded to other accounts.</p> <p><i>My policy is to not communicate any details regarding your grade through email. I will only discuss these details in person with a student.</i></p>
<p>Withdrawal from Class</p>	<p>The administration of this institution has set deadlines for withdrawal of any college-level courses. These dates and times are published in that semester's course catalog. Administration procedures must be followed. It is the student's responsibility to handle withdrawal requirements from any class. In other words, I cannot drop or withdraw any student. You must do the proper paperwork to ensure that you will not receive a final grade of "F" in a course if you choose not to attend the class once you are enrolled.</p> <p><i>Undergraduates last day to withdraw with WP/WF: Thursday, Oct 19</i></p>
<p>Student Grievance Procedures</p>	<p>Procedures for student grievances are found in Title V, Rules on Student Services and Activities, of the university's <i>Handbook of Operating Procedures</i>.</p> <p>In attempting to resolve any student grievance regarding grades, evaluations, or other fulfillments of academic responsibility, it is the obligation of the student first to make a serious effort to resolve the matter with the instructor, supervisor, administrator, or committee with whom the grievance originates (hereafter called "the respondent"). Individual faculty members retain primary responsibility for assigning grades and evaluations. If the matter cannot be resolved at that level, the grievance must be submitted in writing to the respondent with a copy of the respondent's School Dean. If the matter is not resolved by the written response provided by the respondent, the student may submit a written appeal to the School Dean. If the grievance is not resolved by the School Dean's decision, the student may make a written appeal to the Dean of Graduate or Undergraduate Education, and the dean will appoint and convene an Academic Appeals Panel. The decision of the Academic Appeals Panel is final. The results of the academic appeals process will be distributed to all involved parties.</p> <p>Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the Dean of Students, where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting the rules and regulations.</p>
<p>Incomplete Grades</p>	<p>As per university policy, incomplete grades will be granted only for work unavoidably missed at the semester's end and only if 70% of the course work has been completed. An incomplete grade must be resolved within eight (8) weeks from the first day of the subsequent long semester. If the required work to complete the course and to remove the incomplete grade is not submitted by the specified deadline, the incomplete grade is changed automatically to a grade of F.</p>

<p>Disability Services</p>	<p>The goal of Disability Services is to provide students with disabilities educational opportunities equal to those of their non-disabled peers. Disability Services is located in room 1.610 in the Student Union. Office hours are Monday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>The contact information for the Office of Disability Services is: The University of Texas at Dallas, SU 22 PO Box 830688 Richardson, Texas 75083-0688 (972) 883-2098 (voice or TTY)</p> <p>Essentially, the law requires that colleges and universities make those reasonable adjustments necessary to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability. For example, it may be necessary to remove classroom prohibitions against tape recorders or animals (in the case of dog guides) for students who are blind. Occasionally an assignment requirement may be substituted (for example, a research paper versus an oral presentation for a student who is hearing impaired). Classes enrolled students with mobility impairments may have to be rescheduled in accessible facilities. The college or university may need to provide special services such as registration, note-taking, or mobility assistance.</p> <p>It is the student's responsibility to notify his or her professors of the need for such an accommodation. Disability Services provides students with letters to present to faculty members to verify that the student has a disability and needs accommodations. Individuals requiring special accommodation should contact the professor after class or during office hours.</p>
<p>Religious Holy Days</p>	<p>The University of Texas at Dallas will excuse a student from class or other required activities for the travel to and observance of a religious holy day for a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property tax under Section 11.20, Tax Code, Texas Code Annotated.</p> <p>The student is encouraged to notify the instructor or activity sponsor as soon as possible regarding the absence, preferably in advance of the assignment. The student, so excused, will be allowed to take the exam or complete the assignment within a reasonable time after the absence: a period equal to the length of the absence, up to a maximum of one week. A student who notifies the instructor and completes any missed exam or assignment may not be penalized for the absence. A student who fails to complete the exam or assignment within the prescribed period may receive a failing grade for that exam or assignment.</p> <p>If a student or an instructor disagrees about the nature of the absence [i.e., for the purpose of observing a religious holy day] or if there is similar disagreement about whether the student has been given a reasonable time to complete any missed assignments or examinations, either the student or the instructor may request a ruling from the chief executive officer of the institution, or his or her designee. The chief executive officer or designee must take into account the legislative intent of TEC 51.911(b), and the student and instructor will abide by the decision of the chief executive officer or designee.</p>

These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.