

Chemistry 150 – General Chemistry I Spr 2008, MWF 8:30-9:20pm (HA113)

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Required Material: “Chemistry: A Molecular Approach”; Tro
Mastering Chemistry {MC} System access (online homework system)

CHEM 150 General Chemistry I [B1 4 4I 4L] (4cr)

General chemistry principles: atomic structure, stoichiometry, solutions, bonding, periodic properties of the elements, thermochemistry, and properties of solids, liquids and gases. Lab included. Safety exam must be passed to remain in CHEM 150 or subsequent lab courses. One of the following is required: a minimum MnSCU math placement exam score, a minimum ACT mathematics score, or successful completion of PDEV 100.

Class E-Mail List: chem150jb@mnstate.edu

An email listserv has been created for this class. It will be used for class announcements including Mastering General Chemistry assignment. It is also where I will respond to all email questions. If you have questions, you can either email them to the list or to me directly. All relevant questions mailed to me directly will be answered to the list with the questioner’s identity removed. To subscribe to the list, send an email to “majordomo@mnstate.edu” with “subscribe chem150jb” in the body. This should be done as soon as practical from the email account you are most likely to check on a regular basis.

Grading:

Grades will be based upon 3 of 4 exams (150pts each, tentative dates Jan. 30, Feb. 22, Mar. 21, Apr. 25), MC assignments (100pts), a final exam (200pts), and the lab grade (250pts).

Exams	3 x 150 =450pts
MC	100pts
Final Exam	200pts
<u>Lab grade</u>	<u>250pts</u>
<i>Total Points</i>	<i>1000pts</i>

Tentative grade assignments are: A = 90-100%, B = 80-90%, C = 70-80%, D = 60-70%. These cutoffs *may* be lowered at the instructor’s discretion, but they will not be raised.

You lab grade is 25% of your course grade and is determined by your lab instructor. At the end of the semester, your lab and lecture grades will be combined using the point breakdown shown above, with your performance in lab scaled to 250 points. If you do not receive a passing grade in the lab portion of the class, you will receive a grade of “F” for the course regardless of exam performance.

Regular and punctual attendance is expected and may be recorded. Late arrival on exam days is not acceptable as it disturbs those who arrive on time; therefore, no exams will be distributed after the test period has begun. If you anticipate that this will be a problem, let me know **BEFORE** the exam. There will be no make-up exams. Exams will be closed book and a **non-graphing** calculator will typically be allowed. The Final Exam will be cumulative. If you do not

take the final exam, you will receive a grade of “F” for the course regardless of previous performance.

Mastering Chemistry assignments will be made on a regular basis relating to the current lecture material. Sufficient time will be given between lecture and the MC deadlines that no extensions will be required. Although MC is a very useful tool, it is not sufficient to *only* do the MC problems. Regularly attempting the problems in the text will also be required for your success.

Academic Honesty

Cheating will not be tolerated and will be reported to the Dean of your College and the Vice President for Academic Affairs. It may also be reported to the Student Conduct Committee for further disciplinary action. For a full description of the MSUM Academic Honesty Policy, please see the Student Handbook. {<http://www.mnstate.edu/sthandbook/POLICY/index.htm>}

Disability Access Statement: Students with disabilities who believe they may need an accommodation in this class are encouraged to contact Greg Toutges, Coordinator of Disability Services at 477-5859 (Voice) or 1-800-627-3529 (MRS/TTY), CMU 114 as soon as possible to ensure that accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.

Tentative Lecture Schedule

Dates	Chapter
Jan. 9-14	1 – Matter, Measurement, and Problem Solving
Jan. 16-18	2 – Atoms and Elements
Jan. 21-28	3 – Molecules, Compounds and Chemical Equations
Jan. 30	Exam 1
Feb. 1-13	4 – Chemical Quantities and Aqueous Reactions
Feb. 15-20	5 – Gases
Feb. 22	Exam 2
Feb. 25-Mar. 14	6 – Thermochemistry
Mar. 17-19	7 – The Quantum-Mechanical Model of the Atom
Mar. 21	Exam 3
Mar. 26-Apr. 2	8 – Periodic Properties of the Elements
Apr. 4-16	9 – Chemical Bonding I: Lewis Theory
Apr. 18-23	10 – Chemical Bonding II: Molecular Shapes, Valence Band Theory, and Molecular Orbital Theory
Apr. 25	Exam 4
Apr. 28	Review
May 2	Final Exam, 9am