



EAST TEXAS A&M

UNIVERSITY

CHEM 202 ORGANIC PROBLEM SOLVING II

Instructor Information

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Course Time Zone: Central Time USA

Online Office Hours: I will be available during the week by appointment 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 questions in person.

Course Materials

Textbook: *Organic Chemistry, 8th Ed.*, L. G. Wade, Jr. ISBN-13: 978-0321768414

** A newer edition is the 9th edition but I am fine with you using an older edition of the text to reduce your textbook cost, 9th edition: ISBN-13: 978-0321971371

A molecular model set is recommended. I suggest the Molecular Visions Organic Model Kit by Darling Models, Inc. which can be found used for ~ \$20.00 (I have this set and find it very useful and convenient to use). Note that models may also be used during exams. This site also has suitable model sets: <https://duluthlabs.com/>

Supplementary textbook: *Organic Chemistry, Concepts and Applications*" 1st Edition, Headley, A. D., John Wiley & Sons; ISBN-13: 9781119504672. The Student Companion website for the textbook is:

<http://bcs.wiley.com/hebcs/Books?action=index&bcsId=11621&itemId=1119504589>

The details of the course structure are given below. Any changes will be communicated via email and announcement on MyLeo Online. Your ETAMU email account will be used at all times, and it will be your responsibility to check it regularly (at least once every 24 hours).

Grading

Your course grade will be based on your completion and submission of all worksheets and assignments posted to D2L. You can work in a group so that you can work together on the worksheets.

Once you have completed your worksheet, scan and upload it to the D2L assignments folder. Each worksheet will be given a due date in D2L.

You will be able to make multiple submissions of your daily worksheet but only the most recent submission will be graded. After everyone submits their worksheet, I will e-mail out a key to each worksheet.

There will be absolutely no make-ups for missed class assignments.

You must work diligently to complete the lessons assigned.

The last drop date for the course is *July 27, 2026*. 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.

Learning Outcomes / Course Objectives

The intent of the course is for you to work in small groups to complete the lesson for that day. You are encouraged to work together as a team to answer the questions posed in the lesson. Thus, you are highly encouraged 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. Learning outcomes for the course include:

1. Students completing the course will be better equipped to work in a team environment to solve scientific problems. The teamwork in this course will improve:
 - A. communication skills and leadership skills
 - B. problem solving abilities
 - C. problem solving strategies.
2. Students completing the course will better understand the course content of Chemistry 2325, which should significantly improve student performance in Chemistry 2325.

Tentative Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>July</u>	6th Chapter 11	7th Finish Chap. 11 Chapter 14	8th Chapter 14	9th Chapter 15	10th Chapter 15
<u>July</u>	13th Chapter 16	14th Chapter 16	15th Chapter 17	16th Chapter 17	17th Chapter 18
<u>July</u>	20th Chapter 18	21st Chapter 19	22nd Chapter 19	23rd Chapter 19	24th Chapter 20
<u>July</u>	27th Chapter 20 Last day to drop	28th Chapter 21	29th Chapter 21	30th Chapter 22	31st Chapter 22
<u>August</u>	3rd Chapter 23	4th Chapter 23	5th Chapter 24	6th <i>No Chem 202 assignment</i>	7th

Interaction with Instructor Statement

The best way to communicate with the instructor is via e-mail: stephen.starnes@etamu.edu or stop by the instructor's office (Science 339) for clarification of course material and expectations.

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@etamu.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>

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COURSE**CWID and Password**

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Technology-Related Issues

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.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Students will need reliable computer and internet access for this course. Students must be able to effectively use myLeo email, myLeo Online D2L, and Microsoft Office.

Learning Management System (LMS) – D2L

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- View the [Learning Management System Requirements Webpage](#).
- Learn more on the [LMS Browser Support Webpage](#).

Technical Support

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COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT**Interaction with Instructor Statement**

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your instructor. Correspondence will always be through university email (your “myLeo” mail) and announcements in myLeo online (D2L). You will not RECEIVE email through D2L, so be sure to check your ETAMU email for communication. Students are encouraged to check university email daily.

Include the Following in Emails with Instructor:

- Course name and subject in the subject line
- Salutation (Good afternoon, Dr. Jackson)
- Proper email etiquette (no “text” emails – use proper grammar and punctuation)
- Student name and CWID after the body of the email (possibly add to student signature on email)

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.

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 online in the [Student Guidebook](#).

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

ETAMU Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy, please view the [Attendance Webpage](#) and the [Class Attendance Policy](#).

Academic Integrity

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

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty University Procedure 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty University Procedure 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

Use of Artificial Intelligence

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

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@etamu.edu
Website: [Office of 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 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 ETAMU 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.

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

East Texas A&M Supports Students' Mental Health – Counseling Services

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.

