Organic Chemistry II (CHE 234) Fall 2014

Time: Tue, Thurs 11–12:15 pm  Location: DA 337
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Course Description and Place of Course in Program
See the Lehman Undergraduate Bulletin.

Required Material: (Text books are on reserve at the library)
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Suggested Material:
- Lecture Notes, will be done accompanying Microsoft powerpoint presentations. These lecture presentations will be made available online via the Blackboard system. Lecture notes will be available after lectures.


- Online Practice Problems (http://www2.chemistry.msu.edu/faculty/reusch/virttxtjml/Questions/problems/indexam.htm)

- Library: The textbook and solutions manual are on reserve at the library. Also the following organic chemistry problem books are available at the library reserve desk:
  Organic Chemistry 1 Workbook for Dummies Call # Reserve QD257 .W569 2005
  3000 Solved Problems in Organic Chemistry Call # Reserve QD257 .M43 1994

Course Objectives
This continuation organic chemistry course focuses on the methods used to identify the structure of organic molecules, organic reaction mechanisms, and methods used for the synthesis of organic compounds. Topics include aromaticity, chemistry of functional groups, spectroscopy and structure elucidation with an emphasis on the application of infrared and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy.

Where you can go for help: Science Learning Center (Gillet Hall, 133)
- Mon-Thurs: 9 - 7 pm, walk-in
- Fri.: 10 - 2 pm, by appointment
- Sat.: 10 - 2 pm, walk-in
Class Conduct
Disruptive behavior (e.g., Mp3 players, use of cell phones) are not permitted. Place your cellphones in silent mode during class.

Exams
Two one-hour exams, will take place throughout the term. The final exam is a cumulative exam. The two one-hour exams will count towards 55% of your final grade and the final exam will count towards 35% of your final grade.

If you require extra time for written exams or other considerations because of a disability, please do not hesitate to speak with the Office of Student Disability Services (Shuster Hall Rm 238).

Regrade Policy
- Pencil written exams will not be re-graded.
- Students have until one week after the exam has been returned to request a re-grade.
- Arithmetic errors in adding up points will be corrected immediately. Any other re-grade request will cause the entire exam to be re-graded; therefore, your overall score may increase or decrease.
- Late requests for re-grades will not be accepted.

NO MAKE-UP EXAMS will be given for missed exams. If an acceptable extenuating circumstance causes you to miss a midterm exam, the final will take the place of the missed exam and be worth 62.5% of your grade. Students may be given seating assignments for their examinations and electronic devices (e.g., Cell phones, mp3 players, calculators etc.) are NOT allowed.

Group Project Assignment
Students will be assembled into groups of 3 for this project. The goal is to design a game that utilizes organic chemistry. Students can produce a model game or outline the design in a presentation. Any form of game is allowed (card game, board game, video game, mobile app etc). The assignment will be worth 10% of your grade. More details can be found on assignment handout.

Academic Policies
School policy towards, grades, withdrawals and incompletes can be found in the undergraduate bulletin. To summarize:
1. “The grade of W, withdrawal without penalty, is awarded only when it is clear that a student has a good and sufficient reason for withdrawing from a course and is doing so at a time when he or she is doing passing work in the course.”
2. “The INC grade covers any failure to complete all requirements for a course, such as submitting a paper or taking a final examination. For an instructor to grant an INC, the student must have met the instructor’s attendance requirements in the course and have a passing semester average.”
3. The grading system consists of A through F.

Academic Integrity
For the college’s policy towards academic integrity see the Lehman Undergraduate Bulletin. Students found cheating will be brought on charges of academic dishonesty which can result in a F in the course and even suspension or expulsion from the college. 
http://www.lehman.edu/undergraduate-bulletin/academicintegrity.htm
Important Dates

- Last day to withdraw from FALL 2013 classes with a grade of “W” November 6\(^{th}\)
- Labor Day, college closed Monday September 1\(^{st}\)
- No classes scheduled Wed-Friday September 24-26
- Columbus day, College closed Monday October 13\(^{th}\)
- Classes follow Friday schedule Tuesday September 23\(^{rd}\)
- Thanksgiving Holiday, College closed Thu-Sun November 27-30
- Last day of classes Monday December 15\(^{th}\)

Exam Dates

*Midterm Exam 1* October 9
*Midterm Exam 2* November 20
*Final Exam* December 18\(^{th}\) 11am-1pm

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