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## Chemistry 122 - 003, General Chemistry I, Fall 2024

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**Lectures:**

11:20 – 12:35 PM (TR) Buehler 555

**Office:** Buehler 616

**Office Hours:** please note the locations.

- Thursdays 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM in **Buehler 488** (BU 488 is a classroom)
- Mondays 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM in Buehler 616 (my office)
- By appointment, please send me an email to schedule an appointment.

**Email:** [tdo5@utk.edu](mailto:tdo5@utk.edu). Please include an informative subject and your name with the *course number*.

Please don't hesitate to email me with updates, questions, or concerns. I will respond to all emails usually in no more than 24 hours.

**Lecture TA:** Sarah Hirschbeck [shirschb@vols.utk.edu](mailto:shirschb@vols.utk.edu)

**Textbook:** Zumdahl/Zumdahl/DeCoste's Chemistry: An Atoms First Approach, 3rd Edition, (ISBN 9798214192451). Publisher: Cengage. A package of the digital format of the textbook and online homework materials is provided through the **Total Access program**. OWLv2 and the e-text are included with your Total Access purchase. There will be an optional loose-leaf textbook available in the VolShop for \$31.25 for any student in the Total Access Program. You do not need to purchase a hard copy unless you wish to.

**Canvas:** Class announcements, lecture notes, course documents, and grades will be posted on Canvas ([utk.instructure.com](http://utk.instructure.com)). Students are responsible for monitoring their UTK e-mail account and the course site.

**Clicker:** A clicker is required for the course. There will be clicker questions in many lectures. I will count the clickers two different ways: 1) Attendance 2) As participation points. All questions will be worth 2 points for the correct answer, 0 point for the incorrect answer and 2 points for attending lecture. You do not need to purchase a physical clicker since you can use a laptop or your mobile device as a clicker.

Please register your clicker online (<https://oit.utk.edu/teachingtools/clickers/>). There are no make-up points for clickers.

**Technical Support:** For technical issues, contact the OIT HelpDesk by phone at (865) 974-9900 or at the [Walk-in HelpDesk](#). For IT and Computing issues, use the online [Contact Form](#)

**Course Description:** First course in a two-semester sequence covering fundamental principles of chemistry. Topics covered include atomic structure, the periodic table, Molecular bonding and structure, Chemical Stoichiometry, basic of thermochemistry, and properties of gases.

**I expect from you the following:**

- Be prepared for all classes
- Be respectful of others
- Actively contribute to the learning activities in class
- Abide by the UT Honor Code

**Grading:**

Three exams:	45% (Exam 1: 15% - Exam 2: 15% - Exam 3: 15%)
Online Homework assignments	15%
Quizzes	15%
Participation (Clicker& Attendance)	5%
Final Exam (comprehensive)	20%

**Grading Scale:**

- 94 and above: A
- 88.0 – 93.9 A-
- 84.0 – 87.9 B+
- 80.0 – 83.9 B
- 76.0 – 79.9 B-
- 72.0 – 75.9 C+
- 68.0 – 71.9 C
- 64.0 – 67.9 C-
- 60.0 – 63.9 D+
- 56.0 – 59.9 D
- 52.0 – 55.9 D-
- 51.9 and below F

Note: These letter grade assignments are subject to change, but only in the direction beneficial to the students.

**Exams:** There will be three (3) 90 minutes evening exams and one (1) two hours Final exam. The three exams will be given on the selected days (see below) at 7:00 – 8:30 pm. The final exam will be given during the final exam period. No make-up exams will be given. If one of the three exams is missed due to excused absence, then the other two exams plus the final exam average will count as the excused

exam grade. An excused of missed exam or absence will only be considered with the support of written documentation. The University's Absence Notification Form alone is not sufficient for an exam absence. **The re-grading of an exam** must be requested within 5 school days of receiving the graded exam. To request a regrade, you will need to staple the regrade form (found online) with your name and a brief description of what the issue is to your exam and turn it into me. With regrades, the entire exam will be regraded. The final exam will be comprehensive and will count for 20% of the final grade and will be given during final exam week. The room will be announced later in the semester via Canvas and email. Every student is required to take a comprehensive final exam during the schedule exam period. *If the final exam grade is a higher grade than the lowest exam grade, then the final exam grade will replace the lowest exam grade as long as all 3 regular exams are taken.* **A physical copy of an ID (Student ID, Driver's License, etc.) is required for the exam.** Cell phones are not allowed before, during, and after exams.

**Exam Schedule** (All locations are TBA)

Exam 1: Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm

Exam 2: Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm

Exam 3: Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm

Final Exam: Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm

**Quizzes:** We will be having announced OWLv2 quizzes online. These quizzes will cover material from lecture notes, workshops, and reviews. These will count for 15% of your final grade. No makeup quizzes are given. If you miss a quiz due to a university approved excuse you will need to present official documentation to me; the missed quiz will be left out of your grade and the remaining quizzes will be used. The lowest two quizzes grade will be dropped at the end of the semester.

**Online Homework:** Online homework counts for 15% of the final grade, and no credit will be given after the due date. To access your course materials, you must first login to your Canvas account and click the link for Chem 122 course. Please use your vols account to login. If you see a message saying "you already have an account", then click "forgot password" and reset your account. If you are still having problems then email Ms. Jennifer McCown, [Jennifer.mccown@cengage.com](mailto:Jennifer.mccown@cengage.com). We will be using OWLv2 electronic homework system. Once you get access to the online homework course, you will do the following assignments:

- (1) Four short introduction assignments
- (2) Quick Prep assignment

These assignments will introduce you to OWLv2 system and prepare you for the course. Finish these assignments as early as possible so you can focus on the course material we will cover.

You will have five types of homework assignments for each chapter. They are described in the following table

Assignment Type	Grade	Given Attempts	Description	Best Time to Do the Assignment
<u>Prerequisite</u> Math Review	Graded	10	Math skills required for the chapter	Before Mastery. Review for math required for the

				concept. <u>You can't do the Mastery or EOC until you earn 60% in the Math Review Assignment</u>
Mastery	Graded	10	Single concept questions, comes with group (3 questions per group). Need to answer 2 out of 3 correctly to get credit.	After the concept is covered in each lecture. Don't wait until the chapter is finished and too many concepts are covered.
EOC (End Of Chapter)	Graded	6	Multi-concept questions, applications	After Mastery assignments and after the chapter is finished.
Multimedia Activity	Not graded		Short videos, simulations	Before lecture, get some ideas what will be covered in lecture
Adaptive Study Plan	Not graded		Test and study plan based on your test result	After chapter is finished, preparation for exams

**Extra Help:** In addition to my office hours, two other resources are available for you:

1) TAs will have office hours that will be announced during the first week of class. All TA office hours will be in the Chemistry Learning Centers (Buehler 513 & 303 Strong Hall). It's free and staffed by Graduate teaching assistants from Monday to Friday.

2) Student Success Center. A supplemental Instruction (SI) is also free for all the students who who want to improve their understanding of the course content. For more information, please see <https://studentsuccess.utk.edu>

**Calculator policy:** **Non-programmable scientific calculators such as TI 30 are allowed.** No graphing calculators. Bring a calculator to lecture, and exam.

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:** An act of academic dishonesty may lead to such penalties as reduction of grade, probation, suspension, or expulsion from the University. I reserve the right to assign a grade of zero for actions involving violations of the following University of Tennessee Honor Code:

*"An essential feature of The University of Tennessee is a commitment to maintaining an atmosphere of intellectual integrity and academic honesty. As a student of the University, I pledge that I will neither knowingly give nor receive any inappropriate assistance in academic work, thus affirming my own personal commitment to honor and integrity."*

IN summary, this course has a zero tolerance policy on cheating. Individual cases will be prosecuted to the full extent possible.

**Generative AI Tools:** In this course, it is expected that all submitted work is produced by the students themselves. Students must not seek the assistance of Generative AI Tools like ChatGPT. Use of a Generative AI Tool to complete an assignment constitutes academic dishonesty.

**Disability Services:** please contact Students Disability Services (SDS) at 1534 White Avenue, phone 974-6087 or use <http://sds.utk.edu>, if you require course adaptations or accommodations due to a disability, or if you have emergency information to share. The disability must be documented. SDS will work with the students and the faculty to coordinate reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

**Learning Objectives for General Chemistry 122:**

1. Learn and become familiar with different units used for measurements, the uncertainty associated with these measurements and how to convert from one unit to another.
2. Learn the terminology (language) of chemistry, including chemical symbols, chemical formulas, nomenclature, and chemical equations.
3. Gain an understanding of atomic structure and the formation of molecules, ions, and compounds.
4. Obtain a good understanding of electronic structures of atoms, the organization and information conveyed by the periodic table of the elements.
5. Acquire a thorough introduction to basic concepts of chemical bonding and modern bonding theories, and be able to predict shapes of molecules and ions.
6. Be able to demonstrate the use of rules and procedures for naming molecular and ionic compounds.
7. Understand the stoichiometry in chemical equations, and be able to apply it to quantitatively predict and analyze the chemical reactions.
8. Obtain knowledge of the basics of thermochemistry.
9. Learn the fundamentals of gases.
10. Develop analytic reasoning, mathematical problem-solving skills and learn to think critically.

Always bring your student ID to all lectures, and exams. Keep your cell phone off during lectures, and exams.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Lecture (TR)</b>	<b>Workshop/Exams</b>
August 19 – August 23	Chapter R	Chapter R Workshop
August 26 – August 30	Chapter 1	Chapter 1 Workshop
September 2 – September 6 No Class 9/2	Chapter 2	Chapter 2 Workshop
September 9 – September 13	Chapter 2	Chapter 2 Workshop
September 16 – September 20	Chapter 2 and 3	Chapter 2&3 Workshops

		<b>Exam 1 (9/17: 7:00-8:30 pm)</b>
September 23 – September 27	Chapter 3	Chapter 3 Workshop
September 30 – October 4	Chapter 3 and 4	Chapter 3&4 Workshops
October 7 – October 11 No Class 10/8 Fall Break	Chapter 4	
October 14 – October 18	Chapter 4 and 5	<b>Exam 2 (10/15: 7:00-8:30 pm)</b> Chapter 4 Workshop
October 21 – October 25	Chapter 5	Chapter 5 Workshop
October 28 – November 1	Chapter 5 and 6	Chapter 5&6 Workshops
November 4 – November 8 No Class 11/5 Election Day	Chapter 6	Chapter 6 Workshop
November 11 – November 15	Chapter 6 and 7	Chapter 6&7 Workshops <b>Exam 3 (11/12: 7:00-8:30)</b>
November 18 – November 22	Chapter 7	Chapter 7 Workshops
November 25 – November 29 No Class 11/27 – 11/29	Chapter 8	Chapter 8 Workshop
December 2 – December 6 Study day (12/4)	Chapter 8	Chapter 8 Workshop <b>Final Exam (Friday 12/6: 1:00-3:15 PM)</b>

**The instructor reserves the right to revise, alter, or amend this syllabus as necessary. Students will be notified in writing / email of any such changes.**