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 program called LearnSmart 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 ranging from those that have never taken any chemistry course to students with an advanced placement chemistry course can benefit from this preparatory program.

**Important Information about the LearnSmart Prep Assignment**

- You can begin the LearnSmart Prep assignment using the FREE one week trial period. If you complete the assignment within one week, you do not have to purchase anything else. If you do NOT complete the assignment within that time, you must purchase access for $30 to continue the assignment.
- LearnSmart Prep is a required part of the overall course grade (5% of the total course grade).
- LearnSmart Prep is based on mastery and completion of the required material. On average, it takes most students 6-7 hours to complete 100% of the assigned material.
- LearnSmart Prep will be available until Tuesday, September 1 at 11 pm. This date is the day after the Drop/Add period for fall classes. At this date and time, the percent completion of the assignment will be recorded for inclusion in the overall course grade. (For example, if you complete 100% of the assignment, you have earned 5% for this part of the course grade.)

**Registration for LearnSmart Prep**

To register and begin the preparatory assignment, please carefully follow the directions for signing up. Remember to begin by using the “Courtesy access”.

The required student sign up code is:

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**General Information about LearnSmart Prep**

LearnSmart 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. You can stop and start as much as you like. 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 LearnSmart Prep does not guarantee any particular level of success during the course. All students must ultimately take ownership of their learning in Chemistry 111.

**Contact Information for Help or Other Questions**

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