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Class Info: M/W/F 8:00am - 8:50am in Building 58A Room 0105
Office Hours: M/W 9:30am - 11:30am, other times by appointment
Mastering Chemistry Student Access Card, available bundled with textbook or purchased separately from MasteringChemistry.com, must correlate with the same textbook.
Organic Chemistry Modeling Kit (Bookstore)

NOTE: The course syllabus is subject to change. All changes to the syllabus will be announced in class, as well as posted via the course eLearning site.

LABORATORY: CHM 2210L is a separate course. Please refer to the CHM 2210L syllabus for information, requirements and laboratory schedule. Labs will take place in Building 58 Room 130.

LECTURE: Course Description: CHM 2210 Organic Chemistry I (3 Semester Hours)
Prerequisites: CHM 2046/L General Chemistry II and Lab with C- or higher
This is the first semester of a year-long course covering the chemistry of hydrocarbon-based molecules. Topics include nomenclature, stereochemistry, functional groups, fundamental reactions, mechanistic interpretations of reactions, and spectroscopy.

Student Learning Outcomes: Students successfully completing Organic Chemistry I should be able to:
• Draw organic molecules with correct angles, valence structures, and geometry
• Identify organic functional groups and stereochemical elements
• Apply the basics of organic reaction mechanisms to simple organic molecules
• Demonstrate understanding of the effect of different conditions on a reaction mechanism
• Understand the effect of organic structure on physical and chemical properties
• Interpret spectroscopic data and determine structure based on that data
• Communicate chemical concepts using correct terminology and structures

Grading Plans: (Subject to change at the discretion of the instructor)
Hour Examinations (3 @ 100 pts. each) 300
Quizzes (8 @ 12.5 pts. each) 100
Homework (100 pts., see below) 100
Final Examination 200
Total 700 pts.

Chemistry is naturally a cumulative subject. While individual exams will focus on specific chapters, previous material may be necessary to successfully solve certain problems.
Anticipated Grading Scale: **Subject to adjustment at the discretion of the instructor**

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Classroom Etiquette & Attendance:

Class will begin promptly at the stated time. Out of courtesy to your fellow classmates, please be on time for class and have your bags and technology put away when class starts. All cell phones must be off or silent, but in either case they must be put away. No technology use of any kind will be permitted to minimize distractions to other students. This includes laptops, iPads or similar tablets, and phones. Use of these items will result in students being asked to stop, repeat violators will be asked to leave class. Additionally, quizzes will be used to assess your attendance. Classroom by using the class email list which communicates with your UWF email address. All students are expected to check this account to receive updates on class.

Personal Contact Policy:

I have no office phone, as such I have no personal voicemail. If you need to contact me by phone please contact Cynthia Williams at the number listed above during normal business hours (8:00am-5:00pm) Monday through Friday. I will respond to email during business hours reliably and after hours as possible. I will not respond to email after 10:00pm. I will communicate with the class by using the class email list which communicates with your UWF email address. All students are expected to check this account to receive updates on class.

Missed Exams:

*Exam dates will be set in advance and are firm.* Only very special documented reasons such as major illness, accident or death of a family member are acceptable for failure to take an exam. **MAKEUP EXAMS WILL NOT BE OFFERED!!** You must inform me or the departmental administrative assistant (Cindy Williams, 474-2739, 58/151) of your inability to take an exam **BEFORE** the exam is scheduled to start. If proper notification is given and proper documentation is provided, your final exam grade will be scaled appropriately to account for the missed exam. You must take the final exam at the scheduled time (no exceptions) or receive a zero grade. No excuses will be accepted for more than one missed exam and a zero will be assigned. Exams missed without proper notification or valid excuse will be assigned a grade of zero. Please inform me at least 48 hours in advance if you have any special needs or disabilities that affect you test-taking ability.

Mastering Chemistry:

Each chapter will have an on-line homework assignment via Mastering Chemistry. Your Course ID is CHM2210NICHOLSONF2012. In addition to the Course ID, you will need an access code. If you purchase the textbook bundle from the UWF bookstore, a student access code is a printed code supplied inside the Mastering Chemistry Student Access Kit. Follow the instructions to register and complete the assignments. The registration site is http://www.masteringchemistry.com/site/register/new-students.html. **It is your responsibility to meet the deadlines posted on the Mastering Chemistry site.** Supplemental problems may be recommended for each chapter. These problems will not be graded nor will they count as extra or bonus credit.

No homework assignments will be “dropped” as all work is valuable. To compensate for this, it will be possible to earn greater than 100 points, however the maximum points that will count toward your grade is 100. Any points earned beyond 100 will not improve your class score.

Pre and Post assessments of the course will also be done on Mastering Chemistry. These will be valued at 5 points each, and you will earn all these points by completing the assignment. Correct and incorrect do not matter, only completion of the question set.
Final Exam:
A common final exam will be given on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 6:00pm in Building 58A. The final exam will be ~50% Chapters 9,10,11,14 and ~50% comprehensive for the whole course. There will be no make-up final exam offered, and missing the final exam for an unexcused reason will result in a grade of zero. If you have ANY conflict with this time it is your responsibility to notify me ASAP.

Withdrawals:
You may withdraw from this course with an automatic grade of “W” on or before Friday, November 2, 2012. After this date a withdrawal from all courses is permitted but the grade of “W” or “WF” will be assigned depending upon your standing at the DATE OF WITHDRAWAL. UWF’s current withdrawal policy is copied below. Please see me to discuss any academic concerns. It is chemistry department policy that if you withdraw from the lecture, you must withdraw from the lab.

Academic Honesty and Student Conduct:
Acts of dishonesty will be dealt with according to established procedures as described in the University catalog. The penalty for an instance of proven cheating in this course at any time will result in failure for the course. Please see the UWF Student Handbook (http://uwf.edu/enrserv/current.htm) for a list of behaviors that fall under the definition of academic misconduct. Examples of inappropriate student behavior include but are not limited to: making and receiving cell phone calls, copying during an exam, working together on quizzes, submitting someone else’s work as your own, etc.

Students with Special Needs:
The Student Disability Resource Center SDRC at the University of West Florida supports an inclusive learning environment for all students. If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that hinder your full participation, such as time limited exams, inaccessible web content, or the use of non-captioned videos and podcasts, please notify the instructor or SDRC as soon as possible. You may contact the SDRC office by e-mail at sdrc@uwf.edu or by phone at (850) 474-2387. Appropriate academic accommodations will be determined based on the documented needs of the individual.

Safety and Emergency Preparedness Information:
If an emergency were to close UWF for an extended period of time, appropriate adjustments to the examination schedule will be made. Course continuity will continue through the elearning site in the form of PowerPoint lectures. Class participation may be earned through threaded discussions. You will be notified via email of any conditions which necessitate rescheduling examinations or assignments due to inclement weather or other campus emergencies. Official closures and delays will be announced on the UWF website and broadcast on WUWF-FM.