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CHEM 124-007: General Chemistry Lab

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Chemistry: *Fall 2020 Course Syllabus*

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COURSE INFORMATION

Course Description: Chemistry 124 (General Chemistry Lab) is a laboratory course; it is designed to be taken concurrently with Chem 126. The experiments are designed to provide the students with practical experience and basic techniques in the chemistry laboratory. Also they will help the students understand the underlying concepts covered in Chem 125 and Chem 126.

Number of Credits: 1

Prerequisites: Chem 125

Course-Section and Instructors

Course-Section	Instructor	Email	Office Hours
CHEM 124007	Prof Pradyot Patnaik	Patnaik@njit.edu	Wednesday after 10:30AM (all day as needed)
CHEM 124101			(609) 351-4394 (cell)
			(call only when necessary)

Required Textbook:

Title	General Chemistry Laboratory Experiments
Author	R.W. Kluiber
Edition	8.4
Publisher	
ISBN #	

University-wide Withdrawal Date: The last day to withdraw with a **W** is Monday, November 9, 2020. It will be strictly enforced.

Learning Outcomes:

- Comply with safety rules when working in chemistry laboratory.
- Demonstrate the ability to use general chemistry laboratory equipment.
- Demonstrate the ability to follow lab manual instructions to perform chemistry experiments.
- Demonstrate the ability to use the knowledge of General Chemistry principles to solve the problem.
- Develop practices in recording experimental procedures and data.

Required PPE (Personal Protective Equipment):

- Face Mask (Face coverings with exhalation valves or vents are not effective and therefore not acceptable)
- Lab coat
- Lab book (available at NJIT Bookstore)

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 as follows:

Lab Reports and Accuracy: 85%

Pre-Quiz: 10%

Cleanliness of lab bench and sink: 5%

Grading scheme:

A	90 - 100	C	70 - 74.5
B+	85 - 89.5	D	55 - 69.5
B	80 - 84.5	F	<55
C+	75 - 79.5		

Converged learning Policies:

- The shift to remote and converged teaching due to the COVID-19 pandemic has required changes to normal working protocols for courses. Students are asked to practice extra care and attention in regard to their health, safety, and as well, academic honesty. Chem124 is offered in converged learning mode. The class will meet at the scheduled time with some students physically in the lab and others joining remotely. In order to maintain social distance, a maximum of FIVE (5) students are allowed to work in the lab simultaneously. The class will be divided into groups of five students each and only one group would be physically attending on a given day. The group assignment and the timing will be communicated to you by your lab instructor. Students have to follow a special procedure if they do not want to physically attend labs when it is their turn. If there is any health related issues which prevent you from physically

attending the class, you should notify the Office of the Dean of Students and also your lab instructor.

- Attendance is mandatory. A pre-lab lecture will be presented by the instructor in the class. Students physically attending the class will perform the experiment individually. A face covering will be required in the lab. You will NOT be allowed to enter the lab without wearing a face mask! Students joining remotely should login njit.webex.com and enter session number provide by the instructor to join the class. Online students will have the opportunity to ask questions through Webex.
- For each experiment, a demonstration video will be shared with students. Students should watch the video prior to attending the class.
- Lab Reports: A lab report will be submitted for each experiment. The report consists of the completed data sheet found in the lab materials, plus a separate page containing your calculations. Each student should submit a lab report of his/her own work. Quizzes related to the labs involving the experiments, and the general concepts of Chemistry will be assigned for each lab to assess the students' depth of understanding. For the final three experiments of the semester, students will be given one week to complete the report. The completed lab reports for each experiment can be submitted to the instructor either in person in the class or by email. Students must check the Announcements and Assignments on Canvas.
- **Make-up Policy:** The last week of the semester will be reserved for students to make-up a lab which was missed. At this time, students will be permitted to make-up **one experiment only**. All make-ups will be conducted online only.
- **Cellular Phones:** All cellular phones must be switched off during all class times.

Safety and Clean Up Policy:

- WEAR SAFETY GOGGLES and FACE MASK AT ALL TIMES IN THE LABORATORY.
- Clothing that covers your legs and shoulders are required. No shorts or short skirts.
- Everyone will be required to wear lab coats and gloves during each experiment.
- Closed shoes must be worn at all times. No sandals.
- Food or drink is not allowed in the lab.
- Turn off cell phones. Texting is not permitted in the lab.
- Properly dispose of waste materials.
- Cleanup your workspace at the end of each lab session and wash your hands prior to leaving the laboratory. **5% PENALTY WILL BE APPLIED TO YOUR LAB REPORT SCORE FOR FAILURE TO CLEAN UP PROPERLY!**

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Chemistry Tutoring Center: Located in the Central King Building, Lower Level, Rm. G12. 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. 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/>

Laboratory Schedule

Below is a tentative weekly schedule. I will try to stick to this schedule as closely as possible. Students will be consulted with to reach an agreement on any modifications or deviations from the syllabus throughout the course of the semester.

Week	Experiment
1	Check in, Introduction, and Safety
2	Measuring the Density of a Solid and a liquid
3	Water of Hydration
4	The Solvay Process
5	Paper Chromatography and Completion of the Solvay Process Lab
6	Calorimetry: Experiment Based on Thermodynamics
7	Analysis of Acidic Substances by Titration
8	Molecular Weight of a Volatile Liquid
9	Molecular Weight Determination by Freezing Point Depression
10	Kinetics: the Clock Reaction
11	Spectrometric Analysis for Phosphate
12	pH, Buffers and the Dissociation Constant, K_a
13	No class: Thanksgiving recess
14	Make up (online only)