

# CHEMISTRY 121: COURSE SYLLABUS

## Autumn 2023

**Important dates and times:**

Lectures	M, W, & F	11:30 am–12:20 pm, 1:30–2:20 pm	STLC114
Lab section	W or Th	<i>check enrolled time</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor SAPP
Midterm 1	Wednesday, Oct. 18	5:30–6:45 pm	CEMEX
Midterm 2	Wednesday, Nov. 15	5:30–6:45 pm	CEMEX
Final Exam	Wednesday, Dec. 13	12:15–3:15 pm	TBD

**Instructors:** Megan Brennan      brennanm@stanford.edu      office hours: Th: 2:00-4:00 pm  
 Justin Du Bois      jdubois@stanford.edu      M, W 12:30–1:20 pm

**Head TA:** Rachel Mow      chem121headTA@gmail.com

**Textbook:** Jones & Fleming      *Organic Chemistry*, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed.  
 Klein (*optional*)      *Organic Chemistry as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Language: 2<sup>nd</sup> semester topics*

**Grading:** Midterm Exams      40% (20% each)  
 Final Exam      35%  
 Problem Sets      10%  
 Lab Section      15%

**Lab Section:** There will be a total of eight lab experiments. Lab section grades are based on a weekly quiz, pre-lab preparation, attendance, participation, and post-lab writeup. This material will be covered on problem sets and exams. To receive full credit for lab section you must read the handout, do the pre-lab, attend, participate, complete the weekly quiz with your assigned TA, and upload your completed lab handout and notebook pages **by 11:59 pm on Sundays via Gradescope with no exceptions. Due to safety training occurring in the first lab, students must attend lab the first week in order to be enrolled in the course.** If you know you are going to miss a lab ahead of time due to illness or other excused absence you must contact your TA and instructors **before the beginning of your section.** Your grade will be determined from the top seven lab section grades.

**Exams:** There will be two in-person midterm exams and an in-person final exam. **Absolutely no make-up exams will be given.**

**Problem Sets:** Weekly problem sets reinforce and expand on material covered in lecture, lab, and in the reading. **Problem Sets are due by 11:59 pm on Sundays via Gradescope with no exceptions.** Weekly problem sets are graded partly for completion and partly for correctness. Students are encouraged to turn in even partially completed assignments to at least earn partial points. The best nine out of ten problem sets will determine your final grade. Solution sets are released within 24 hours to promote timely student feedback and learning.

**Web Info:** The Chem 121 page on Canvas is your primary source for up-to-the-minute information including the course calendar which may change. This web page will maintain lecture notes, announcements, lab handouts, problem sets, answer keys, and other relevant course material.

**Honor Code Violations:** While you may work with others on lab assignments and problem sets, all submitted work is your own. Any work that appears to be a violation will be reported to the Office of Community Standards.

**Students with Disabilities:** Students who may need academic accommodation due to disability must initiate the request with the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) located within the Office of Accessible Education (OAE). SDRC staff will evaluate the request with required documentation, recommend reasonable accommodations, and prepare an accommodation letter for faculty dated in the current quarter in which the request is being made. *Students should contact the SDRC as soon as possible since timely notice is needed to coordinate accommodations.* The OAE is located at 563 Salvatierra Walk (phone: 723-1066).

For those students who already have an OAE letter, please use the following link to submit your name and letter for our OAE coordinator for the department:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxhn8E0Rf6QfrwrUz-eU-5af2Bh-pA36fvkp4wkm8vVMSrNw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxhn8E0Rf6QfrwrUz-eU-5af2Bh-pA36fvkp4wkm8vVMSrNw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**COVID Policy:** Please refer to <https://studentaffairs.stanford.edu/covid-guidance/covid-isolation-resources-fall-quarter> for the university's guidance on what do should you become COVID positive. While you are in COVID isolation, please do not go to class or exams.