

## Contact Information

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I am available to answer questions and assist you with working through problems and strategizing for maximizing your success in the course. If my scheduled office hours do not work for you, please do not hesitate to contact me so that we can arrange for an alternate time. Chemistry is an unavoidably challenging subject, but my aim as an instructor is to make sure that you have the tools you need to rise to the challenge.

## Meeting Times

**Course Record Number:** 46108 (Afternoon Lab) or 46388 (Evening Lab)

**Lecture:** Tue/Thu 6:00 to 7:15 pm

**Lab:** Tue/Thu 2:30 pm to 5:20 pm

**Office Hours:** Mon 2:30 to 4:20 pm (Workshop), Tue 1:30 to 2:20 pm, Wed 2:30 to 3:20 pm

Or otherwise by appointment

## Overview

**Course Description:** Chemistry 12B is the second of a three-quarter organic chemistry sequence for life and physical science majors. The course expands upon the underlying principles covered in 12A, covering the structure and reactivity of a broad array of functional groups including alkynes, alcohols, ethers, aldehydes, ketones and aromatic compounds. The laboratory portion of the course involves preparation and spectroscopic analysis using a variety of key organic reactions.

**Prerequisite:** A grade of C or better in Chemistry 12A, or the equivalent.

**Course Schedule:** You can follow the links here for a [tentative lecture schedule](#) and the [lab calendar](#).

## Course Materials

### Required

**Lecture Text:** Klein, *Organic Chemistry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.*, ISBN #9781119412892.

Automatic opt-in access comes with class sign up.

Students will receive an email granting them access to their eBook. It may go to your spam folder so you should check there if you don't see it at first. Electronic access includes the e-text, as well as the student solutions manual and other publisher provided resources.

You may also purchase a hard copy of this text, or of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, but be aware that the ordering of a few topics has shifted. The 1<sup>st</sup> edition is not recommended, as it lacks the literature based challenge problems that are one of the book's primary strengths.

**Lab Text:** Gilbert and Martin, *Experimental Organic Chemistry: A Miniscale and Microscale Approach, 6<sup>th</sup> Ed.*, ISBN #9781305080461.

You may also use an earlier edition of the lab text. Just be aware that page numbers will not line up with those listed in the syllabus, and while the presentations of theory and techniques are equivalent, there may be some variations in procedures. It is up to you to ensure that your written procedures align with the current edition.

**Scientific or Graphing Calculator:** While this course is not as numerically intensive as the general chemistry series, there will nonetheless be calculations to do here and there.

**Lab Notebook:** This can be obtained from the bookstore or another source. Duplicate pages are not required, but lab work should be completed in a bound notebook, not on free sheets in a binder.

## Recommended

**Lecture Text Solutions Manual:** Klein, *Student Study Guide and Solutions Manual, 3e for Organic Chemistry, 3e*, ISBN #9781119378693.

If you are using an earlier edition of the textbook, you should make sure you obtain a solutions manual that matches it.

**Organic Molecular Modeling Kit:** Any standard model kit will suffice.

In addition to a physical model set there are many free, open-source software packages for building and visualizing organic molecules. One fairly user-friendly program is Avogadro, which can be downloaded for Mac/Windows/Linux at [avogadro.cc](http://avogadro.cc) ([Links to an external site.](#)).

# Grading Breakdown

## General

The general scoring breakdown for the course is shown below, with lecture assessments accounting for 76% of the course grade, and lab related work making up the remaining 24%.

The rough grading scale for the course is shown here:

- >90% = A+/A/A-
- 80-90% = B+/B/B-
- 70-80% = C+/C
- 60-70% = D+/D/D-
- <60% = F

Exams are not curved, however the grading brackets may shift downward (i.e. in your favor) in the final grade calculation to allow for adjustment in the case that the difficulty of some assessments is overtuned in any particular term. The brackets will not, however shift upward (so for instance it is possible that the cutoff for an A- would ultimately shift to 89%, but it will not shift to 91%).

## Lecture

Assessments of lecture content will include two quizzes, two midterm exams, and one final exam. All assessments will be administered synchronously via Zoom. While you are not required to be on a webcam during regular Zoom class meetings, you and your immediate testing area will need to be visible during assessments, via either a webcam or phone camera. If you do not have access to any means of sending video during exams, please let me know directly as soon as possible so that we can explore accessing potential available institutional resources.

The quizzes (50 points each; tentatively scheduled in weeks 2 and 6), which will serve as checkpoints to ensure that you are keeping up with course content, and not trying to absorb all the material in the days leading up to the exams. It is possible that the dates of these quizzes might shift slightly depending on how course pacing plays out in practice. If the date of a quiz is changed, you will be notified in advance.

The two midterm exams (200 points each) will be held during the laboratory periods on Thursday, 5/7 and Tuesday, 6/2. The first exam will cover alkynes, alcohols, ethers, epoxides and sulfur compounds, while the second will focus on aldehydes, ketones and conjugated systems. All exams will of course also require you to draw on your synthetic and structural knowledge from 12A as well.

The final exam (260 points) will be held during the time designated by the college on Tuesday, 6/23 from 6:15 to 8:15 pm. While this exam will emphasize material introduced after the second midterm, it is nonetheless unavoidably cumulative in the sense that the study of organic chemistry is essentially the

development of a toolbox for understanding organic reactions and devising synthetic pathways. As such, at any point in the series, you will need to be able to draw on the full set of tools that you have accumulated up to that point.

### Lab

Since we will not be performing in-person lab experiments due to the campus closure, lab periods will be focused on introducing spectroscopic techniques, reinforcing our understanding of important reactions, and discussing certain organic laboratory techniques not covered in 12A. Lab discussions will be divided up into four groupings, each of which will span several lab sessions. Each grouping will account for a total of 40 points, with 12 coming from the submitted pre-lab exercises and in-lab notes from your lab notebook, 20 from the typed report, and 8 from participation and good conduct in the synchronous portion of the lab meeting.

The lab exam (80 points) will account for the remainder of your lab score, and will be held during the lab period on Thursday, 6/18. This exam will focus on your understanding of the underlying laboratory and spectroscopic techniques that we have used during the quarter, rather than on the procedural specifics of the exact experiments we performed. In preparing for this exam, you should make sure you understand why we take the steps we do in a given technique, and what the consequences would be if we were to deviate in some way from the correct procedure. This exam will also contain problems related to interpretation of spectra.

## Classroom Policies

### Attendance

**Lecture:** Attendance in lecture is critical, as this is where we will engage with the broad range of topics covered in the course, and where I will make clear the level of mastery that I will be expecting to see from you when exam time rolls around. While missing lecture will not directly impact your grade if an assessment is not being given, frequent absences will substantially increase the likelihood that you will not perform well on exams. Slides for upcoming course content will be posted in advance, and it is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with new reactions prior to lecture. We will use the time during the lecture period to work through examples that illustrate the new content and practice our synthetic skills.

**Lab:** Obviously the present circumstances have a significant impact on the way in which the laboratory portion of the course will run, with the cancellation of in person classes meaning that you will not actually be performing experiments in a physical laboratory. We will nonetheless be using the scheduled laboratory period to introduce a variety of topics related to synthetic and analytical laboratory techniques, and attendance and participation on Zoom during the laboratory period is required.

Screenshot attendance will be taken 10 minutes after the start of the scheduled period, and also before the synchronous session is dismissed. Your first lab absence will not impact your course grade, but the second absence will be counted against your participation grade, and three or more lab absences will result in an automatic failing grade in the course in accordance with departmental policy.

## Workload

Organic chemistry is a challenging subject, frequently appearing at or near the top of lists of students' most difficult college courses. As such, it is important that you come in with realistic expectations about the amount of time you will need to put in to achieve mastery of the course material. In addition to time spent in lecture and lab, you should be anticipating devoting 10 to 15 additional hours per week to engaging with the course material in a variety of ways, including but not limited to:

- **Working through Lecture Slides Ahead of Lecture:** Since the lecture period will be primarily devoted to problem solving and practice with the material, working your way through the scheduled content slides beforehand is a necessity to be prepared for class. It is not necessary that you have a perfect grasp of everything before you arrive to lecture, but you do need to have spent enough time with the material that you are in a position to learn through practice, and to ask questions about topics that you feel need further clarification.
- **Reading the Textbook:** Much of the material covered in organic chemistry is complex, and the details are important. It is difficult to absorb these details in the context of a lecture and discussion alone. You should therefore make sure to read the relevant sections of the textbook, in addition to watching the lecture videos, in order to help cement your understanding of the material, work through in-text examples and make sure you catch any details that you may have missed.
- **Working Homework Problems:** Working through examples is absolutely essential to developing the facility with organic reactions that is necessary to succeed in the course. As you read through the chapters in the textbook, you should work through all of the in-text problems, as these generally represent a check on basic comprehension of the material presented. Afterward, you can move on to the list of [suggested end-of-chapter problems](#). Note that this list represents the minimum set of problems that you should expect to complete in order to achieve the necessary competency level, and to master the material you should plan on working many additional problems on topics that you find especially challenging. As assessments approach, there will be additional problems to work through, as well as practice exams to give you a sense of what to expect from the actual course exams.
- **Completing Lab Assignments:** Each lab day will involve a follow-up assignment to be submitted before noon on the day of the next lab meeting. This assignment may be as simple as submission of notes taken during the synchronous lab session, or in some cases may involve additional practice to

be done asynchronously. Each grouping will also involve preparation of a typed summary report that will generally be due one week after the final day of the grouping. Lab reports submitted after the due date will receive a grade deduction of 10% for each class day that they are late.

### Behaviour

**Lecture Participation:** The aim of the lecture period is to aid students as much as possible in grasping the course material. To that end, your participation is critical to ensuring that we make optimal use of the limited time we have together. Answering questions that I ask, and asking questions when you are confused are the best ways to let me know what you do and do not understand yet. If you simply try to passively absorb lecture content without active engagement, you will inevitably find when you try to approach a complex problem on your own, that you are not sufficiently practiced in the kind of reasoning required to find your own path to the end.

**Respect for your Peers:** The lecture is not only about your learning experience, but also about that of your fellow students. This means that it is important that you be respectful of their time by not engaging in behaviour that is disruptive. While you may use electronic devices in class for the purposes of aiding in your own learning process, you may not use them in a way that serves to distract your classmates or otherwise detract from their learning experience. In addition, the classroom is a place where students with diverse backgrounds and identities come together and work toward common learning goals. As we progress in our collective quest to surmount the never-ending challenges that chemistry sends our way, we are all entitled to a collegial and supportive learning environment. Any behaviour or language that is hostile or demeaning to your fellow classmates is therefore not acceptable classroom behaviour (or good general practice as a human).

## Safety in the Lab

From the American Chemical Society Safety In Academic Laboratories Guidelines, 7th Ed., the following mandatory minimum safety requirements must be followed by all students and be rigorously enforced by all chemistry faculty:

1. **Chemistry Department-approved safety goggles purchased from the De Anza College bookstore (NOT safety glasses) must be worn at all times once laboratory work begins, including when obtaining equipment from the stockroom or removing equipment from student drawers, and may not be removed until all laboratory work has ended and all glassware has been returned to student drawers.**

2. **Shoes that completely enclose the foot are to be worn at all times; NO sandals, open-toed, or open-topped shoes, or slippers, even with socks on, are to be worn in the lab.**
3. Shorts, cut-offs, skirts or pants exposing skin above the ankle, and sleeveless tops may not be worn in the lab: **ankle-length clothing must be worn at all times.**
4. Hair reaching the top of the shoulders must be tied back securely.
5. Loose clothing must be constrained.
6. Wearing "...jewelry such as rings, bracelets, and wristwatches in the laboratory..." should be discouraged to prevent "...chemical seepage in between the jewelry and skin...".
7. Eating, drinking, or applying cosmetics in the laboratory is forbidden at ALL times, including during lab lecture.
8. Use of electronic devices requiring headphones in the laboratory is prohibited at ALL times, including during lab lecture.
9. Students are advised to inform their instructor about any pre-existing medical conditions, such as pregnancy, epilepsy, or diabetes, that they have that might affect their performance.
10. Students are required to know the locations of the eyewash stations, emergency shower, and all exits.
11. Students may not be in the lab without an instructor being present.
12. Students not enrolled in the laboratory class may not be in the lab at any time after the first lab period of each quarter.
13. Except for soapy or clear rinse water from washing glassware, **NO CHEMICALS MAY BE Poured INTO THE SINKS; all remaining chemicals from an experiment must be poured into the waste bottle provided.**
14. Students are required to follow the De Anza College Code of Conduct at all times while in lab: "horseplay", yelling, offensive language, or any behavior that could startle or frighten another student is not allowed during lab.
15. Strongly recommended: Wear nitrile gloves while performing lab work; wear a chemically resistant lab coat or lab apron; wear shoes made of leather or polymeric leather substitute. Reckless behavior will not be tolerated. If your actions endanger the health and safety of yourself or someone else you will be asked to leave and you will receive a zero for the day.

## Important Dates

**April 25:** Last day to add

**April 26:** Last day to drop without a "W" grade appearing on transcript\*



**May 7:** Midterm Exam 1

**June 2:** Midterm Exam 2

**June 5:** Last day to drop classes with a "W"\*

**June 18:** Lab Exam

**June 23:** Final Exam from 9:15 to 11:15 am

\* Note that dropping the course in advance of either the drop or withdraw deadline is your responsibility, and you will not simply be dropped because you stopped attending class at some point along the way.

## Academic Accommodations

If you have the need for specific accommodations, such as extended-time or reduced-distraction testing, or the use of assistive technology, I am glad to work with you to arrive at an appropriate accommodation arrangement. All such requests must go through Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS), located in the Advanced Technology Center (AT209). If you need accommodations but are not yet registered through DSPS, please make sure to contact them as soon as possible, as I am not able to provide accommodations without a written notice from that office. The DSPS website is found at [www.deanza.edu/dsps](http://www.deanza.edu/dsps) (Links to an external site.).

## Academic Integrity

Cheating or plagiarizing in any form will not be tolerated. The first offense of academic dishonesty will result in a zero for the exam or assignment and the offending student will be reported to the Dean of Student Development. It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty (see the academic honor code at [www.deanza.edu/policies/academic\\_integrity.html](http://www.deanza.edu/policies/academic_integrity.html) (Links to an external site.)).

Note that for lab reports, you will generally be sharing data with your fellow classmates, and it is fine to work collaboratively and help one another with understanding how to analyze that data. However, the figures and discussion in the report that you submit must be your own work, and lab reports that have clearly been copied from another student will be assigned a zero score.

**Student Learning Outcome(s):**

\*Apply molecular orbital theory to predict the outcome of selected chemical reactions.

\*Apply resonance theory to predict the major and minor products of chemical reactions.

\*Generate logical multi-step syntheses of increasingly complex molecules.

\*Construct logical stepwise reaction mechanisms for increasingly complex chemical systems.