CHEM 112L-08 – Principles of Chemistry Lab II – Fall 2020
Thursdays 5:30–8:30 PM, "in person over Zoom" ONLINE

Instructor Contact Information:
Dr. Jennifer Fox
If you have a question that can be answered over email, please email me at FOXJL@cofc.edu, and I will reply within 48 h. I am also happy to help you with the material in individual or group office hours. Email me with your availability, and we will schedule an appointment over Zoom.

Course Description:
A laboratory course designed to introduce students to the application of the scientific method in solving chemical problems and to acquaint them with specific tools and techniques used in the chemistry laboratory, while reinforcing and illustrating concepts encountered in lecture. CHEM 112L is 1 credit hour.

We will work on a semester-long research project in which we will investigate the degradation of cetirizine (brand name Zyrtec as well as generic forms) in pills stored under extreme conditions (high heat and humidity). Lab techniques we will learn and use in our research include UV-Vis spectrophotometry, pH measurement, and high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). Preparation of a buffer and quantitative solutions will be a part of the research project, as well as the use of a sonicator and centrifuge.

Pre- or Co-requisite Courses:
CHEM 111, CHEM 111L, and MATH 111 (or appropriate Math Placement Exam score) are pre-requisites. CHEM 112 is a co-requisite. If you withdraw from either CHEM 112 or CHEM 112L, you will need to withdraw from both classes unless you have made special arrangements with the Chemistry Department (email the department chair, Dr. Jim Deavor, at deavorj@cofc.edu).

Learning Objectives:
Student Learning Outcomes:
1. Practice scientific method in a chemistry laboratory setting
2. Perform the following techniques in a laboratory setting: pipetting, preparing solutions in volumetric flasks, sonication, centrifugation
3. Prepare solutions of a tablet sample, headache powder, and standard material in the laboratory
4. Employ mathematical manipulations using acquired data
5. Interpret scientific data

General Education Student Learning Outcomes:
1. Apply physical/natural principles to analyze and solve problems.
2. Develop an understanding of the impact that science has on society.
These outcomes will be assessed in the final lab report and an assessment assignment. This assignment will account for 20% of the total course grade.

This syllabus is subject to change by the instructor at any time.
Important Dates:
The add/drop deadline is August 31.
The deadline to withdraw is Wednesday, October 28.
No class on election day, Tuesday, November 3.
Last day of class is Friday, December 4.

Required Materials:
1. Lab notebook like a "composition notebook" with sewn-in pages that are not perforated or spiral bound.
2. Scientific calculator (e.g., TI-30Xa scientific calculator, approx. $10) that can handle scientific notation, log, antilog, exponents, and square roots. A graphing calculator is also acceptable.
3. Ballpoint pen with black or blue ink.
4. Computer with internet access. We will be using Zoom Breakout Rooms every week in class. Since Chromebooks and Chrome OS users cannot participate in Breakout Rooms, please use another method to join our class (i.e., please use a desktop or laptop computer). Your computer should meet CofC's requirements. You will need to install the following software (free to you): Word, Excel, and ChemBioDraw.
5. Webcam
6. Microphone (You can use headphones/ear buds with a built-in mic)
7. Phone with AdobeScan app

Class Format:
1. We will meet over Zoom during our class instead of meeting in a laboratory.
2. It should go without saying that you should be equally as respectful of me and your classmates as you would be in a physical classroom setting.
3. Sign into your licensed CofC Zoom account when you join the class Zoom meetings.
   - The Zoom link (or meeting ID and password) for all class meetings is found in the Announcements/News area of our OAKS page.
   - Please use your first and last name as your display name.
   - Please turn your video on since this is a highly interactive class.
   - Class sessions will be recorded via both voice and video recording. By remaining in this class, you consent to being recorded. Recorded class sessions are for instructional use only and may not be shared with anyone who is not enrolled in our class. If you miss class due to illness or other emergency, please contact me to gain access to the recording of the class you missed.
4. Unmute yourself to participate then mute yourself when you are done speaking so that your mic does not pick up background noise that makes it hard for others to hear.

Attendance Policy:
Labs are experiential learning courses that emphasize the scientific method and data interpretation, and they provide training in essential technical skills for chemists and other scientists. Furthermore, the technical lab skills presented in one course are assumed to have been mastered in subsequent chemistry courses. Thus, attendance in all lab periods is
mandatory. If you miss a lab meeting due to illness or other emergency, please notify me by email ASAP so that alternative arrangements can be made for you. To receive credit for that week's lab, you will need to make-up all work and complete all alternative assignments within the allowed time.

Learning Assessment:

1. Lab notebook: Each week, the procedure for the experiment to be performed should be written into your lab notebook before lab begins. You may wish to also include drawings of the experimental setup and procedure. (You do not need to write specific instructions for using equipment like the pH meter or SpectraSuite software.) A laboratory notebook should provide a full record of what was performed during the experiment. Most importantly, all data must be recorded in your lab notebook as soon as they are generated. All calculations should be shown in the lab notebook such that the instructor may follow your logic and check for calculation errors. Each student is expected to observe the College of Charleston Policy on Scientific Integrity (found in your lab manual) and the College of Charleston Honor Code found in the Student Handbook.

Each week, you will be submitting your lab notebook entry for that week's experiment to be graded. Use AdobeScan (https://acrobat.adobe.com/us/en/mobile/scanner-app.html) to compile pictures of all your written work (in order) into a single PDF document, and submit it to the appropriate location in OAKS. Before submitting, you should review the file to make sure all pages are present in the right order, correctly oriented, and legible; re-take scans in different lighting if necessary.

2. Assignments and Report sheets: Each week you will have assignments to turn in, either before lab begins or at the end of lab depending on the type of assignment. These will include report sheets and other data and results (graphs, etc.) along with writing assignments and reviews you write of your classmates' writing. All assignments will be listed (with due dates) in the weekly module in OAKS Content, and a summary of the planned schedule for these assignments is at the end of this syllabus.

3. Quizzes: You should take the weekly quiz (in OAKS Content) after you have completed all the preparation for the next week of lab, which will include writing the procedure in your notebook annotated with notes you take from the videos. You may consult your notes while taking the quiz, so it is to your benefit to take good notes. Quizzes are timed, so make sure you are well prepared before starting them. All quizzes are cumulative. They will ask you about the procedures you have just learned in preparation for the next lab, and they will also ask you about concepts you have spent the previous lab meetings learning in more depth.

4. Final lab report: Your final project will be a lab report describing the research conducted on cetirizine pills. You will build your lab report on our research project throughout the semester. You will have multiple opportunities to receive feedback both from me and from your peers as you turn in sections of the lab report. Each of these drafts is graded (as an "assignment"), but they do not count as much as your final lab report. Your final lab report should incorporate all the feedback you have received and be like a polished, scientific paper communicating the
background information, goals, methods, results, and conclusions of your research project to the scientific community.

**Turnitin Software:**
All written assignments will be submitted to OAKS and analyzed by Turnitin to detect plagiarism (refer to the Honor Code and Academic Integrity statement below about the repercussions of plagiarism; minimally, your paper will receive a zero). Turnitin has the authority to "use such papers, as well as feedback and results, for the limited purpose of a) providing the Services, and b) for improving the quality of the services generally. If you have any questions, please refer to the End User Agreement found at [https://turnitin.com/agreement.asp](https://turnitin.com/agreement.asp)."

**Grading Policy and Scale:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Letter Grade</th>
<th>X XF (XF)</th>
<th>X F</th>
<th>X D</th>
<th>X C-</th>
<th>X C</th>
<th>X C+</th>
<th>X B-</th>
<th>X B</th>
<th>X B+</th>
<th>X A-</th>
<th>X A</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Numerical Grade</td>
<td>Failure due to dishonesty</td>
<td>Below 70</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>71-72</td>
<td>73-74</td>
<td>75-79</td>
<td>80-82</td>
<td>83-86</td>
<td>87-89</td>
<td>90-92</td>
<td>93-100</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**OAKS Course Site:**
1. You should check both your CofC email address and the OAKS course site regularly.
2. **Course Home: Announcements/News** – Messages about the course will be posted here.
3. **Content** – Everything you need to do in this class will be organized under Content. For all the items due before lab each week, you will be able to read the appropriate section of the lab manual, watch the lab video, read any additional resources, take quizzes, and submit assignments all within Content. You will have the flexibility to do these things when it best fits your schedule, with a weekly due date at the beginning of lab each week. There are also things due at the end of lab each week such as report sheets, Excel files, peer reviews, and lab notebook scans. These things are also located under Content and should be submitted before you leave lab each week.
4. **Grades: Assignments/Dropbox** – Feedback will be here.
5. **Grades: Quizzes** – You can access quizzes in Content, as described above.
6. **Grades: Grades** – All your grades will be recorded here.
7. **Communication: Discussions** – The discussion board is available for your collaborative (optional) use. Each lab group has their own private discussion board.
How to Succeed in this Course:
1. Be an active learner. Participate in class. You will get more out of it, and it will be more fun.
2. Come to class prepared. Every week, you will need to prepare by doing things like reading the procedure and watching the lab video ahead of time. Take good notes, especially about experimental procedure details, from both the written procedure and the video in your lab notebook, and that will help you do well on the quizzes and understand what we do in lab.
3. Incorporate feedback. You will have the opportunity to receive a lot of feedback on your lab report throughout the semester. Every time you receive feedback, carefully incorporate all of it and then re-read your lab report critically for content, flow, wording, and typos. If you take advantage of the opportunities to learn from errors and improve your writing, you will be better equipped to do well on the final lab report, which is worth 20% of your grade.

Honor Code and Academic Integrity:
1. It is your responsibility to conform to the College of Charleston Honor Code and Code of Conduct (http://deanofstudents.cofc.edu/policies-and-procedures/honor-code-and-code-of-conduct.php).
2. In this course, collaborative learning is encouraged, but you must perform your own work on all assignments without copying from others or from internet resources.
3. Lying, cheating, attempted cheating, and plagiarism are violations of our Honor Code that, when suspected, are investigated. Each incident will be examined to determine the degree of deception involved. Incidents where the instructor determines the student’s actions are related more to misunderstanding and confusion will be handled by the instructor. The instructor designs an intervention or assigns a grade reduction to help prevent the student from repeating the error. The response is recorded on a form and signed both by the instructor and the student. It is forwarded to the Office of the Dean of Students and placed in the student’s file. Cases of suspected academic dishonesty will be reported directly by the instructor and/or others having knowledge of the incident to the Dean of Students. A student found responsible by the Honor Board for academic dishonesty will receive a X XF in the course, indicating failure of the course due to academic dishonesty. This status indicator will appear on the student’s transcript for two years after which the student may petition for the XX to be expunged. The F is permanent. Students can find the complete Honor Code and all related processes in the Student Handbook (refer to the link in the middle of this webpage for a PDF of the handbook http://deanofstudents.cofc.edu/honor-system/studenthandbook/).

SNAP (Students Needing Access Parity) and Disability Access:
The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented disabilities. Students should apply for services at the Center for Disability Services/SNAP located on the first floor of the Lightsey Center, Suite 104 (http://disabilityservices.cofc.edu/). Students approved for accommodations are responsible for notifying me as soon as possible and for contacting me at least one week before accommodation is needed.
Support Resources:
This semester might have more added stress than usual for everyone. Stay safe and reach out for help when you need it. Here are some links that might be useful. For help with a wide variety of tech issues, including how to use OAKS (http://blogs.cofc.edu/sits/tutorials/oaks_tutorials/) and Zoom (http://blogs.cofc.edu/sits/zoom-video-resources/), visit Student Instructional Technology Services (https://blogs.cofc.edu/sits/) and the library's guide to online learning (http://tutorials.library.cofc.edu/tutorial/onlinestudent). Zoom support is at https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806. For issues with your CofC accounts, contact ITservicedesk@cofc.edu (843-953-3375). Student health services (843-953-5520), the Counseling Center (http://counseling.cofc.edu), and food and housing assistance (http://studentaffairs.cofc.edu/student-food-housing-insecurity/index.php) are also available. For important CofC information during the pandemic and other emergencies, visit https://continuity.cofc.edu/.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week</th>
<th>Lab Date</th>
<th>Experiments</th>
<th>Due at Beginning of Lab</th>
<th>Due at End of Lab</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>8/27</td>
<td>Syllabus, Intros, OAKS, Lab safety</td>
<td>Zoom readiness, Purchase lab notebook</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>9/3</td>
<td>Prepare cetirizine pill samples for storage in environmental chamber</td>
<td>Software, Safety videos/quiz, Read intro material, Read Week 2 protocol, Video 1, Procedure notes</td>
<td>Lab notebook</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>9/10</td>
<td>How to use Web of Science; Making standard solutions and serial dilutions with quantitative glassware</td>
<td>Read Week 3 protocol, Video 2, Procedure notes, Quiz</td>
<td>Report sheet 3, Lab notebook</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>9/17</td>
<td>Analyzing standard solutions and serial dilutions with UV-Visible Spectrophotometry; Using Excel for Lab Data</td>
<td>Summaries of 2 papers, Read Week 4 protocol, Videos 3 and 4, Procedure notes, Quiz</td>
<td>Report sheet 4, Lab notebook</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>9/24</td>
<td>Making a 40 mM phosphate buffer of pH=3.0</td>
<td>Read ibuprofen article, Read Week 5 protocol, Video 6, Procedure notes, Quiz</td>
<td>Report sheet 5, Lab notebook</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>10/1</td>
<td>How to write a lab report; How to use ChemBioDraw; HPLC of aspirin, caffeine, and acetaminophen</td>
<td>Read Week 6 protocol, Video 6, Procedure notes, Quiz</td>
<td>Report sheet 6 (both parts), Lab notebook</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>10/8</td>
<td>Interpretation of aspirin, caffeine, and acetaminophen HPLC results, Peer review of Introduction and Refs</td>
<td>Read Week 7 protocol, Procedure notes, Quiz, Watch 2 videos, Introduction and References Draft</td>
<td>Report sheet 7, Lab notebook, Peer review</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>10/15</td>
<td>Preparing exposed and control cetirizine samples for HPLC analysis</td>
<td>Read Week 8 protocol, Videos 7 and 8, Procedure notes, Quiz</td>
<td>Lab notebook</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>10/22</td>
<td>Interpretation of cetirizine HPLC data; Peer review of Materials and Methods</td>
<td>Read Week 9 protocol, Procedure notes, Quiz, Materials and Methods Draft</td>
<td>Report sheet 9, Excel spreadsheet, Lab notebook, Peer review</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>10/29</td>
<td>Discuss cetirizine data from all sections and discuss impact of inactive ingredients and degradation products, Peer review of Results and Discussion</td>
<td>Read Week 10 protocol, Results and Discussion Draft</td>
<td>Peer review</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>11/5</td>
<td>Election Week – No Meeting. Our class time is the due date for your persuasive essay</td>
<td>Science-Based Persuasive Essay</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>11/12</td>
<td>Peer review of the lab report final drafts</td>
<td>Read Week 12 protocol, Lab Report Final Draft</td>
<td>Peer review</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>11/19</td>
<td>Finalize your lab report for grading (worth 20% of your grade)</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Fill out course evaluations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>12/3</td>
<td>Thanksgiving Break – No Meeting</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11/26</td>
<td>No Meeting. Our class time is the due date for your final lab report</td>
<td>Final Lab Report</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*CHEM 112L-08 Syllabus, page 7*