Syllabus
Organic Chemistry Laboratory – CHEM 222L
Emory University

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Office Hours: Most anytime by appointment. If my door is open, you are welcome to drop into my office in Atwood Hall Room 204. Please feel free to contact me by email and suggest some specific times (or time ranges) for an appointment.

Teaching Assistants
Your laboratory is taught and graded by experienced Teaching Assistants. Check OPUS for your section time and location. Check Blackboard for the TA schedule.

Technology
The Blackboard system is an integral part of the organization of this course and is required for all students. You will use a chemical drawing software package called BioChemDraw in the ChemOffice Suite. Instructions for download are at http://chemistry.emory.edu/ and follow the “software” link on the left of the page. This is a sample syllabus for Chemistry 221L at Emory University. The syllabus for a particular semester and section is available on Blackboard to registered students in the course.

Safety glasses or safety goggles are required.
Federal law (rule 10 CFR 1910.133) requires the use of eye protection for all individuals in a laboratory. This applies to everyone occupying a lab, not just those working at any given moment.

Academic Honesty
All of your assignments and experiments must be your original work. I encourage students to collaborate (discussing thoughts, concepts, and ideas) but all assignments must be wholly your own work – your own words. You may not submit pictures, chemical structures, illustrations or graphics you copy from the web, or any other source. Cheating includes copying or using any data from another person without credit, falsifying data by alteration or invention.

Textbook & Other Items
The lab manual with integrated carbon copy type notebook, Organic Chemistry 222L, 3rd edition, is available in the University Bookstore.

Attendance
You are expected to attend all sessions and to be on time. To this end, you are graded on attendance and punctuality. You must arrive on time to hear the pre-lab lecture including instructions on safety and waste disposal. Most sessions begin with a prelab quiz. Late students will potentially miss the quiz. It is not possible to make up a pre-lab quiz, though your one lowest pre-lab quiz grade will be dropped. If you have an excused absence from lab, you may make up the lab by carefully following the directions found in the course Blackboard site.

Co-requisite
All lab students must be enrolled in CHEM 222 (or 222Z) or have previously completed one of these courses. If you withdraw from lecture, you must withdraw from the laboratory.

Disabilities
Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class / laboratory are encouraged to visit the Office of Disability Services as soon as possible to ensure that such accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion. When your accommodations are documented, please see me. Information is on the web: http://www.ods.emory.edu/
**Communal Spirit**
The success of a laboratory course of this size depends on the cooperation of each individual. For example, if you see a person without safety glasses, remind them to wear safety glasses. They would much rather hear this message from you than teaching staff. Be cooperative! Help the people who are having a tough time. This is not a place for competition. We must be sensitive to the crowded conditions and the need for everyone to maintain a reasonable pace in order to complete the experiments. For example, the balances must be kept clean. Stock solutions must be left in their proper place ( uncontaminated) so that fellow students do not waste time looking for them.

**Equipment Usage and Additional Safety Information**
Read the Safety section on your lab manual. You are responsible for the contents of your equipment locker. In the event of glassware breakage, contact your TA who will assist you in cleaning up the accident. All broken glassware should be placed in the broken glassware receptacle. Keep the work area free of debris. No trash or chemicals should be left on the bench tops. Store books and backpacks in the cubbyholes provided, NOT on the bench tops! Any equipment taken from the cabinets should be returned to its appropriate place. Leave chemical reagents where you find them. Never take reagent bottles to your bench. You must clean any spills and trash before leaving the lab. Your TA should check your workstation before leaving. **Always remove your gloves before you leave the laboratory. Always.**

**Schedule – Laboratory session last 3 hours except as noted.**
Please see the “Schedule” link on Blackboard for the actual list of experiment date, and look at the “Your Assignments” link to know what is due.

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Lab Cleanup
In the organic chemistry teaching labs you are expected to take care of the equipment and lab space that you use. Each lab period, each individual has five possible points for lab clean up. Those points are awarded to the whole class as a group. If the lab is left in disarray after your lab, you and everyone else in your section just lost points for lab clean up. A good rule of thumb is that if there are things that your TAs must clean up then your lab has lost points. The following is a list of things that are expected of you:

1. No spilled chemicals and no trash in hood or at workstations.
2. Balances are clean (all chemicals brushed off) and used weigh paper is put in disposed of properly.
3. Sink areas – clean, organized, and restocked as necessary (look under the sink for restocking items.
4. Chemicals in hood are capped properly (for the entire laboratory period).
5. UV lamps & propane torch returned to pull out shelf
6. Micropipettes pulling area cleaned up
7. Solvent bottles are returned to the solvent cabinet
8. Aqueous solutions & Drying agents & acids are returned to the cabinet
9. All equipment stored properly:
   a. Ring stands, heater/stirrers, aluminum blocks - one in each cabinet
   b. Common glassware - clean and returned to the island glass racks
   c. Water tubing – draining on the island glass racks
   d. Mel-Temps - clean, returned to side shelves neatly arranged with the cord bundled up with velcro tie
10. All waste handled properly:
    a. Liquid organic waste - organic waste jug in main hood (funnel lid must be shut at end of lab)
    b. All other paper towels, gloves, and empty boxes - trashcan
    c. Any specific lab wastes - recovery jar, as directed by lab manual

Grading

Notebook: 25%. Assessment of the notebook is through the notebook quiz. See the lab manual for details, and sample notebook quizzes.

Theory & Practice Test: 30%. Sample tests can be found in the course pack. There is one test at the end of the semester.

Postlab Assignments: 30%. Specific details regarding the content of postlab assignments are given on Blackboard for each experiment. Postlab assignments vary in format and are tailored to suit the learning goals of each particular laboratory exercise. Late assignments are accepted only if the policy of your TA permits. You may not submit pictures, chemical structures, illustrations or graphics copied from the web, or any other source. The safety quiz is counted in this category (and not in the prelab quiz category).

Prelab Quizzes: 3%. These are quick quizzes typically given in the first few minutes of class. The purpose is to (1) encourage prelab preparation and (2) reward students who strive to understand what is going on in lab. Quizzes may also contain questions derived from the previous weeks of lab. There are no make up quizzes for any reasons. Late students miss the quiz entirely. Your lowest quiz grade (excluding the safety quiz) will be dropped. The safety quiz grade is included in this category for purposes.

Lab Attendance: 5%. You will be evaluated on attendance, whether the lab is kept clean, and adherence to safety protocol.
Lab Clean Up Points: 5%. See the previous section for an explanation of the clean up points, but the rule of thumb *that if there is anything left at the end of lab that your TAs must clean up then you have lost point in this category.*

TA Grade: 2%. Your TA will evaluate your general skill in solving the laboratory problem at hand. You should endeavor to prepare thoroughly, work independently, show consideration for others, and in general develop a worker-supervisor relationship of a professional nature. The TA will also evaluate your general laboratory technique (e.g., Do you need reminding that a TLC chamber should have a lid? Is your apparatus set up properly, securely and safely? Do you heed safety warnings and instructions regarding the use of chemicals? Do you spend laboratory time wisely?). Be prepared to explain what you are doing, and WHY you are doing it.

Summary Statement on Grading: Students who attend all labs, submit all assignments, keep a decent notebook, and do reasonably well (passing) on the Theory and Practice test should expect to get some form of a B or higher. If necessary, scores will be scaled up to reflect this goal. Individual assignments are not curved, but at the end of the semester if the numerical grades are low, grades will be scaled up. It is also anticipated that not every TA will grade exactly like every other TA, and so therefore grades are normalized across different sections.