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Chemistry 126A (General Chemistry Lab II) *Spring 2021 Course Syllabus*

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COURSE INFORMATION

Course Description: Chemistry 126A (General Chemistry Lab II) 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 126. It is an advancement of Chem 125A

Number of Credits: 1

Course-Section and Instructors

Course-Section	Instructor	Email	Office Hours
102	Xianyang Meng	xianyang.meng@njit.edu	Wednesday 2 pm to 6 pm
Thursday 06:00 PM 08:50 PM		xm34@njit.edu	

Webex Room link: <https://njit.webex.com/meet/xm34>

Required Textbook:

Title	Laboratory Manual, Chemistry, a Molecular Approach
Author	John B. Vincent, and Erica Livingston
Edition	4 th edition
Publisher	Pearson
ISBN #	013406626X

University-wide Withdrawal Date: The last day to withdraw with a **W** is Tuesday, January 26, 2021. It will be strictly enforced.

Learning Outcomes:

- Comply with safety rules when working in a 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		

Webex Room link for online students on schedule: <https://njit.webex.com/meet/xm34>

Converged learning Policies:

- **Chem126A 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 is allowed to work in the lab simultaneously. The times that students will be physically attending will be communicated to you by your lab instructor. Students have to follow a special procedure if you do not want to physically attend labs when it is your turn. If you have health-related issues that prevent you from physically attending, you should notify the Office of the Dean of Students.

- **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 log in to njit.webex.com and enter the session number provided 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 before attending the class.
- Pre-lab quizzes: For each experiment, students must complete a pre-lab quiz before the class. The pre-lab quiz should be submitted in person or by email depending on how you will attend that lab. The completed pre-lab quiz accounts for 10% of each lab grade.
- 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 if needed. Each student should submit a lab report of his/her own work. For some experiments, lab reports must be handed in immediately following completion of the lab. For these experiments, **late lab reports will not be accepted**. For other experiments, students will be given one week to complete the report. Any reports turned in late will lose 10 points per week. Students physically attending the lab will complete the experiment and submit the lab report to the instructor in the class. Experimental data will be provided to online students via Assignments of Canvas at the beginning of the lab class. Students should complete the report, take pictures of all pages, and upload the pictures to Assignment of Canvas.
- **Make-up Policy:** The last week of the semester will be reserved for students to make-up a lab that 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.
- Proper disposal of waste materials.
- Clean up your workspace at the end of each lab session and wash your hands before 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.

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 need 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:

- <https://www.njit.edu/studentsuccess/accessibility>

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	Diet Coke and Mentos (Experiment 19A)
3	Activation Energy Determination (Experiment 19C)
4	Kinetics Lab (Handout)
5	Equilibrium Constant and Le Chatelier's Principle (Experiment 20)
6	Absorption Spectrum and Beer's Law (Handout)
7	Acid and Base Titration (Experiment 21)
8	Determining the Buffer Capacity of Antacids (Experiment 23)
9	No class: Spring recess
10	Group I Cations (Experiment 27A)
11	Group IV Cations (Experiment 27D)
12	Anions (Experiment 27E)
13	Esters (Experiment 28)
14	Makeup (online only)

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