

South Plains College
Common Course Syllabus: CHEM 1406
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Department: Science

Discipline: Chemistry

Course Number: CHEM 1406

Course section: 151/471

Course Title: Introductory Chemistry I

Available Formats: Online (Lecture and Lab)

Campuses: Online

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Course Description: CHEM1406: INTRODUCTORY CHEMISTRY 1. (4:3:3) Survey course introducing chemistry. Topics may include inorganic, organic, biochemistry, food/physiological chemistry, and environmental/consumer chemistry. Designed for allied health students and for students who are not science majors. Basic laboratory experiments supporting theoretical principles presented in lecture; introduction of the scientific method, experimental design, data collection and analysis, and preparation of laboratory reports. Note: This course may not be substituted for CHEM 1411.

Prerequisite: None

Credit: 4 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 3

Textbook: N/A

Supplies: Required

- Home Lab Kit from Carolina Distance Learning (Purchase information below).
- Personal computer with internet access.
- Scientific calculator. Usage of cell phones *WILL NOT BE* allowed on exams!
- Device to take pictures of lab (Phone, camera, etc.)

This course partially satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement:

- Life and Physical Sciences Foundational Component Area (030)

Core Curriculum Objectives addressed:

- **Communications skills**—to include effective written, oral and visual communication
- **Critical thinking skills**—to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Empirical and quantitative competency skills**—to manipulate and analyze numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
- **Teamwork**—to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal

Student Learning Outcomes:*From Lecture:*

1. Convert units of measure and demonstrate dimensional analysis skills
2. Define the fundamental properties of matter and classify matter, compounds, and chemical reactions.
3. Determine the basic nuclear and electronic structure of atoms.
4. Distinguish between ionic and covalent compounds and name the different compounds.
5. Identify trends in chemical and physical properties of the elements using the periodic table.
6. Determine the role of energy in physical and chemical reactions.
7. Use the mole concept to determine the number of atoms, moles, grams, and solve elementary stoichiometry-based calculations.
8. Determine the concentrations of solutions using percentage and molarity designations.
9. Use various characteristics of a solution to identify it as an acid or base.
10. Identify and name various organic compounds.
11. Identify and explain the functions of carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins.

From Lab:

1. Use basic apparatus and apply experimental methodologies used in the chemistry laboratory.
2. Demonstrate safe and proper handling of laboratory equipment and chemicals.
3. Conduct basic laboratory experiments with proper laboratory techniques.
4. Make careful and accurate experimental observations.
5. Relate physical observations and measurements to theoretical principles.
6. Interpret laboratory results and experimental data, and reach logical conclusions.
7. Record experimental work completely and accurately in laboratory notebooks and communicate experimental results clearly in written reports.
8. Design fundamental experiments involving principles of chemistry.
9. Identify appropriate sources of information for conducting laboratory experiments involving principles of chemistry.

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment:

Few topics/questions from the exams will be selected to assess the students learning outcomes at the end of semester.

Course Evaluation:

CHAPTER EXAMS: There will be TEN-chapter exams and they will be taken on Blackboard; **Exams will open from 12:30 AM Monday to 10:00 AM Thursday. Except for the final exam, which will open from 12:30 AM Monday to 10:00 AM Wednesday, 07/02 at 10 AM.** Students have the above time window to complete the exam, it is a 1-hour timed exam, once a student starts, they must complete the exam. These exams will cover the materials in the lecture notes, and the schedule of the exams are on the course schedule. Exams will be in a multiple-choice format and worth 50 points. Only the materials discussed in the lecture notes will be on the exam, and you will have time to finish it. **The exams are open for 4 days, if you miss the exam, there will be no make-up for the missed lecture exams, and you will receive ZERO for the exams you missed.**

- Chapter 1 exam 50 points
- Chapter 2 exam 50 points
- Chapter 3 exam 50 points
- Chapter 4 exam 50 points
- Chapter 5 exam 50 points
- Chapter 6 exam 50 points
- Chapter 7 exam 50 points
- Chapter 8 exam 50 points
- Chapter 9 exam 50 points
- Chapter 10, 11 and 12 exam 50 points

The materials scheduled for each lecture exam by subject to change, this change will be announced in advance if necessary.

CHAPTER HOMEWORK: There will be EIGHT-chapter homework and they will be on Blackboard. **All the homework's will be open from 12:30 AM Monday to Wednesday 10:00 AM.** It will be multiple choice questions. Each quiz will be worth 10 points. These quizzes will cover the materials in the lecture notes, and the schedule of the quizzes are on the course schedule. **The homework is open for 3 days, if you miss the homework, there will be no make-up for the missed homework, and you will receive ZERO for the homework you missed.**

- Chapter 1 Homework: 10 points
- Chapter 2 Homework: 10 points
- Chapter 3 Homework: 10 points
- Chapter 4 Homework: 10 points
- Chapter 5 Homework: 10 points
- Chapter 6 Homework: 10 points
- Chapter 7 Homework: 10 points
- Chapter 8 Homework: 10 points

HOME LAB EXPERIMENTS: Students are required to purchase a Home Lab experiments experiment kit from Carolina Distance Learning. These will be submitted for grading before its due date. Students will complete the lab experiments and email them to the instructor before the due date to receive credits. **All the home lab experiments are due Tuesdays at 10 AM** (Please look at course schedule at the end of syllabus for specific due dates).

Submit the labs by taking pictures; picture of your lab set up, data table and data analysis.
Email them to bwang@southplainscollege.edu to receive full credit (Please submit each lab per email, you can submit any time before Monday's deadline).

- Home lab safety agreement form: 10 points
- Home lab experiment 1: 10 points
- Home lab experiment 2: 10 points
- Home lab experiment 3: 10 points
- Home lab experiment 4: 10 points
- Home lab experiment 5: 10 points
- Home lab experiment 6: 10 points
- Home lab experiment 7: 10 points
- Home lab experiment 8: 10 points
- Home lab experiment 9: 10 points

Carolina Distance Learning Home Lab Kit Purchase Information:

There are two ways to purchase the home lab kit.

1. You can purchase the lab kit directly from the Carolina website with your credit card for 75.00 + ~25.00 shipping and handling, you can use the link (<https://www.carolina.com/catalog/detail.jsp?prodId=581836>) to purchase the kit directly from the website.
2. You can purchase a voucher for the lab kit from SPC Levelland bookstore using scholarship or financial aid for ~135.00 with shipping. You will still need to visit Carolina distance learning website to order the kit using the information on your purchased voucher.

EXAM PRACTICE REVIEW: There will be exam practice assignments, sole purpose of exam practice review is to help prepare for the exam and it does not count towards the total grade. Highly recommend students spend quality time with the exam review as it will prepare you for the exam.

Grading Policy:

Grading based on percentage:

- A = 90 – 100%
- B = 80 – 89%
- C = 70 – 79%
- D = 60 – 69%
- F = below 60%

The grade distribution:

- Total Chapter Exams: 500 points
- Total Home Labs: 100 points
- Total Chapter Homework: 80 points
- Total Possible Points: 680 Points**

Attendance Policy:

It is vitally important that you plan your time and study lectures notes and attend all the laboratory experiments to do well in this course. ***To be considered being actively attending the course, student must log into Blackboard regularly and complete the lab assignments before the census date. If the student does not log into course Blackboard and did not turn in assignment before the census date, the student will be listed as “Never Attended” and drop from the course.*** Students who enroll in a course but have “Never Attended” by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records.

Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus. When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student’s responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first-class meeting.

It is the student’s responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

Dropping a Course:

Students may drop courses through Texan Connect, the Admissions and Records Office, or Advising and Testing Center through the late registration period.

After late registration has closed, a student must complete the online Student Initiated Drop Request to drop a course.

Students may also drop courses in person at any campus location by completing a Student Initiated Drop Form. Complete a Student Initiated Drop Form and return the signed form to the Levelland Admissions and Records Office, the Student Support Center at the Lubbock Downtown Center, the Lubbock Career and Technical Center, or Plainview Center. You must have a picture ID to complete the drop.

A mark of “W” will be given for student-initiated drops that occur prior to and through the last day to drop as indicated in the online Academic Calendar found here:

<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/academiccalendar/index.php>.

Syllabus Statements:

This is required. For information about Artificial Intelligence, Disabilities, Non-Discrimination, Intellectual Exchange, Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations, CARE (Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation) Team, Campus Concealed Carry, and COVID-19, please use this link: <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/>.

Plagiarism and Cheating:

Students are expected to do their own work on all projects, quizzes, assignments, examinations, and papers. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a grade of ZERO for the assignment and can result in an F for the course if circumstances warrant.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail order term paper mill;
2. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
3. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
4. Missing in-text citations.

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
2. Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
3. Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
4. Entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage;
5. Taking an examination for another;
6. Altering grade records;
7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
8. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

Student Code of Conduct Policy:

Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

Email:

When you have questions, problems, or comments, you can e-mail me directly to bwang@southplainscollege.edu. Please refrain from using the BlackBoard Course Messages tool to message me. I will respond to your email in a timely manner (within 24 hours), emails

received after 10:00 PM on Monday through Thursday will receive a response next morning. Emails received on Friday through Sunday will get a response usually same day email received, unless email was sent after 10:00 PM. I will not check my email often during the weekend, but I will reply to your email in a timely manner when I see them.

Expectations when Corresponding:

Please be polite, courteous, and respectful when communicating. Do not use profanity under any circumstances. Do not write disrespectful, insulting, mean, rude, profane, insensitive, or other hurtful messages or comments under any circumstances. Failure to abide by this policy will result in the appropriate disciplinary actions.

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Minimum Computer Requirements:

1. Personal computer
2. Web Browser: Google Chrome works best
3. A high-speed internet connection
4. Microsoft Word and Microsoft PowerPoint software (a recent version)
5. Software or Program to read PDFs
6. A good soundcard and functioning speakers
7. Knowledge of how to navigate web pages and how to deal with pop-up blockers and other devices and warnings on your browser
8. Knowledge of how to download files from the internet and find them on your computer once they are downloaded
9. Knowledge of basic operations of Microsoft Word and Microsoft PowerPoint
10. Knowledge of how to view and adjust videos
11. May need a printer

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Computer Problems or Blackboard Server Problems:

If a student's internet connection goes down, or a student's computer crashes or otherwise becomes inoperable for Blackboard, it is the responsibility of the student to have their internet connection and/or computer repaired as soon as possible in order to avoid getting behind in the class. While the computer and/or internet connection is being repaired, the student should seek an alternate computer. This could be a friend's computer, a relative's computer, a computer at a library, or a computer at the computer lab on the Levelland or Reese campuses. It will be the student's responsibility to find an alternate computer to avoid getting behind in the class. Internet problems and/or the crash or inoperability of a computer will not be an acceptable excuse for being late with any assignments or getting behind with the chapter modules. *It is the responsibility of the student to have a backup plan in place.* If the Blackboard server goes down, the appropriate time extensions on any quizzes will be determined and announced by the instructor.

Logging into the Course:

You are not allowed to give your user ID and/or password to anyone. You will be dropped and given an F for your final grade if someone besides you is caught logging into this course under your user ID and/or password.

General Safety Rule:

As a faculty member, I am deeply invested in the well-being of each student I teach. I am here to assist you with your work in this course. If you come to me with other non-course-related concerns, I will do my best to help. It is important for you to know that all faculty members are mandated reporters of any incidents of sexual misconduct. That means that I cannot keep information about sexual misconduct confidential if you share that information with me. Dr. Lynne Cleavinger, the Director of Health & Wellness, can advise you confidentially as can any counselor in the Health & Wellness Center. They can also help you access other resources on campus and in the local community. You can reach Dr. Cleavinger at 716-2563 or lcleavinger@southplainscollege.edu or go by the Health and Wellness Center. You can schedule an appointment with a counselor by calling 716-2529

Course Schedule: CHEM1406.151.471

Week of	Lecture plan	Labs (Home Kit)	Quiz	Exam Dates
Week #1 06/03 ~ 06/07	Chapter 1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read over lab safety manual • Read and Sign "Distance Learning Laboratory Safety Agreement" • Exp1 Scientific Method (Dry Lab) <p>Due Tuesday, 06/03 by 10 AM. Submit by email.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz #1 • Quiz #2 <p>Due 06/04, Wednesday 10:00 AM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 1 exam • Chapter 2 exam <p>Due, 06/05, Thursday 10:00 AM</p>
Week #2 06/10 ~ 06/14	Chapter 3 and 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exp2 Measurement Uncertainty (Dry Lab) • Exp3 Measurements (Hands on Lab) • Exp4 Naming Compound (Worksheet Lab) <p>Due Tuesday, 06/10 by 10 AM. Submit by email.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz #3 • Quiz #4 <p>Due, 06/11, Wednesday 10:00 AM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 3 exam • Chapter 4 exam <p>Due, 06/12, Thursday 10:00 AM</p>
Week #3 06/17 ~ 06/21	Chapter 5 and 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exp5 Exploring Density (Hands on Lab) • Exp6 Balancing Chemical Equations (Dry Lab) <p>Due Tuesday, 06/17 by 10 AM. Submit by email.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz #5 • Quiz #6 <p>Due, 06/18, Wednesday 10:00 AM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 5 exam • Chapter 6 exam <p>Due, 06/19, Thursday 10:00 AM</p>
Week #4 06/24 ~ 06/38	Chapter 7 and 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exp7 Chemical and physical change (Dry/Virtual Lab) • Exp8 Single replacement reaction stoichiometry and percent yields (Hands on Lab) <p>Due Tuesday, 06/24 by 10 AM. Submit by email.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz #7 • Quiz #8 <p>Due, 06/25, Wednesday 10:00 AM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 7 exam • Chapter 8 exam <p>Due, 06/26, Thursday 10:00 AM</p>
Week #5 07/01 ~ 07/05	Chapter 9, 10, 11 and 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exp9 Determination of acetic acid concentration (Hands on Lab) <p>Due Monday, 07/01 by 10 AM. Submit by email.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 9 exam • Final Exam (Chapter 10, 11 & 12) <p>Due, 07/02, Wednesday 10:00 AM</p>