COURSE TITLE Organic Chemistry I

DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATION OF COURSE MEETING
MWF 10:00-10:50am, Jewish Studies Center 233 (Section 1, 20207)

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OFFICE HOURS (312 SSMB)
Tuesday 4:00-5:00 PM, Wednesday 2:00-3:00 PM, Friday noon-1:00 PM or by appointment

TEXTS (required)
There is no difference between the textbook in the bookstore and one purchased online although the bookstore sells a package of the textbook, online Connect access and solutions manual that is the most cost effective

Optional:

ACS Organic Chemistry Study Guide
http://shopping.na1.netuite.com/s.nl/c.3773982/sc.11/category.191.f

COURSE OUTLINE (all sections from each chapter will be covered)
Chapter 1: Structure Determines Properties
Chapter 2: Alkanes and Cycloalkanes: Introduction to Hydrocarbons
Chapter 3: Alkanes and Cycloalkanes: Conformations and cis-trans Stereoisomers
Chapter 4: Chirality
Chapter 6: Nucleophilic Substitution
Chapter 7: Structure and Preparation of Alkenes: Elimination Reactions
Chapter 5: Alcohols and Alkyl Halides: Introduction to Reaction Mechanisms
Chapter 8: Addition Reactions of Alkenes
Chapter 9: Alkynes
Chapter 10: Introduction to Free Radicals
Chapter 11: Conjugation in Alkadienes and Allylic Systems
Chapter 12: Arenes and Aromaticity
Chapter 13: Electrophilic and Nucleophilic Aromatic Substitution
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
By the end of this course, students will be able to:

• Demonstrate basic communication skills within organic chemistry for example structure, nomenclature, mechanisms, reaction schemes
• Define and use fundamental concepts associated with physical organic chemistry
• Use foundational skills of organic reactions to predict organic reaction outcomes

Co- Pre-requisite Policy:
Both CHEM 231 and 231L are pre-requisites of this course. CHEM 231L is a co- or prerequisite of this course. If you choose to withdraw from either CHEM 231 or 231L, you must withdraw from both courses.

Exam Schedule:
Exam 1 Monday January 28th
Exam 2 Monday February 11th
Exam 3 Monday March 4th
Exam 4 Monday April 1st
Exam 5 Monday April 22nd
No late or make-up exams will be given. An unexcused absence on the day of an exam will result in a zero on that exam. If you are going to miss an exam, notify me ahead of time by email.

Final Exam:
The ACS standardized final exam is cumulative and will be held on Saturday April 27th from 9-11 AM.

Connect Homework:
Homework assignments will be administered through the Connect website using the link below. It will consist of LearnSmart assignments that are due before each class and problem sets that are less frequent. Please be sure to allow enough time for the assignments. Since they are computer based, the due date and time are not flexible. Even if you complete an assignment after the due date, the score at the actual due date will be the one recorded in my gradebook. Please email me immediately and contact customer service if you notice any issues with the Connect website.


Group Homework/Quizzes:
There will be some combination of quizzes and group homework assignments. Quizzes may be in class assignment or take home. Group homework assignments must be completed in groups of 2-5 students. All group homework assignments are due at the beginning of class the day they are due. Group homework assignments will be posted on OAKS at least one week before it is due. No late homework will be accepted.

Reading the course textbook is encouraged to supplement material discussed in class.
GRADING  Final course grades will be assigned based on the following distribution:
Midterms (5) – 14.5% each
Final Exam – 14.5% 
Connect Homework – 7%
Group Homework/Quizzes – 3%
LearnSmart Prep – 3%

If your ACS final exam score is higher than the average score of your five exams, I will replace your lowest exam score with your final exam score. In order to take advantage of this policy, you must take all five exams.

Grading Scale:
A  92-100  C+  77-78.99
A-  89-91.99  C  71-76.99
B+  87-88.99  C-  68-70.99
B  81-86.99  D  63-67.99
B-  79-80.99  F  below 63

POLICY ON:
Attendance: Students will work in small groups during portions of the lecture to provide students an opportunity to work together solving problems and discussing the class material. Material will be covered in class that may not be present in the textbook so attendance is encouraged and mandatory.

Late Work: Homework and extra credit assignments are due the day assigned. Late homework assignments will receive no credit.

Extensions: Extensions will only be granted when the student has contacted the Dean’s office because of extenuating circumstances that prevent the student from attending class or completing assignments on time.

Electronic Devices in Class: You are expected to turn off or silence your cellphone before the beginning of class. Please be courteous of your fellow classmates and use any other electronic devices responsibly during class so as not to distract other students and degrade the classroom experience for everyone.

SNAP: If you are in need of any special accommodations for this course, please see the Student Guide to SNAP Services for more information:
The Center for Disability Services should provide you with a Professor Notification Letter that should be shared with me during office hours, preferably early in the semester and at least one week before the first exam.

Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism: Academic honesty is strictly enforced on quizzes and exams. You are responsible for reading, understanding and adhering to the College of Charleston Student Honor Code Policy, please see:
http://studentaffairs.cofc.edu/honor-system/index.php
All incidents of suspected academic dishonesty will be reported to the Honor Board. Students found responsible by the Honor Board for academic dishonesty will receive a XF grade.

The syllabus is subject to change with appropriate notice.