Chem 562 Fall 2012 Miscellaneous details:

Exams and Exam Conflicts: There will be three exams in the class, two during the semester and one final. The final will be cumulative, but will strongly emphasize the material since the previous exam. The Exams will be challenging but practice exams will be made available.

Exam conflicts happen. Everyone understands this. In order for me to be able to make arrangements that are fair to everyone involved, I need to know about conflicts as soon as possible. Conflicts must be reported to me AT LEAST ONE MONTH in advance. We will always accommodate religious observances and multiple-exam conflicts.

Regrade requests (for exams and PS’s): Mistakes happen, we get it. If you feel such a mistake has happened to you, write up a short summary of your grievance, and submit it, along with your exam/PS, to me or Brett, ONE WEEK or less after the exam/PS has been returned. One warning: submitting a regrade request is a license for us to regrade the ENTIRE exam.

Homework: All of the HW in this class will be done in assigned groups. The purpose of this is to provide people with an instant support group for this class (because it is hard, and everyone benefits). All HW will be turned in and graded individually. If you feel that your group is not performing well together, please let me know and we will find alternative arrangements. Cumulatively, HW will count approximately as one exam. Homework will be due by noon on Friday, and collected in lecture or in a basket outside of my office. HW received after noon will NOT be accepted. However, everyone’s lowest HW score of the semester will be dropped for calculation of final grades. Everyone has a rough week.

Book: We will be using Physical Chemistry by Atkins and De Paula, 9th Edition. Other versions MAY be used, but at YOUR OWN RISK. When I refer to chapters, problem set questions, equations, etc., it will be to those objects in the 9th edition. McQuarrie is on reserve in the chemistry library, and can provide an excellent alternative resource.