

**Syllabus**

**Chemistry 220**

**Fall 2015**

LECTURES: MW 11:10 Fulmer 438

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In the week from November 16<sup>th</sup> Prof. Dr. Brian Clowers will cover the lectures and the quiz.

COURE MATERIALS: Quantitative Chemical Analysis, Daniel C. Harris, 8th edition - REQUIRED  
Solutions Manual for Quantitative Chemical Analysis, Daniel C. Harris, optional  
On-line access to Sapling Learning Materials for this course - REQUIRED

LEARNING GOALS: The overall goal of CHEM 220 is to provide students an opportunity to develop an understanding of and demonstrate proficiency in quantitative chemical analysis. This proficiency will be based on development of knowledge in the following concepts of analytical chemistry:

1. The technical basis for quantitative analysis, including precision, accuracy, limits of detection, limits of quantification, estimates of uncertainty, error analysis, calibration curves, and other statistical methods.
2. Types of analytical methods, and appropriate applications of those methods for specific analytical needs, including differentiation between molecular and atomic spectroscopy.
3. Solution chemistry: Explain solution conditions and resultant solution speciation through an understanding of solution activities and systematic treatment of equilibria.
4. Explain and apply the concepts behind chemical separations for species in solution.
5. Applications of solution chemistry concepts to explain analytical methods, including titrations, chromatography, and spectrophotometry.
6. Redox chemistry: Explain the Nernst equation and relate it to electroanalytical methods, including potentiometry and redox titrations.
7. Spectrophotometry and Atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS): Apply Beer's Law in spectrophotometric and AAS analysis, and the limits of Beer's Law.
8. Chromatography: Explain and apply the theory of analytical separations.

LECTURE ATTENDANCE: I do not take attendance in lecture but I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE you to attend every class, be engaged, take notes, and ask questions.

INTERNET: I use Blackboard: <https://learn.wsu.edu/> for many things, including making announcements, sending emails, and posting accompanying material for both lectures and labs. Your NID and password will log you into this site. In addition, we will be using an on-line homework system described in more detail below. This homework system is separate from Blackboard. Additionally, you may access your grades under the Report tab in Blackboard or in the Grades bar on the main page. When checking your grades on the Grades bar, be sure to click on the "Refresh" link to see the most current grades. I will occasionally make contact with you through Blackboard, either in the format of announcements or emails. You are responsible for checking Blackboard and Blackboard email regularly!

GRADING:

HOMEWORK:	200 points	(13 total assignments, best 10 counted)
QUIZZES:	100 points	(12 total quizzes, best 10 counted, 1 make-up)
EXAM 1:	100 points	(50 minutes, during normal class period)
EXAM 2:	100 points	(50 minutes, during normal class period)
EXAM 3:	100 points	(50 minutes, during final exam period)
<u>TOTAL:</u>	600 points	

GRADE RANGES:

552: A	540: A-	528: B+	492: B
480: B-	468: C+	432: C	420: C-
408: D+	372: D	360: D-	Below 360: F

Quizzes, homework and exams are not curved. The individual grades are added together to yield a total score with the breakdown shown above. Ranges have been provided for conversion to letter grades. They are provided as a guide. These ranges may be lowered at my discretion as means to curve the grading. They will NEVER be raised. The final determination of the grade ranges will only be done at the end of the semester after all the grades are in. To keep track of your progress in the class, the average and standard deviation of the exams will be posted. You should be able to extrapolate your approximate standing in the class by assuming the average to be a C<sup>+</sup>.

ACADEMIC DIFFICULTY: If you have difficulty understanding the material or if your performance is not up to your expectations, please make an appointment with me. I urge you not to wait until the term is halfway over before you seek assistance.

EXAMS: All exams will be held in Fulmer 438. They are expected to take no more than the normal 50 minute class period. You will need to bring pencils and a calculator for all exams and quizzes—they will not be provided. No notes or books are allowed during exams and quizzes. If you are unable to take a scheduled exam, you will be required to provide a documented excuse. If the missed exam is due to a scheduled academic reason, you will be allowed to take the exam at an earlier time, scheduled on a case-specific basis. It is to your benefit to show all of your work on exams and quizzes. If no work is shown, the answer is wrong. No partial credit may be assigned.

The following statement applies to both exams and quizzes: You are expected to provide appropriate units for each numerical answer. All rules for significant figures apply to final answers, but wait until the end of a calculation before rounding your answer to the final form with appropriate significant figures.

**QUIZZES:** Quizzes will be typically held on Mondays throughout the semester. These will consist of short answer questions/calculations. 12 quizzes will be given throughout the semester, scored out of 10 points each. You will be graded out of your top 10 of 12 quizzes, dropping your lowest two scores.

**HOMEWORK:** Homework is typically be assigned most Wednesdays. It is due the next Wednesday at the beginning of class (11:00 AM). You usually have one week for each assignment. One exception is the week of Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> with this assignment due on Wed., Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>. This assignment is supposed to be review. The 10 highest scores of the 13 assignments will be used to calculate your grade.

We will be using an on-line homework system from Sapling Learning. Instructions for setting up your on-line account with Sapling are:

1. Go to <http://www.saplinglearning.com>
2. If you already have a Sapling Learning account, log in, then skip to step 5.
3. If you have a Facebook account, you can use it to quickly create a Sapling Learning account. Click "create account" located under the username box, then click "Login with Facebook". The form will auto-fill with information from your Facebook account (you may need to log into Facebook in the popup window first). Choose a password and fill in the remaining information, accept the site policy agreement, and click "Create my new account". You can then skip to step 5.
4. Otherwise, click "create account" located under the username box. Supply the requested information and click "Create my new account". Check your email (and spam inbox) for a message from Sapling Learning and click on the link provided in that email to confirm your account.
5. Find your course in the expandable list (sorted by subject, term, and instructor) and click the title link.
6. Select your payment options and follow the remaining instructions.

If the online system becomes unavailable, written homework from Harris may be assigned.

**CALCULATORS:** You are expected to have and be able to use a scientific calculator. Graphing calculators are allowed and encouraged, but not required. The use of any stored information/programs in a programmable calculator will be considered cheating (see ACADEMIC INTEGRITY section). PDAs, laptop computers, and/or cell phones with calculators are not allowed during exams and quizzes.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Cheating or plagiarism of any form will not be tolerated. Cheating includes, but is not limited to: copying work or allowing your work to be copied; use of unauthorized material at exams, any communication between students during an exam, and actively looking at another student's paper during an exam. All incidences of cheating may be reported to the Office of Student Affairs. The first incidence of cheating will result in a score of zero for that assignment or exam, a second incident of cheating will result in an F for the course and possible dismissal from the University. Definitions and the processes to be used for handling complaints related to academic dishonesty are presented at <http://conduct.wsu.edu/AI>.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Reasonable accommodations are available for students with a documented disability. If you have a disability and need accommodations to fully participate in this class, please either visit or call the Access Center (Washington Building 217; 509-335-3417) to schedule an appointment with an Access Advisor. All accommodations **MUST** be approved through the Access Center. For more information contact a Disability Specialist at 509-335-3417, <http://accesscenter.wsu.edu>,

or [Access.Center@wsu.edu](mailto:Access.Center@wsu.edu). Accommodations are also available for students whose course activities fall on days that are objectionable because of religious beliefs. Request for accommodations should be made at least a week before the accommodation is required.

**SAFETY:** Washington State University is committed to enhancing the safety of the students, faculty, staff, and visitors to the Pullman campus. It is highly recommended that you review the Campus Safety Plan (<http://safetyplan.wsu.edu/>) and visit the Office of Emergency Management web site (<http://oem.wsu.edu/>) for a comprehensive listing of university policies, procedures, statistics, and information related to campus safety, emergency management, and the health and welfare of the campus community. The campus-wide alert system is at <http://alert.wsu.edu/>.

**INSTRUCTOR AVAILABILITY:** I am available to meet with students face-to-face during my office hours or by appointment and by email and/or phone. With the exception of the times that I teach, unreasonable days/times (such as the weekends or the middle of the night), and some regularly scheduled work-related or personal activities, I'm available to accommodate your schedule. If you need to contact me by email, be reasonable. Do not expect a response regarding a Monday class when your e-mail was sent at 11:33 pm on Sunday. Given the volume of my inbox it could take up to three academic days to respond to your email. If you don't hear from me in this timeframe, send me a respectful reminder. Sometimes you can drop by my office to chat. If the back door of my office is closed, even if I'm in my office, it usually means I'm busy and not to disturb me. If the back door is open, on the other hand, feel free to stop in.

**WITHDRAWING FROM CHEM 220:** The WSU Catalog specifies the details of the WSU withdrawal policy, as indicated below. See the course schedule for withdrawal dates.

#### 68. WITHDRAWAL FROM A COURSE

An undergraduate or professional student may withdraw from a course after the 30th day of the regular term up through the end of the 13th week with these provisions:

- (a) At the end of each term, the number of withdrawals will be counted for undergraduate and professional students. Once four withdrawals have been used, no further withdrawals will be allowed in subsequent terms. Withdrawals that result from the cancellation of enrollment will not be counted. (For those entering WSU in fall 1998 through summer 2004, once six withdrawals have been used, no further withdrawals will be allowed in subsequent terms.)
- (b) After the withdrawal limit is reached, an undergraduate or professional student may, in exceptional circumstances, submit a petition through the Registrar's Office for an exception to the withdrawal limit. See Rule 57.
- (c) If a grade has been entered for a course, the grade may not be changed to a withdrawal without the instructor's consent.
- (d) Withdrawals do not reduce tuition charges or the total official hours of enrollment.
- (e) For academic calendars that vary from the regular 15-week term, a prorated schedule will be used to determine the withdrawal deadline.
- (f) The grade shall be marked W, and payment of the service fee shall be mandatory.

**MID-TERM GRADES:** During the 2011-2012 school year, the Associated Students of Washington State University (ASWSU – your student government) successfully appealed to the WSU Faculty Senate to institute a policy in which instructors are required to submit mid-term grades for all students, not just Freshmen and transfer students. Here's the policy:

88. MIDTERM GRADE SUBMITTAL. Midterm grades will be submitted for students enrolled in undergraduate courses by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday of the eighth week of the fall and spring semesters. For courses that are letter graded, midterm grades may reflect the full range of letter grades (A-F) or may use the C or F grade only. The instructor's syllabus will specify which type of midterm grade will be given to assess progress. For midterm grades, C and F are defined as follows: A C midterm grade is given to any student who is making satisfactory progress. An F midterm grade is given to any student whose progress is not acceptable and who needs to discuss his/her progress with the instructor. The assessment should not be interpreted as a formal grade, but rather as an indication of the student's progress to date. Midterm grades are advisory and do not appear on the student's permanent record, the WSU transcript.

In this class, I will be using the C/F grading at mid-term. If you receive a C, you're performing satisfactorily in the course (i.e., you're receiving a C- or better). If you receive an F, you're performing unsatisfactorily in the course (i.e., you're receiving a D+ or worse).

CLASS EXPECTATIONS and LECTURE NOTES: Lecture material will be presented in class. Slides or lecture notes will not be provided to you in any other way. To obtain material from which to study, you should plan to attend class and take notes. On occasion, I will post supplementary materials in Angel. It is your responsibility to access these materials before class. I will teach as though you have these materials, so be prepared by accessing, downloading, and/or printing them before class.

Date	Day	Chapter	HW assigned	HW Due	Quiz
8/24/2015	Mon	3/4	1		
8/26/2015	Wed	4	2	1	1
8/31/2015	Mon	4/5			
9/2/2015	Wed	5	3	2	2
9/7/2015	Mon	<b>Labor Day</b>			
9/9/2015	Wed	6	4	3	
9/14/2015	Mon	7/8			3
9/16/2015	Wed	8	5	4	
9/21/2015	Mon	8			4
9/23/2015	Wed	9	6	5	
9/28/2015	Mon	10			5
9/30/2015	Wed	<b>EXAM 1</b>			
10/5/2015	Mon	10			6
10/7/2015	Wed	11	7	6	
10/12/2015	Mon	13			7
*10/14/2015	Wed	13	8	7	
10/19/2015	Mon	15			8
10/21/2015	Wed	17	9	8	
10/26/2015	Mon	<b>EXAM 2</b>			
10/28/2015	Wed	17	10	9	
11/2/2015	Mon	18			9
11/4/2015	Wed	18	11	10	
11/9/2015	Mon	19			10
11/11/2015	Wed	<b>Veterans Day</b>			
11/16/2015	Mon	19			11
11/18/2015	Wed	20	12	11	
11/23/2015	Mon	<b>Thanksgiving</b>			
11/25/2015	Wed	<b>Thanksgiving</b>			
11/30/2015	Mon	21			12
12/2/2015	Wed	21	13	12	
12/7/2015	Mon	22			Make up
12/9/2015	Wed	23		13	
12/14/2015	Mon	<b>Finals week</b>			
12/16/2015	Wed	<b>Finals week</b>			

\*Mid-term grades due Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM