



CHEM 527 CHEMICAL and BIOCHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION METHODS

Instructor Information

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Office Hours: I will be available during the week using the video conferencing service Zoom, during which you can ask questions. If you are on campus, you can also come by my office to ask question in person.

Course Materials

Lecture textbook: Spectrometric Identification of Organic Compounds, 6th Edition, Robert M. Silverstein and Francis X. Webster. ISBN: 0-471-13457-0. The 8th edition is the newest edition, but the 6th or 7th edition is acceptable.

SILVERSTEIN, SPECTROMETRIC IDEN.OF ORG.COMPOUNDS, ISBN: 9780470616376
8th edition, 2015, Published by John Wiley

Classroom: Lecture online

Course Description: The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the subject of Spectroscopy as it relates to the identification and characterization of organic and biological compounds. This semester we will cover ¹H-, ¹³C-, and variable temperature NMR spectroscopy. We will also cover several advanced NMR techniques like NOE, COSY, HETCOR, and HMQC. We will cover the basic principles of IR, Uv/Vis, mass spectroscopy, CD spectroscopy, fluorescence spectroscopy, and polarimetry.

Lecture Learning Outcomes / Course Objectives

By the end of the semester I intend for my students to have realized a number of objectives.

1. Know how to determine the structure of an organic molecule using spectroscopic techniques such as NMR, IR, UV/vis and MS.
2. Know how to interpret NMR, IR, Uv/Vis and MS data.
3. Understand the theory behind several spectroscopic techniques such as NMR, IR, UV/vis and MS.
4. Be able to read the experimental section of literature related to organic synthesis with regards to spectroscopic analysis of organic compounds and demonstrate proof of synthesis and purification of organic compounds.
5. You will be trained on how to use the Chemistry departments 400 MHz NMR and will learn the process for control of NMR instruments remotely.

There will be several problem sets assigned throughout the semester that will constitute 20% of the grade. You are encouraged to form discussion groups and to work together on these problems. There will be two exams (22.5% each), literature projects related to learning outcome #4 above (10%) and a final exam (25%). The final letter grade will be based on a standard scale 90-100% A, 80-89% B, 70-79% C, 60-69% D, and below 60% F. The grades may be curved, if warranted. The last drop date for the course is *June 20, 2024*.

For the literature projects, you will be required to read articles from the *Journal of Organic Chemistry*, *The Journal of the American Chemical Society* and *Organic Letters* and will be required to use the *Scifinder Scholar* database to find spectroscopic information for organic molecules of synthetic interest and interpret the spectroscopic data to explain how it supports the proposed structure of organic molecules.

There will be absolutely no make-ups for exams. If you miss an examination, you will be assigned a zero for that assignment or the points will be placed on the final exam making your final exam a greater portion of your grade. Problem sets not submitted on time may receive a grade of zero.

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

June 3 – June 7: Introduction to spectroscopy, Mass Spectrometry, Mass Spectrometry

June 10 – June 14: IR Spectroscopy

June 17 – June 21: UV/Vis Spectroscopy, Theory of ^1H -NMR spectroscopy – nuclear spin flip, chemical shift

June 24 – June 28: Theory of ^1H -NMR spectroscopy – correlation tables, integration, spin-spin splitting, coupling constants

July 2: Exam 1, IR and UV/vis Spectroscopy and Mass Spectrometry

July 1 – July 5: Theory of ^1H -NMR spectroscopy – alcohols and related, Theory of ^{13}C -NMR Spectroscopy, DEPT

July 8 – July 12: Correlation NMR, 2D-NMR (COSY, HETCOR, HMQC)

July 15 – July 19: NMR of ^{19}F , ^{31}P , ^{15}N

July 22 – July 26: Chirality, NMR of chiral compounds

July 29 – August 2: Polarimetry, Fluorescence spectroscopy

August 1: Exam 2, NMR spectroscopy

August 5 – August 8: Fluorescence spectroscopy, Circular Dichroism spectroscopy

August 8: Final examination

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS – myLeo Online – D2L Brightspace

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here: <https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: [Netiquette](#)

<http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

ADA Statement

Students with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Velma K Waters Library- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/)

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Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

A&M-Commerce Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

AI use policy

Texas A&M University-Commerce acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism). Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed. In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty