CHEM 321: Organic Chemistry
Syllabus Fall 2015
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Lecture: Section 10 – TTh 9:30-10:45 Brown 101
        Section 11 – MWF 10:10-11:00 Kirkbride 100
        Section 12 – MWF 11:15-12:10 Kirkbride 100
Office hours: MW 12:15-2:00, TTh 11:00-12:00

Course materials:

Organic molecular models: Bookstore has Molecular Visions and Prentice Hall sets.

Success in organic chemistry:

Recitation sections: Time and Place TBA. Bring questions or listen to other students’ questions and review practice problems about the lecture content.
Office hours: Take advantage of both my office hours and the TA office hours.
List of tutors: Still need more help? The Chemistry Department Office maintains a list of tutors.
Contact Linda Staib in the chemistry office at: x-24645 or lstaib@udel.edu.
Sakai: My class Sakai site will have a great number of resources, including old exams, practice problems, and handouts for each section of the class. My suggestion is that you print out the handouts in advance of the lectures, punch holes in them, and put them in a three-ring binder. Then use these handouts as a template to take notes.
Course capture: I’m going to try to record summary lectures for each section (not the live, in-class lecture). These will be linked from the Sakai site.
Wiley Plus, etc: Your textbook comes with a number of online problems, tutorials, and other resources. I will “assign” problem sets, though these will be for your practice, not for part of the grade. A Wiley rep will give a presentation next week to tell you more about these resources.
Practice, practice, practice: The more practice problems you do, the more successful you will be.
Study partners: Another important factor in success in this class.

Lab:

Beginning in fall 2015, the lab is a completely separate course, Chem 325. Your first lab session will be on Monday, September 14. There is a new lab manual, CHEM 325 Laboratory Manual. Dr. Geoff Sametz will be sending you information before the first lab session. All questions about the lab should be directed to him at sametz@udel.edu.
Exam policies:

You are allowed to use molecular model sets on your exams.
Exams are inherently cumulative.
Makeup exams will be given to those students with valid, University-approved excuses, with documentation provided in advance.
Regrades – If there is a mistake in grading, you must write the specific issue in question and why you got it correct, staple it to the exam, and return it to me within a week of getting the exam back. We do photocopy exams.
Final exam date TBA based on the university.
You must take the final exam to pass the class.
Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will be followed up with the dean’s office.

Grades:

| Exam 1: | 100 points |
| Exam 2: | 100 points |
| Exam 3: | 100 points |
| Final exam: | 100 points |
| Total: | 400 points |

The final exam grade will replace the lowest midterm exam grade if it is higher.

A-,A 87.5% (350 points) or higher
B-,B,B+ 75% (300 points) or higher
C-,C,C+ 62.5% (250 points) or higher
D-,D,D+ 50% (200 points) or higher
+/- breakdown will be made at the end of the term.

Important dates:

Sept 7, Mon – no class (Labor Day)
Sept 14, Mon – Chem 325 lab starts
Oct 1, Thurs – Exam 1 (section 10)
Oct 2, Fri – Exam 1 (sections 11, 12)
Oct 29, Thurs – Exam 2 (section 10)
Oct 30, Fri – Exam 2 (sections 11, 12)
Nov 23-26, Mon-Fri – no class (Thanksgiving)
Dec 3, Thurs – Exam 3 (section 10)
Dec 4, Fri – Exam 3 (sections 11, 12)
Dec 11, Fri – Last day of classes
Dec 14-19 – Final exam (TBA)