

Chemistry 10: Introductory Chemistry Dr. Brophy

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*Please note that **Canvas Messages** are the most reliable way to get in touch with me.*

Course Webpage: Canvas. *Turn on Canvas notifications to receive class announcements. Following the welcome e-mail, all class information will be communicated through Canvas.*

Class Meeting Times

Lecture MW 2:30 pm – 4:20 pm (Zoom)

Lab (01Z) M 11:30 am – 2:20 pm (Zoom)

Lab (02Z) W 11:30 am – 2:20 pm (Zoom)

Note that each section meets once a week per lab. Please attend the lab session that you are registered for.

Chem chats (Drop in and talk to me about chemistry, open to all students)

Monday 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm (Zoom)

Wednesday 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm (S43)

Friday 1:30 pm – 2:50 pm (SC1220)

Important Dates

Add Day January 21 Last day to add.

Drop Day January 22 Last day to drop the course with a refund and without a withdraw being recorded.

Withdraw March 3 Last day to withdraw from the course. A “W” will be recorded on your transcript.

Required Materials

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Academic Integrity

The process of learning requires physical changes to occur in your brain. Cognitive research demonstrates that consistent practice and learning to recognize mistakes are key aspects of the learning process. As such, all students should be aware

of the De Anza College policy on academic integrity outlined at https://www.deanza.edu/policies/academic_integrity.html. The following text is reproduced from the De Anza College manual:

...the college is committed to providing academic standards that are fair and equitable to all students in an atmosphere that fosters integrity on the part of student, staff and faculty alike. The student's responsibility is to perform to the best of his or her potential in all academic endeavors. This responsibility also includes abiding by the rules and regulations set forth by individual faculty members related to preparation and completion of assignments and examinations.

I expect that all work submitted for this class will represent your own understanding of the material and must be written in your own words. Cheating, copying, plagiarizing, etc. will not be tolerated. Due to the “online” nature of the class, students must take extra care to abide by the policies and expectations set forth for each assignment. While it is tempting to use the full weight of the internet, some sources may provide misleading or corrupt information. Students should focus on the required reading and recommended resources for the class, and any other sources must be vetted by the instructor. Tutoring resources are allowed for homework assignments; however, using a paid, static resource is forbidden. This can be particularly challenging as some websites that profess to provide tutoring services are destructive to the learning process. A good rule-of-thumb is that any tutoring service will help you solve a problem and arise at an answer *on your own*—this means that your brain is making new physical connections between neurons, and you are learning! If an online source professes to offer tutoring, but instead provides you with answers, this is cheating. The websites Chegg, CourseHero, Reddit, as well as any similar site are explicitly forbidden for all class assignments. Posting class assignments on these websites is considered intent to cheat and a violation of the academic integrity policy. I am happy to discuss appropriate resources with you, and I encourage you to ask for permission rather than forgiveness.

You may collaborate with your classmates on lecture homework assignments; however, the final work that you submit must reflect your own understanding of the material. Do not allow any other student to copy your work under any circumstance. If a student asks if they can copy your work or “just see it as an example”, ask them to reach out to the instructor for help. If two students turn in the same work, both students will have participated in academic dishonesty.

Class assessments are used to measure an individual student’s mastery of the material. They are all closed resource, and you will be provided with any physical constants or additional information as necessary. A common mistake that past students have made is to Google a question and copy an answer from the internet—this behavior is forbidden, and the consequences are described below. If I suspect cheating on a quiz, you will be required to meet with me face-to-face.

Any incident of cheating or plagiarism, no matter how minor, will be reported to the Dean of Student Development and the Dean of the Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering division. Administrative consequences are summarized in the college manual. Additional consequences will be applied to your course grade. **The first incident of academic dishonesty will result in zero points on the assignment, a grade penalty of up to 8% to be deducted from your final grade, and loss of any extra credit points for the quarter.** Any subsequent instances of academic dishonesty *no matter how minor* will result in failing the class. In short, academic dishonesty will have a negative impact on your grade and may result in disciplinary probation or expulsion. If academic dishonesty is discovered within two-years of your completion of the course, your official grade will be changed.

I recognize that these consequences may sound scary. Unfortunately, I have had students who did not pass this class as a direct result of academic dishonesty. I am committed to supporting you and your learning process, and I expect you to display high ethical standards. If you require an extension on any assignment, please reach out to me to arrange appropriate accommodations. Our class meetings are dedicated to working through practice problems, and I encourage you to bring questions and utilize the discussion boards for additional feedback. If you are not sure if a resource is allowed, or if something feels “off” to you, alert your instructor right away. I do reserve the right to make major changes to the class structure—including requiring an oral exam / exit interview—if there are class-wide violations of the academic integrity policy.

Syllabus Statement

This course syllabus is a contract. Please read it carefully and completely in its entirety before asking me any questions regarding the course schedule, content, requirements, grading, etc. You are expected to adhere to the De Anza College Student Code of Conduct Administrative Policy 5510 at all times. This syllabus is also a living document, and it may be necessary to make minor corrections or changes during the quarter. I will not make major changes to the syllabus except in cases of *force majeure* or following class discussion. **All corrections and changes to this syllabus will be announced through Canvas.**

This class is divided into two separate instructional threads: a lecture portion devoted to the primary course material and a lab period for conducting lab experiments. At De Anza College, the lab and lecture may not be taken as separate courses under any circumstances.

Course Description

This is an introduction to the discipline of chemistry, including chemical laboratory techniques and methods and a survey of important chemical principles. The course emphasizes chemistry as a subject of scientific inquiry and is designed to give the student a general appreciation for chemistry as a science.

Prerequisites

Advisory: EWRT 211 and READ 211, or ESL 272 and 273; MATH 212 or equivalent

Hours

The study of chemistry combines both macroscopic and microscopic views of the natural world with mathematical models to explain and predict phenomena. This is a 5-unit class, and **I expect you to spend 2–3 hours a day on reading, lecture videos, and class assignments.** Set aside a time and place that you can work on class materials every day! Cognitive and neuroscience research tells us that our brains learn better when we practice a little bit everyday rather than attempting to cram information.

Course Objectives

- A. Examine the historical development of concepts concerned with the fundamental building block of matter— atoms and molecules— and their concomitant effect on our understanding of molecular structure.
- B. Assess the importance of the mole concept in stoichiometric calculations.
- C. Explore the relationship between the molecular structures of compounds and their effects on chemical properties of compounds.
- D. Explore the contributions of men and women from a variety of cultures and ethnic backgrounds to the field of chemistry.
- E. Evaluate the ethical issues and environmental effects, from local to global, that have arisen from the extraction, use, and disposal of chemicals.

Attendance Policy

Your *punctual* attendance is expected at all class meetings of the course. In order to be counted “present” and receive credit for that day’s activities, you must arrive during the first 5 minutes of class. If you try to enter the zoom class after that 5-minute window, I cannot guarantee that I will see you in the waiting room. If you will have to miss a meeting for any reason, let me know by e-mail or phone as soon as possible. Notifying your instructor of absences or tardiness shows that you take your responsibility towards yourself and your fellow students seriously. **Class meetings will not be recorded—if you miss a class it is your responsibility to check-in with a classmate to find out what you missed.**

Grading Essentials

To succeed in this course, you will need to exhibit consistent and sustained effort throughout the quarter. Your final grade will be based on your final percentage out of the total points available.

Percentage in Class	Grade ¹
> 93%	A
90 – 92.9%	A–
87 – 89.9 %	B+
83 – 86.7%	B
80 – 82.9%	B–

77 – 79.8%	C+
70 – 76.9%	C
65 – 69.9%	D+
60 – 64.9%	D
<60%	F

NOTE: Dr. Brophy reserves the right to alter the grade scale at any point in the quarter.

The points are broken down into weighted categories—note that not all points are equal weight! Each category is described below.

Assignment Category	Percentage of Final Grade ^{1,2}
Homework (points will vary)	25%
Lab Activities (9 total, points will vary)	25%
Midterm Exams (3 total, 100 points each)	30%
Final Exam (100 points)	20%

Problem Sets

In general, homework assignments will be posted on Monday and due the following Friday at 11:59 pm. You will have a 48-hour grace period for late submissions. All answers and work must be handwritten, and assignments shall be submitted through Canvas as a PDF. Each problem set is worth 10 points.

MUD Cards

Mud cards are due every Friday and should be completed after you have completed the assigned reading and watched any assigned videos for the week. MUD cards are opportunity for you to tell what the *muddiest* or most confusing topic of the week was for you. I will review the MUD cards and address any common misconceptions. Each MUD card is worth 1 point.

Lab Activities and Discussions

Lab activities may consist of a mixture of at-home activities, recorded demonstrations, online simulations, worksheets, and discussion topics. Labs will generally be posted Mondays and are due the following Friday at 11:59 pm. You will have a

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Practice Exams

There will be 12 practice exams this quarter, one for each chapter of the textbook that we cover. Each practice exam counts as **homework** and will be worth a total of 5 points. I encourage you to use the practice exams as a self-check for understanding and for extra practice leading up to the unit exams.

Exams

There will be three midterm exams and one final exam this quarter. The two midterms will be 50-minute exams, and they will be administered as Canvas quizzes. The exams will each be available for one week, and you may complete the exam at your convenience. The final exam will be available March 27 – March 29. Requests for extended time must be approved through Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS). Once I have verification, I will add extended time to your exam in Canvas.

Student Learning Outcome(s):

- *Develop problem solving techniques by applying the "Scientific Method" to chemical data."
- *Analyze and solve chemical questions utilizing information presented in the periodic table of the elements.
- *Evaluate current scientific theories and observations utilizing a scientific mindset and an understanding of matter and the changes it undergoes.

Office Hours:

F	01:20 PM	02:20 PM	In-Person	SC1120
M	04:20 PM	05:30 PM	Zoom	
W	04:20 PM	05:30 PM	In-Person	S43