



Fall 2025 Introductory Chemistry Laboratory I (CHEM-1105-CME)

COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2025

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Course Information

Textbook: Lab Experiments - Survey of General Chemistry custom manual; Bettelheim, 9781337907323; available only in our bookstores.

Course Description

A one semester experimental survey of the fundamentals of chemistry, exploring the basic physical principles and the descriptive chemistry of metals and non-metals, with applications to related fields. This course is not suitable for biological science majors or minors. (Students planning to enter professional and/or graduate schools should elect Chemistry 1311-1312.).

Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of the semester my students will realize a number of objectives:

- (1) All students must be able to readily identify glassware commonly used in the chemistry laboratory and know how to properly utilize the glassware.
- (2) Learn basic chemistry techniques, such as how to calculate percent yields, how to properly use measuring devices, and how to properly clean glassware at the end of an experiment.

(3) Learn the safety requirements and methods needed to work in a chemistry laboratory.

Learn how to safely handle, utilize and dispose of chemicals.

(4) Learn how to document laboratory experiments, and how to maintain a scientific notebook.

(5) Communication in the form of laboratory reports will be clear, purposeful, and make appropriate use of evidence, data and technology as applicable.

(6) You should be able to critically analyze data, draw conclusions from the data, and clearly and concisely report the observations and conclusions drawn from the laboratory experiments.

(7) Students will develop and execute effective processes for completing tasks.

(8) Students will be able to interpret, test and demonstrate principles revealed in empirical data.

Grading/Evaluation

The grade for this course will be derived as follows:

Pre-lab: 40% of total grade.

Post lab report: 60% of total grade.

You are required to submit Data and Post Lab /Lab Report in a timely manner. You will incur a 10% penalty for every day that your lab report is late; thus, if a lab report is 10 days late, you will receive a zero for that report. **The last drop date for the course, please check the university website: <http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/registrar/academiccalendars/>.**

Grading will be based on a standard percentage scale: 100-90 = A; 89-80 = B; 79-70 = C; 69-60 = D; 59-below =F. Dishonest scholarship will earn an automatic zero (0) and initiate prosecution to the fullest extent. Incomplete grades may be given only if the student has a current average above 70% and is precluded from completion of the course by a documented illness or family crisis.

Student Conduct Policy:

In order to create a “learning environment” free of disruption, you **MUST TURN OFF** your cell phones, MP3 players, PDA’s, Pagers, and any other electronic devices before entering the class. Students are expected to comply with the student code of conduct as stated Student’s Guidebook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct. If the student is failed to comply with the code of conduct and being disrespectful, disruptive to the instructor or the students of the class, the instructor reserves the right to dismiss the student from the class on the first offense. A second offense may constitute dismissal from the course with a failing grade. A and M-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 expression will be maintained.

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

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool

https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu

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 ETAMU 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 – Primary and preferred communication is through email.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific 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.

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf> .

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>

ETAMU Attendance

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

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

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/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

Graduate Students Academic Integrity Policy and Form

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/aboutus/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10.pdf>

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 Rm 162

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

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Student Disability Services](#)

<https://www.etamu.edu/student-disability-services/>

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 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.

East Texas A&M University Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at East Texas A&M University, 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

Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus

Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.



<http://telusproduction.com/app/5108.html>

AI use policy [Draft 2, May 25, 2023]

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.

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COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

- 1. Safety goggles, long pants, long sleeves and closed toed shoes are required to be worn during all laboratory experiments.**
- 2. The following lab number and name is based on a custom lab manual from the campus bookstore.**

Week	Date	Experiment
1	8/28	Check in equipment, Safety lecture & quiz

2	9/4	Experiment 1: Laboratory techniques: using the laboratory gas burner; making laboratory measurement
3	9/11	Experiment 2: Density determination
4	9/18	Experiment 3: Separation of the components of a mixture
5	9/25	Experiment 5: The empirical formula of a compound: the law of constant composition
6	10/1	Experiment 6: Determination of the formula of a metal oxide
7	10/9	Experiment 7: Gases of chemical reactions-part 1
8	10/16	Experiment 7: Gases of chemical reactions-part 2
9	10/23	Experiment 8: Chemical properties of consumer products
10	10/30	Experiment 11: Charles law: the volume-temperature relationship of a gas
11	11/6	Experiment 14: Solubility and solution
12	11/13	Experiment 15: Water of Hydration
13	11/20	Experiment 19: Analysis of vinegar by titration
14	11/27	No Labs- Thanksgiving break
15	12/4	Check out and return equipment