Chemistry Dept. First-Year Seminar
Chem 191 (1 Credit S/F grading)

Course Date:  Tues. Aug. 20, 2019 through Tues. Dec. 3 2019
Thurs. Aug., 22, 2019 through Thurs., Dec., 5, 2019
Location:  Fulmer 150
Meeting day: Tues or Thurs
Meeting Time:  12:00-12:50 PM
Prerequisite(s): “Enrollment in Chem 105 or by Permission

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Course Requirements:
Chem 191 is intended to be an orientation to the Chemistry Department, the degree options and types of courses you will be taking and the research opportunities you can participate in. The course also serves as an introduction/refresher to academic success in college and to some of the tools and resources you will need to use to be a student at WSU. The format will be a mix of lecture, class discussions and outside faculty presentations. There will be a weekly assignment, either a worksheet specific to a topic or a maximum 1-page reflection essay on a reading assignment.

Student Learning Outcomes:
At the end of this course student will:
1. Be familiar with the degree requirements and options for a chemistry degree at WSU.
2. Be familiar with the major research themes present in the Chemistry department and take steps to identify what areas you might like to engage in.
3. Practice some common methods to help increase your chances for academic success.
4. Familiarize yourself, and practice using the online information and resources to manage your academic career at WSU (myWSU, Blackboard, Catalog, Schedule of Classes, Dept. Website)

Assessment of Learning Outcomes:
Assessments of the above learning outcomes will be from a weekly in-class assignment or short reflection essay.

Schedule
Week 1: Introduction and start of academic success presentation.
Week 2: Academic success presentation and review of Time Management plans
Week 3: Stress Management
Week 4: Chemistry Degrees Overview
Week 5: Academic Planning Tools
Week 6: Chemistry Career Paths
Week 7: Chemistry Department Research Areas
Week 8-15: Faculty Research Overviews

Grading Policy
This course is S/F graded. Attendance will be taken each week and more than 2 unexcused absences will result in an F for the course. Failure to turn in 4 or more weekly assignments will result in an F for the course.

Academic Integrity: I encourage you to discuss assignments with classmates. However, each student must turn in original work. Students who violate WSU's Standards of Conduct will receive an F as a grade for the specific assignment Stiffer sanction may be awarded if circumstances warrant. A second instance can result in an F for the course and the student will not have the option to withdraw from the course. All violations will be reported to the Office Student Standards and Accountability. Cheating is defined in the Standards for Student Conduct WAC 504-26-010 (3). It is strongly suggested that you read and understand these definitions

Students with Disabilities: 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

Safety and Emergency Notification
Washington State University is committed to enhancing the safety of the students, faculty, staff, and visitors. 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.