



## **Chem 130 Syllabus (continued)**

**Grading scale:** The grading scale is given below. Higher grades will require a significant amount of focus, dedication and understanding of the course material.

90%	A		66%	C
86%	A-		62%	C-
82%	B+		58%	D+
78%	B		54%	D
74%	B-		50%	D-
70%	C+		<50%	F

### **How to succeed in OChem:**

1. Develop good study habits:
  - a. Attend all lectures.
  - b. Take good lecture notes.
  - c. Use your lecture notes as a guide to your reading in the textbook. Write your questions down if there is something you don't understand. Ask your instructor if you don't understand a concept.
  - d. Make flash cards of definitions, concepts, reactions, structures, and nomenclature in the textbook that are emphasized by your instructor in lecture. Writing something is equivalent to reading it ten times.
  - e. Do all the homework problems with the aid of the study guide or answer book. The suggested problems (homework) have about the same difficulty as the problems you will be given on the exams.
  - f. Find a study partner or form a study group and work on problems independently and then together.
  - g. Keep up to date and don't fall behind.
  - h. Seek course advice from science professors and students.
  - i. If necessary, see your instructor or department for a tutor.
  - j. Try to foster your own scientific curiosity – wonder why things are and how they happen.
  - k. Put emphasis on understanding concepts rather than memorizing material.
2. Have a positive attitude.
3. Be organized.
4. Persevere and be determined to succeed.

**Good Luck in Chem 130!**

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