Welcome to Chemistry 111! As part of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry’s focus on student success in general chemistry, we have implemented a preparatory review program called ALEKS Prep for all students enrolled in Chemistry 111. The pace and depth of college-level general chemistry requires students to be proficient in a number of fundamental areas including math, problem solving, and reading comprehension skills. All students can benefit from this preparatory program.

**Important Information about the ALEKS Prep Assignment**

- ALEKS Prep is a required part of the overall course grade (5% of the total course grade)
- You must purchase direct access for $30 to continue the assignment. (This must be done online! There is NO other place to get this access!)
- ALEKS Prep will be available until Tuesday, January 15 at 11 pm. At this time, the data will be recorded for inclusion in the overall course grade from your individual lecture instructor.

**Registration for ALEKS Prep**

To register and begin the preparatory assignment, please carefully follow the directions for signing up. The website to begin at is:

www.aleks.com

From there, click on “New Student? Sign up now.” The required student class code to get into the correct section (called Chemistry 111 Prep) is:

F4TE9-JRTGA

**General Information about ALEKS Prep**

ALEKS Prep is designed to help identify where you as an individual student might need help. To most effectively use this preparatory assignment, it is suggested that you spend 30-60 min a day several days a week working on the required parts. There will be sections that require multiple attempts to ensure a satisfactory level of mastery of the content. It is also suggested that you continuously review the material before the semester; going through the material only one time will not achieve maximum results for you. Note that completion of ALEKS Prep does not guarantee any particular level of success during the course. All students must ultimately take ownership of their learning in Chemistry 111.

There are two parts to ALEKS Prep, all of which must be completed to receive full credit

*Initial Knowledge Check* – this is a measure of what you know initially and what you need to learn

*Learning Mode* – “completing the pie” – this is where you will focus on the things you need to learn as identified in the Initial Knowledge Check

**When you reach the Review portion, you are done.** You are not required to do the review, but it is there for you to review any topics you wish.

**Contact Information for Help or Other Questions**

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