

## CHEMISTRY 101: CHEMISTRY TUTORIAL I

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### Course Information

**Lectures (Web Based Class):** Meets 6/2/2025 through 7/3/2025

**Textbook:** Burdge et al.: Chemistry: Atoms First, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed. (McGraw Hill) - ALEKS 360

**Reference book:** *General Chemistry*, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> Edition, Ebbing, Gammon, Brooks/Cole Cengage learning.

### Course Description

This is 1-credit hour course. The course will act 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.

### Lecture Learning Outcomes / Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, I intend for my students to have realized a number of objectives.

1. Students will be able to analyze, evaluate, or solve problems when given a set of circumstances, data, text or art. Be able to critically analyze a chemical problem and deduce a solution to the problem utilizing step-wise processes.
2. Students will be able to interpret, test and demonstrate principles revealed in empirical data and/or observable facts. General chemistry requires good algebra skills. By the end of this course, you should be able to utilize algebraic skills to solve chemical problems.
3. In written, oral, and/or visual communication, East Texas A&M students will communicate in a manner appropriate to audience and occasion, with an evident message and organizational structure.
4. Students will be able to work together toward a shared purpose relevant to the course

or discipline with a sense of shared responsibility for meeting that purpose.

### **General Content Knowledge Students Should Obtain**

1. Know the nature of the bonding in compounds.
2. Relate the structure found in a given molecule to its physical and properties.
3. All students must know the basics of IUPAC nomenclature of compounds.
4. Know the importance of chemistry and its relationship to other disciplines and our daily lives.
5. Understand the basic structures of atoms, ions, and molecules, and ways to quantitatively describe the properties of atoms and molecules in the various phases of pure matter and in mixtures.
6. Understand the reactivity of atoms, ions, and molecules, and the various qualitative and quantitative methods for describing or depicting chemical reactions.
7. Understand the concept of chemical equilibrium, and the energies that drive chemical reactions: an introduction to the field of thermodynamics.
8. Understand the relationship between the electronic configurations of atoms and molecules and their chemical properties: an introduction to the field of quantum mechanics.
9. Understand the basic properties of gases with respect to temperature, pressure, volume and amount of gas.

## **Course Requirements**

### **Instructional Methods**

**Class Procedure:** The intent of the course is for you to work on ALEKS homework and the problem set questions related to the lesson for that day.

### **Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course: Pointers to Succeed**

This is an online class therefore attendance is flexible! You are required to access D2L while you participate various activities. Your regular participation activities, login times, visit time spent will be checked regularly. You are strongly encouraged to log into the course several times a unit. Excessive "absence" in online activities may result in loss of points (including in your overall performance points).

The content in this course will cover Chapters 1 through 11 of the assigned textbook. This material will be covered at the rate indicated by the Tentative Class Schedule. Be sure to read the textbook before coming to the lectures. The class will focus on important chemistry concepts but will not serve as a substitute for reading the textbook. The textbook is a more detailed presentation with a more extensive set of example problems. Chemistry is a physical science and it is imperative to master calculations to pass the course.

## **Grading**

Your course grade will be based on your daily class assignment(s) grade (100%). 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.

Your ALEKS online homework grade will be your final tutorial grade. I also post the problem set questions of each chapter on the D2L website for you to practice. That's optional.

### COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

| Date           | ALEKS Assignment        | Due date |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------|
| June 2-5       | Initial Knowledge Check | June 5   |
| June 2-6       | Homework 1-Chapter 1    | June 6   |
| June 3-7       | Homework 2-Chapter 2    | June 7   |
| June 4-9       | Homework 3-Chapter 3    | June 9   |
| June 9-14      | Homework 4-Chapter 4    | June 14  |
| June 10-16     | Homework 5-Chapter 5    | June 16  |
| June 11-18     | Homework 6-Chapter 6    | June 18  |
| June 13-23     | Homework 7-Chapter 7    | June 23  |
| June 14-25     | Homework 8-Chapter 8    | June 25  |
| June 16-26     | Homework 9-Chapter 9    | June 26  |
| June 18-28     | Homework 10-Chapter 10  | June 28  |
| June 23-July 1 | Homework 11-Chapter 11  | July 1   |

### TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

#### LMS

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University 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 East Texas A&M 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 ETAMU 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 ETAMU 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 East Texas A&M University 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/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyFormold.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

East Texas A&M University

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/)

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### **Nondiscrimination Notice**

East Texas A&M University 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 East Texas A&M University 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 East Texas A&M 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 East Texas A&M campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

### **East A&M Supports Students' Mental Health**

The Counseling Center at ET A&M, 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 Policy**

East Texas A&M University 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