Chem 116 - Syllabus

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Lecture: MWF 8:50 am, Chem-2373 [Jan. 22-May 09]
Final: May 13, 12:25 pm-2:25 pm

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Questions? Office Hours: M, F 4:00-5:00pm; drop me an email; set an appointment.

Teaching Assistant: Mr. Adam Birdsall: abirdsall@chem.wisc.edu.

Lab director: Ms. Pam Doolittle: Chem-2303a, pam@chem.wisc.edu.


Notebook: A lab notebook with provision for making copies is required; your notebook from 115 will suffice if enough pages remain.

Safety Goggles: Required at all times.

Problem sets: You will receive a problem set about once per week. The TA will grade your solutions to selected problems and provide solution sets. You should be prepared to discuss the problems in your discussion section. You may work with other students, but you must hand in and take responsibility for your own solutions.

Labs: For the first six weeks of the semester, you will perform labs similar to 115. Before coming to the lab, you are expected to read and understand the lab procedure and complete the pre-lab assignment, if there is one. You must keep a lab notebook providing a detailed record of your primary data. For each lab, an assignment will be due one week after your lab period (i.e., at the following lab session). For one lab (HPLC), you will write a formal lab report, due one week after your lab period (instructions are found in your lab manual).

For the next eight weeks of the semester, you will work in faculty research labs for at least 8 hrs per week. This experience will culminate in a written research report and a class presen-
tation on your research project. Class presentation will occur during the Tuesday/Thursday morning lab times in the last week of class.

To pick research labs: you can arrange your own position (confirm with me), or you can rank choices from my list (will get to you in about 2 weeks). Otherwise I’ll make assignments. Good time to start the process now!

Exams: We plan to have three mid-term exams and a final exam, as listed in the course outline. We may have class on some exam days. If a religious observance conflicts with any scheduled activity, please notify me as soon as possible. We will schedule a makeup or otherwise accommodate you.

Grading: In total 1000 pts:

- Three mid-terms: $3 \times 120$ pts
- Final exam: 140 pts
- HW problems: 200 pts
- 6-week lab: 150 pts
- Research & presentation: 150 pts
Course Outline - Chem 116 Spring 2014 (only the exam dates are guaranteed!:-)

Compared to 115, we focus here on macroscopic rather than microscopic descriptions of chemical systems - i.e., we focus on the behavior of a large number ($N_A$) of atoms/molecules/ions. Microscopic views won’t be ignored - but they are secondary in most of our discussions.


Chap 12. Thermodynamic processes and thermochemistry
Chap 13. Spontaneous processes and thermodynamic equilibrium

No class - Feb. 19 Weds (do we want to have a make-up lecture on Feb. 21?)
Exam 1 - Feb. 26 Weds In class (50 + 5 min).

Chap 14. Chemical Equilibrium

Spring Break: Mar 15-22

Chap 15. Acid-base equilibria

Exam 2 - Mar. 31 Mon 7pm-9pm (2 hrs) (Room: TBA)

Chap 16. Solubility and precipitation equilibria

Exam 3 - Apr. 23 Weds 7pm-9pm (2 hrs) (Room: TBA)

Chap 17. Electrochemistry
Other topics
Research Presentation

Final Exam May 13 Tues 12:25 pm-2:25 pm (Room: TBA)