



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

COMMERCE

## Chem 101 General Chemistry Tutorial I

COURSE SYLLABUS: FALL 2024

### INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

**Instructor:** Mrs. Qianying Zhang (Joy)

**Office Location:** Science 336

**Office Hours:** MW 3:00-4:00 pm & TR 11:00-12:00 pm & W 10:00-11:00 am

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### COURSE INFORMATION

Section 01E: Monday 12:00-12:50 p.m.

Room: STC107

Section 02E: Tuesday 3:00-3:50 p.m.

Room: STC135

Section 03E: Tuesday 4:00-4:50 p.m.

Room: STC146

**Textbook:** *Chem1311 lecture book*

Non-programmable Calculator (bring to class)

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is 1-credit hour course. The course will be acted as a support to understand the fundamental chemistry covered in Chemistry 1311. Topics include the scientific method, making measurements, the SI system, dimensional analysis, atomic and molecular structure, chemical formulas, chemical reactions, chemical equations, thermochemistry, quantum theory, electron configurations, periodicity, chemical bonding, states of gases, and states of matter and solutions.

### Student Learning Outcomes

1. Use conversion factor to convert one unit to another unit.
2. Write the name and formula for ionic compounds and binary molecular compounds.

# COURSE REQUIREMENTS

## Instructional Methods

**Class Procedure:** The intent of the course is for you to work in small groups to complete the lesson for that day. You will be required to work in groups of 3-4 students. Groups of less than 3 students or more than 4 students will not be allowed. **The instructor may change the groups periodically.** You are expected to work together as a team to answer the questions posed in the lesson. Thus, you are highly encouraged and expected to discuss, with your group members, the lesson and the answers to the questions posed. The instructor for the course is not present to answer the questions for you. Rather, the instructor is present to guide you in your learning efforts. This has proven to be an effective way to learn Chemistry; we will be using methods similar to a National Science Foundation sponsored program called POGIL (Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning, [www.pogil.org](http://www.pogil.org)).

## GRADING

Your course grade will be based on your participation (80%) and a weekly class assignment(s) grade (20%), as illustrated in the Table below. There are 15 class days in the semester.

Week	Participation grade (0-100 points)*0.8	Weekly Class Grade out of 100 points (total of group work, group quiz, pre-class worksheet, and/or individual quiz) * 0.2	Total points for the week (out of 100)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
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15			
(Semester Total Points / 1500 points) *100% = Class Average %			

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. Incomplete

grades may be given only if the student has a current average  $\geq 70\%$  and is precluded from completion of the course by a documented illness or family crisis.

**If you fail to sign the attendance sheet for a class period, you will be counted as absent even if you were in class that day; the sign-in sheet is the official record of your attendance in class. If you will miss your class one week, you can attend one of the other sections that same week with instructor approval. This will be your only option for earning credit for that week. There will be absolutely no make-ups for missed class attendance. If you fail to sign the attendance sheet for a class period, you may be counted as absent even if you were in class that day; the sign-in sheet is the official record of your attendance in class.**

Your attendance grade is not based on you simply showing up to class. To receive attendance for the class period you must meet the following requirements:

1. You cannot be more than 5 minutes late to class. Missing more than 5 minutes of class time will equate to a non-attendance for that day.
2. You must participate in the class or group discussion. Non-participation will equate to a non-attendance for that day.
3. Disorderly conduct will equate to a non-attendance for that day.
4. Your group must work diligently to complete the lesson for that day. If your group does not work diligently to complete the lesson you will receive a non-attendance for that day.
5. You may not work on material from another class. If you do, you will receive a non-attendance for that day.

Incomplete grades may be given only if the student has a current average  $\geq 70\%$  and is precluded from completion of the course by a documented illness or family crisis.

Only non-programmable calculators are allowed on assignments. I recommend purchase of one of the following calculators, which are available for approximately \$10.00-\$15.00: TI-30X IIS (solar) or TI-30X IIB (battery) or TI-30Xa. NO OTHER CALCULATOR TYPE IS ALLOWED. ALL calculators will be checked before graded assignments in the class. Non-approved calculators will be removed immediately from the student, to be returned at some point after the graded assignment (possibly in class).

**Learning Assistants and Peer-Led Team Learning:** There will be undergraduate students helping with this class. These students have recently completed this course and have demonstrated excellence in the subject matter. These students are employed as Learning Assistants (LAs) by a grant from the National Science Foundation. The purpose and goal of these student assistants is to help you learn chemistry and successfully pass this course.

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

### LMS

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

Zoom Requirements:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362023-Zoom-system-requirements-Windows-macOS-Linux>

## 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](mailto: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>

### Interaction with Instructor Statement

**Communication:** If the instructor needs to contact an individual student, it will be via the student's Texas A&M –Commerce email account.

## COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

**Attendance Policy:** All students are expected to attend classes on a regular basis. The Department of Chemistry adheres to the attendance policy set by the University as

stated in the most current Undergraduate Catalog. The attendance record is taken from the **daily sign-in sheet**. A student who is late by more than 5 minutes or fails to sign the sign-in sheet will be counted as missing a class. **Excessive absence is defined as missing more than 10% of the class without excusable reasons.** Excessive absence will be reported to the Dean of the College and the Dean of Students. In addition, **according to the TAMU-Commerce Procedure 13.99.99.R0.001, if a student has excessive absences, the instructor may drop the student from the course.** The instructor will only excuse an absence if the student provides, with appropriate document, an excusable reason allowed by the TAMU-Commerce Procedure **13.99.99.R0.001**. Good class attendance will be necessary in order to pass this course.

### **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:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

### **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](#)

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

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

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateschool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDis honestyFormold.pdf>

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### **Students with Disabilities— ADA Statement**

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](mailto:studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu)

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

### **Nondiscrimination Notice**

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

### **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](http://www.tamuc.edu/counsel)

### **AI use in course [Draft 2, May 25, 2023]**

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