

Fall 2018

# CHEM 121 - Fundamentals of Chemical Principles I

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## Chemistry: *Fall 2018 Course Syllabus*

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### COURSE INFORMATION

Course Description: Chem 121, Sections 001, 003

Number of Credits: 3

#### Course-Section and Instructors

Course-Section	Instructor	Teaching Assistant
Chem 121-001, 003	Kathleen Gilbert, PhD, PE <gilbert@njit.edu>	TBD - please see course Moodle site for TA name and email address.

Office Hours: T 1 - 2:30 pm,  
W 9 - 10:30 am,  
F 11:30 am - 1 pm,  
Office Hours are in 151T Tiernan unless otherwise communicated.

#### Required Textbook:

Title	Chemistry
Authors	Steven S. Zumdahl; Susan A. Zumdahl; Donald J. DeCoste
Edition	Tenth
Publisher	Cengage
ISBN #	ISBN-13: 978-1-305-95740-4

University-wide Withdrawal Date: The last day to withdraw with a W is Monday, November 12, 2018. It will be strictly enforced.

### Learning Outcomes:

1. Learn measurement units and perform unit conversions systematically using dimensional analysis or multiplication by one
2. Explain atomic structure and determine average atomic mass.
3. Learn to use periodic table to predict charges on atoms.
4. Understand mole concept: convert mass into moles and vice versa
5. Write chemical formula for simple compounds and calculate mass of molecules, and mass % of individual atoms
6. Calculate moles, molecular and empirical formula of a compound from basic principles using proper unit conversions
7. Balance chemical equations
8. Define solute, solvent and apply mole concept in aqueous solutions.
9. Identify various types of chemical reactions and apply the concept of limiting reagent to calculate percentage yield of products in different reaction types.
10. Apply various gas laws and the first law of thermodynamics to chemical problems
11. Calculate the energy changes in chemical reactions
12. Explain the quantum mechanical basis for the sub-structure of the atom
13. Write the electronic configuration for the elements in the periodic table and describe trends in periodic properties
14. Draw the Lewis dot structures for simple molecules and exceptions to octet rule
15. Discuss electronegativity and bond polarity
16. Use VSEPR to predict shapes of molecules and whether a molecule will have a dipole moment
17. Identify sigma and pi bonds and explain the hybridization of the molecules
18. Describe the differences in bonding patterns between solids liquids and gases
19. Describe differences in basic crystalline shapes
20. Determine edge length and density of simple crystalline shapes.
21. Predict changes in freezing point, elevation in boiling point and osmotic pressure when a solute dissolves in a pure solvent

### **POLICIES**

All CES students must familiarize themselves with, and adhere to, all official university-wide student policies. CES takes these policies very seriously and enforces them strictly.

**Grading Policy:** The final grade in this course will be determined by a point total based on the following:

Homework ( Basic HW: 100 + Regular HW 160) points	260
Class Participation (recitation + lecture)	190
Common Exam I	100
Common Exam II	100
Common Exam III	100
Final Exam	250
Total points	1000

Your final letter grade in this course will be based on the following tentative curve:

A	>835	B	710-774	C	600-659	F	< 550
B+	775-834	C+	660-709	D	550-599		

You must maintain an average of 35%, which is 193 points in the common exams and finals to pass the course. You will receive an F even if you have adequate point total without this requirement.

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance at classes will be recorded and is mandatory. Each class is a learning experience that cannot be replicated through simply "getting the notes."

Lecture: An I-clicker and calculator are required for all lectures. If your I-clicker malfunctions, you are required to inform the instructor, either in person or via e-mail the **same day**. Failure to notify the instructor will result in loss of points for that day. If you are in class, but using a cell phone in any way, using a computer, or listening to music you will not get credit for that day's attendance. If you are cheating (having a second I-clicker) you and the person for whom you are cheating will get 0 for the entire semester. There are ways to check! So, be honest.

Recitation: Students are expected to come to recitation after having reviewed the class lecture notes. Each recitation, the students will be given a worksheet to solve. The worksheets are collected at the end of the recitation and graded. Students who did not succeed in completing the worksheet during the recitation have one week time to complete the worksheets during office hours. Students who miss a recitation for a valid reason must still make up the worksheet to get credit.

**Homework Policy:** There are two types of homework: Basic and Regular.

Basic Homework, worth 100 points: It is recommended that you do the basic HW for the chapter before coming to the lecture. This homework is intended as a preparation for your participation in class. Getting > 70% in the basic homework before the lecture will ensure you have the foundation necessary to understand what is being taught in class.

Regular homework, worth 160 points: This homework is to test your understanding of the material being taught. This homework will build on the classroom content and enhance your understanding of the material. This homework will also be good preparation for the common exams.

All homework is very important. However, it is absolutely important that you aim to get > 90% in the basic and >70% in the regular HW to help you pass this class. Missing one homework is a significant issue - at least do some of each homework!

Each homework assignment has its due date. In addition, Moodle has a calendar with due dates. **ALL HOMEWORK MUST BE DONE ON TIME.** There is no credit for late homework. DO NOT WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK. ONLINE SYSTEMS ARE NOT 100% RELIABLE AND UNEXPECTED EVENTS MAY OCCUR. IN GENERAL, THERE IS NO LATE HOMEWORK AND MOODLE BEING DOWN IS NOT A VALID EXCUSE. PLAN TO FINISH YOUR HOMEWORK AT LEAST ONE DAY BEFORE IT IS DUE.

**Exams:** There will be three midterm exams held in class during the semester and one comprehensive final exam. The following exam periods are tentative and therefore possibly subject to change:

Common Exam I	Monday 4:30 - 5:45pm - 10/1/18
Common Exam II	Monday 4:30 - 5:45pm - 10/22/18
Common Exam III	Monday 4:30 - 5:45pm - 11/12/18
Final Exam Period	December 15 - 21, 2018

Pay attention in class to make sure you know all of the material that will be covered on each exam, and know that each common exam is cumulative. The final exam will test your knowledge of all the course material taught in the entire course.

**TEST GRADING ERROR.** Tests are returned in recitations following the test. If you believe there is an error, you have until the Thursday following the test to submit a test for regrading. You must write a very brief description of the problem on the back of the test. (The answer key is provided in Moodle in the TEST INFORMATION book. You should always learn from your mistakes and go over the answer key.)

ALL ERRORS NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE INSTRUCTOR'S ATTENTION WHEN THEY OCCUR. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE SEMESTER - NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER FINAL GRADES ARE SUBMITTED.

**Makeup Exam Policy:** There will normally be **NO MAKE-UP QUIZZES OR EXAMS** during the semester. In the event that a student has a legitimate reason for missing a quiz or exam, the student should contact the Dean of Students office and present written verifiable proof of the reason for missing the exam, e.g., a doctor's note, police report, court notice, etc. clearly stating the date AND time of the mitigating problem. The student must also notify the CES Department Office/Instructor that the exam will be missed. **One cumulative make-up examination** will be permitted at the end of the semester if there is an acceptable and substantial reason. A grade of zero will be given for a second missed examination independent of reason.

**Course Communication:** In the unlikely event of a class cancellation, you will be sent an email and/or the Moodle site

will be updated to indicate the cancellation. Other important information will also be communicated via Moodle and/or email; therefore, it is very important to check your email several times per day, and the Moodle site at least daily. It is also advised to do the homework as early as possible to avoid any impact of an email, Moodle, or Internet problem. University-wide email, Moodle, or Internet outages will not automatically delay homework due times or dates; each case will be handled on an individual basis. Student issues with email, Moodle, or Internet outages that do not affect the entire University will not result in any extra time given - it is assumed that students will use the NJIT Library or if off-campus, a public library or other public Internet location if their computer or Internet access is not working. \*\*\*If you do not tell the instructor about a special circumstance, no accommodation can be made after the fact.\*\*\*

**Cellular Phones:** All cellular phones and other electronic devices must be switched off during all class times. Such devices must be stowed in bags during exams or quizzes.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Chemistry Tutoring Center:** Located in the Central King Building, Lower Level, Rm. G12. Students can get help from peer tutors on a "walk-in" basis. There is no private tutoring available, however, if the center is not too busy, you may be able to get more personal attention. In this peer tutoring model, tutors are taught to encourage interaction among students to promote learning.

Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. For further information please click [here](#).

**Accommodation of Disabilities:** Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (*formerly known as Disability Support Services*) offers long-term and temporary accommodations for undergraduate, graduate and visiting students at NJIT.

If you are in need of accommodations due to a disability please contact Chantonette Lyles, Associate Director at the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services at 973-596-5417 or via email at [lyles@njit.edu](mailto:lyles@njit.edu). The office is located in Fenster Hall Room 260. A Letter of Accommodation Eligibility from the Office of Accessibility Resources Services office authorizing your accommodations will be required.

For further information regarding self-identification, the submission of medical documentation and additional support services provided please visit the Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) website at:

- <http://www5.njit.edu/studentsuccess/disability-support-services/>

**Important Dates** (See: [Fall 2018 Academic Calendar, Registrar](#))

Date	Day	Event
September 4, 2018	T	First Day of Classes
September 10, 2018	M	Last Day to Add/Drop Classes
November 12, 2018	M	Last Day to Withdraw
November 20, 2018	T	Thursday Classes Meet
November 21, 2018	W	Friday Classes Meet
November 22 - 25, 2018	R - Su	Thanksgiving Break - University Closed
December 12, 2018	W	Last Day of Classes
December 13, 14, 2018	R, F	Reading Days
December 15 - 21, 2018	F - R	Final Exam Period

## Course Outline

Week	Outcomes	Topic	Homework
1	1	Chapter 1: Chemical Foundations	Warm up Basic HW Basic HW I: Dimens. Analysis Basic HW II: Sig. Figs. Regular HW 1
2	2,3,4	Chapter 2: Atoms, Molecules, and Ions	Basic HW Regular HW
3	4,5,6,7	Chapter 3: Stoichiometry	Basic HW I Basic HW II Using Balanced Eq. Regular HW
<b>EXAM 1: Chapters 1-3</b>			
4	8,9	Chapter 4: Types of Chemical Reactions and Solution Stoichiometry	Basic HW Regular HW
5	9, 10	Chapter 5: Gases	Basic HW Regular HW
6	9, 11	Chapter 6: Thermochemistry	Basic HW I Regular HW I Basic HW II Regular HW II
<b>EXAM 2: Chapters 4-6</b>			
7, 8	12, 13	Chapter 7: Atomic Structure and Periodicity	Basic HW I Regular HW I Basic HW II Regular HW II
9	13, 14, 15	Chapter 8: Bonding: General Concepts	Basic HW Regular HW
10,11	16, 17	Chapter 9: Covalent Bonding: Orbitals	Basic HW Regular HW I Regular HW II
<b>EXAM 3: Chapters 7-9</b>			
12	18, 19, 20	Chapter 10: Liquids and Solids	Basic HW Regular HW
13	21	Chapter 11: Properties of Solutions  Class Quiz - Chapters 10-11	Basic HW Regular HW
14	1 - 21	<b>FINAL EXAM Review</b>	Basic: Chapters 1-8 Basic Chapters 9-12 ACS reviews: 1-6

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