

South Plains College
Common Course Syllabus: CHEM 1411
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Department: Science

Discipline: Chemistry

Course Number: CHEM 1411

Course Title: General Chemistry I

Available Formats: conventional, hybrid, online, dual credit

Campus: Online Dual Credit, Lab at local High School

Internet Dual Credit: This course is an internet dual credit course with in-person lab experiments conducted at your high school. That means all of the lecture portion of the class is online. Exams will be conducted in person at your high school. The lab experiment portion will be in person at your high school. Assessments will be done at home or at the high school.

Course Description: Fundamental principles of chemistry for majors in the sciences, health sciences, and engineering; topics include measurements, fundamental properties of matter, states of matter, chemical reactions, chemical stoichiometry, periodicity of elemental properties, atomic structure, chemical bonding, molecular structure, solutions, properties of gases, and an introduction to thermodynamics and descriptive chemistry. Basic laboratory experiments supporting theoretical principles presented in lecture; introduction of the scientific method, experimental design, data collection and analysis, and preparation of laboratory reports. Semester Hours: 4 Lecture Hours: 3 Lab Hours: 3 Pre-requisite: MATH 1314 (College Algebra) or equivalent academic preparation; high school chemistry is strongly recommended. Note: This course satisfies a 030 Life and Physical Sciences Core Curriculum requirement.

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Credit: 4 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 3

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following week. I generally will not check my e-mail during holidays. Therefore, there will usually be no response during those times.

Expectations when Corresponding: Please be polite, courteous, and respectful when using BlackBoard Messages, e-mail, discussion forums, and chat rooms. Do not use profanity under any circumstances. Do not write disrespectful, insulting, mean, rude, profane, insensitive, or other hurtful messages or comments under any circumstances. Failure to abide by this policy will result in the appropriate disciplinary actions. Students are expected to maintain a pleasant learning environment for themselves as well as for their classmates. Therefore, if, in the view of the instructor, a student is disrupting the class, the appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

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Textbooks:

1. CHEM 1411 Textbook by John Heh. All lecture material, including this textbook is provided to you in BlackBoard on PowerPoints, Word files, PDF documents, and videos.
2. The Lab Manual will be in a PDF file provided to you on BlackBoard.

Supplies:

1. Scientific Calculator(recommended)
2. Computer(recommended)
3. Safety Glasses(recommended)

Minimum Computer Requirements:

1. Personal computer
2. Web Browser: Google Chrome must be used.
3. A high-speed internet connection
4. A webcam on your computer
5. Microsoft Word and Microsoft PowerPoint software (a recent version)
6. Software or Program to read PDFs (Acrobat Reader)
7. A good soundcard and functioning speakers
8. Knowledge of how to navigate web pages and how to deal with pop-up blockers and other devices and warnings on your browser
9. Knowledge of how to download files from the internet and find them on your computer once they are downloaded
10. Knowledge of basic operations of Microsoft Word and Microsoft PowerPoint
11. Knowledge of how to view and adjust videos

This course partially satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement:

Life and Physical Sciences Foundational Component Area (030)

Core Curriculum Objectives addressed:

- Communications skills—to include effective written, oral and visual communication
- Critical thinking skills—to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- Empirical and quantitative competency skills—to manipulate and analyze numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
- Teamwork—to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal

Student Learning Outcomes:

From Lecture:

1. Define the fundamental properties of matter.
2. Classify matter, compounds, and chemical reactions.
3. Determine the basic nuclear and electronic structure of atoms.
4. Identify trends in chemical and physical properties of the elements using the Periodic Table.
5. Describe the bonding in and the shape of simple molecules and ions.
6. Solve stoichiometric problems.
7. Write chemical formulas.
8. Write and balance equations.
9. Use the rules of nomenclature to name chemical compounds.
10. Define the types and characteristics of chemical reactions.
11. Use the gas laws and basics of the Kinetic Molecular Theory to solve gas problems.
12. Determine the role of energy in physical changes and chemical reactions.
13. Convert units of measure and demonstrate dimensional analysis skills.

From Lab:

1. Use basic apparatus and apply experimental methodologies used in the chemistry laboratory.
2. Demonstrate safe and proper handling of laboratory equipment and chemicals.
3. Conduct basic laboratory experiments with proper laboratory techniques.
4. Make careful and accurate experimental observations.
5. Relate physical observations and measurements to theoretical principles.
6. Interpret laboratory results and experimental data and reach logical conclusions.
7. Record experimental work completely and accurately in laboratory notebooks and communicate experimental results clearly in written reports.
8. Design fundamental experiments involving principles of chemistry.
9. Identify appropriate sources of information for conducting laboratory experiments involving principles of chemistry.

Course Evaluation:

Chapter Exams: This course has 12 chapters for the lecture portion. Once you finish each chapter, there will be an exam over that chapter. There will be 12 chapter exams covering the material that is discussed in each chapter. The schedule for the chapter exams is given at the end of this course information sheet. The schedule indicates what week you will take each chapter exam. Your facilitator will determine what day during the indicated week you will take the chapter exam. Each chapter exam will count 30 points. The chapter exams will be approximately 10 questions. The format will be multiple

choice. The chapter exams will be conducted on BlackBoard. Exams will be timed. You will have 45 minutes to finish the chapter exam. You may only open the chapter exam once, and it must be finished in one sitting.

Chapter Exam 1 (Chapter 1):	30 points
Chapter Exam 2 (Chapter 2):	30 points
Chapter Exam 3 (Chapter 3):	30 points
Chapter Exam 4 (Chapter 4):	30 points
Chapter Exam 5 (Chapter 5):	30 points
Chapter Exam 6 (Chapter 6):	30 points
Chapter Exam 7 (Chapter 7):	30 points
Chapter Exam 8 (Chapter 8):	30 points
Chapter Exam 9 (Chapter 9):	30 points
Chapter Exam 10 (Chapter 10):	30 points
Chapter Exam 11 (Chapter 11):	30 points
Chapter Exam 12 (Chapter 12):	30 points

12 Chapter Exams at 30 points each: 360 points total

The material scheduled for each chapter exam is subject to change. Changes will be announced if necessary.

There will be no make-ups for chapter exams unless a student is hospitalized. This will require documentation to be provided to the Dean of Students and/or the Associate Director of Health & Wellness. All other missed chapter exams will receive a grade of zero.

Assessments: This course has 12 chapters for the lecture portion. Once you finish each chapter, there will be an assessment over that chapter. There will be a total of 12 assessments covering the material that is discussed in each chapter. The schedule for the assessments is given at the end of this course information sheet. The schedule indicates what week you will take each assessment. The assessments can be taken at home or at the school. Each assessment will count 10 points. The assessments will be approximately 5 questions. The format will be multiple choice. The assessments will be conducted on BlackBoard. Assessments will be timed. You will have 30 minutes to finish the assessment. You may only open the assessment once, and it must be finished in one sitting.

Assessment 1 (Chapter 1):	10 points
Assessment 2 (Chapter 2):	10 points
Assessment 3 (Chapter 3):	10 points
Assessment 4 (Chapter 4):	10 points
Assessment 5 (Chapter 5):	10 points
Assessment 6 (Chapter 6):	10 points
Assessment 7 (Chapter 7):	10 points
Assessment 8 (Chapter 8):	10 points
Assessment 9 (Chapter 9):	10 points
Assessment 10 (Chapter 10):	10 points
Assessment 11 (Chapter 11):	10 points
Assessment 12 (Chapter 12):	10 points

12 Assessment at 10 points each: 120 points total

The material scheduled for each assessment is subject to change. Changes will be announced if necessary.

There will be no make-ups for assessments unless a student is hospitalized. This will require documentation to be provided to the Dean of Students and/or the Associate Director of Health & Wellness. All other missed assessments will receive a grade of zero.

Homework: Homework will be in the form of practice problems on the PDFs. The practice problems will not be collected and graded. It is essential that the practice problems be completed, as the practice problems will be very similar to the types of problems encountered on the chapter exams.

In-Person Lab Experiments: The in-person lab experiment portion of this class will be comprised of topic discussion, homework problems practice; and most commonly, lab experiments. The in-person lab portion of this course will consist of group work. The in-person lab portion will be conducted at your High School and be monitored by your lab facilitator.

Lab Grade: The lab grade will come from experiment report grades. You will have 12 lab experiments to perform at your high school. Your high school lab facilitator will have you perform the experiments following the schedule in this syllabus. The high school lab facilitator may alter the schedule. Any changes will be announced by your lab facilitator at your high school. After you perform the experiment, there will be an experiment report for you to complete on BlackBoard. The schedule and due dates for the experiment reports is given at the end of this course information sheet. Each experiment report will count 10 points. The experiment reports will be approximately 2 to 10 questions. The format will be multiple choice. The experiment reports will be conducted on BlackBoard. Experiment reports will be timed. You will have 30 minutes to finish the experiment report. You may only open the experiment report once, and it must be finished in one sitting.

In all, you will have a total of 12 experiment reports. Out of all of the 12 experiment reports, the 2 lowest experiment report grades will be dropped. Only 2 grades will be dropped. For instance, if the lowest grades are a 2, 4, and 4; then the 2 and **only one** of the 4's will be dropped. Or if the lowest grades are 2, 2, 2, and 2; then only 2 of the 2's will be dropped. Therefore, 10 experiment reports will count in the final grade calculation.

Experiment 1 Report	10 points
Experiment 2 Report	10 points
Experiment 3 Report	10 points
Experiment 4 Report	10 points
Experiment 5 Report	10 points
Experiment 6 Report	10 points
Experiment 14 Report	10 points
Experiment 12 Report	10 points
Experiment 7 Report	10 points
Experiment 9 Report	10 points
Experiment 10 Report	10 points
Experiment 11-B Report	10 points

10 Experiment Reports (after the lowest 2 are dropped) at 10 points each: 100 points total

The material scheduled for each lab is subject to change. Changes will be announced if necessary.

If a student is absent during the lab day, arrangements can be made with the lab facilitator to make up the lab. Any lab make-up must be completed the same week as the lab experiment is originally scheduled.

There will be no make-ups for the experiment reports unless a student is hospitalized. This will require documentation to be provided to the Dean of Students and/or the Associate Director of Health & Wellness. All other missed experiment reports will receive a grade of zero.

Late Work: *As stated above, no late work (make-ups) will be accepted for the chapter exams, assessments or the experiment reports unless a student is hospitalized. This will require documentation to be provided to the Dean of Students and/or the Associate Director of Health & Wellness. All other missed chapter exams, assessments and experiment reports will receive a grade of zero.*

Extra Credit: Extra credit may be possible this semester. If assigned, more information and the point value will be given towards the end of the semester/session.

Final Course Grade: At the end of the semester, all of your points earned will be added together. Your final course grade will come from your point total. The point totals and their corresponding final course grades are listed below:

Point total:	Final Course Grade:
516 and above	A
458 – 515	B
400 – 457	C
342 – 399	D
0 – 341	F

If you are a dual-credit student, your grade may be required to be input in the form of a numerical grade. If that is the case, at the end of the semester, I will take your point total and divide that by 580 and then multiply by 100. For instance, if you have 522 total points at the end of the semester, then I will take $522/580$ which equals 0.90 and multiply by 100 to make it a 90 as the numerical grade.

Attendance Policy: Students are expected to login frequently in order to be successful in this course. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Students who enroll in a course but have “Never Attended” by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. **To be counted as “Attended” you must complete the INTRO Quiz by January 28. The INTRO Quiz does not count for a grade. It is only used to count you as “Attended”. If you do not complete the INTRO Quiz by January 28, you will be counted as “Never Attended” and will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records.** If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student

will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment. This is in accordance with the policies set forth in the SPC General Catalog. This course information sheet contains the schedule of lectures and labs. If you are unable to finish this course, complete a withdrawal slip at the registrar's office.

Dropping a Course: Students may drop courses through Texan Connect, the Admissions and Records Office, or Advising and Testing Center through the late registration period.

After late registration has closed, a student must complete the online [Student Initiated Drop Request](#) to drop a course.

Students may also drop courses in person at any campus location by completing a Student Initiated Drop Form. Complete a [Student Initiated Drop Form](#) and return the signed form to the Levelland Admissions and Records Office, the Student Support Center at the Lubbock Downtown Center, the Lubbock Career and Technical Center, or Plainview Center. You must have a picture ID to complete the drop.

A mark of "W" will be given for student-initiated drops that occur prior to and through the last day to drop as indicated in the online Academic Calendar found here:

<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/academiccalendar/index.php>.

Syllabus Statements: For information about Artificial Intelligence, Disabilities, Non-Discrimination, Intellectual Exchange, Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations, CARE (Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation) Team, Campus Concealed Carry, and COVID-19, please use this link:

<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/>.

Plagiarism and Cheating: Students are expected to do their own work on all projects, quizzes, assignments, examinations, and papers. Failure to comply with this policy may result in an F for the assignment and can result in an F or X for the course, if circumstances warrant.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Submitting work that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student or an online term paper site.
2. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
3. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
4. Missing in-text citations.
5. Violating the Artificial Intelligence policy, as outlined in the syllabus. For more information on AI, please reference this in the syllabus statements:

<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/>

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
2. Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
3. Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
4. Entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage;
5. Taking an examination for another;

6. Altering grade records;
7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
8. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

SPC Tutors: Tutoring is FREE for all currently enrolled students. Make an appointment or drop-in for help at any SPC location or online! Visit the link below to learn more about how to book an appointment, view the tutoring schedule, and view tutoring locations.

<http://www.southplainscollege.edu/exploreprograms/artsandsciences/teacheredtutoring.php>

Brainfuse

You also have 180 FREE minutes of tutoring with Brainfuse each week, and your hours reset every Monday morning. Log into Blackboard, click on the tools option from the left-hand menu bar. Click on the Brainfuse link and you will automatically be logged in for free tutoring. You may access Brainfuse tutors during the following times:

Monday – Thursday: 8pm-8am

6pm Friday – 8am Monday morning

For questions regarding tutoring, please email tutoring@southplainscollege.edu or call 806-716-2241.

Student Code of Conduct Policy: Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

Lab Safety: The chemistry laboratory is a potentially hazardous environment. Therefore, all students must follow all of the safety rules passed out to you during the safety presentation. The students must also follow any specific safety rules listed in the lab manual and any that the instructor may announce during a lab period. A student not following the safety rules may be asked to leave the laboratory.

Safety Rules: These safety rules will be passed out in lab at your high school. The safety rules must be followed. Failure to do so can result in you being asked to leave the laboratory. You will be required to sign a sheet indicating you have read and agreed to follow the safety rules before being allowed to perform an experiment.

BlackBoard: The lecture portion of this course is completely online and is conducted through BlackBoard. BlackBoard may be accessed at <https://southplainscollege.blackboard.com/> For help concerning the use and features of BlackBoard you can access the help menu on each BlackBoard page that you visit.

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Logging into the Course: You are not allowed to give your user ID and/or password to anyone. You will be dropped and given an F for your final grade if someone besides you is caught logging into this course under your user ID and/or password.

Course Schedule: The following tables contain the tentative course schedule. All material (including lecture material, experiment material, and material scheduled for the chapter exams) is subject to change. Also, all dates are subject to change. Changes will be announced if necessary.

All Experiment reports are due Apr 29 at 11 PM.

CHAPTER EXAMS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE WEEK INDICATED IN PERSON AT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL.				
YOUR FACILITATOR WILL DETERMINE WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK YOUR EXAM WILL BE GIVEN.				
THE CHAPTER EXAMS MUST BE TAKEN ON THE WEEK INDICATED BY FRIDAY OF THAT WEEK.				
EXPERIMENTS SHOULD BE DONE ON THE WEEKS INDICATED THAT YOU HAVE AN EXPERIMENT REPORT TO DO				
ALL EXPERIMENT REPORTS DUE APR 29 BY 11 PM				
WEEK	WEEK OF	LECTURE	EXAMS/ASSESSMENTS DUE	EXPERIMENT REPORT TO DO
1	JAN 12	BEGIN CHAP 1		
2	JAN 19	BEGIN CHAP 2		EXP 1
3	JAN 26	BEGIN CHAP 3	TAKE CHAP 1 EXAM and ASSESSMENT	EXP 2
4	FEB 2	CONTINUE WITH CHAP 1, 2, 3	TAKE CHAP 2 EXAM and ASSESSMENT	EXP 3
5	FEB 9	BEGIN CHAP 4	TAKE CHAP 3 EXAM and ASSESSMENT	EXP 4
6	FEB 16	BEGIN CHAP 5		EXP 5
7	FEB 23	BEGIN CHAP 6	TAKE CHAP 4 EXAM and ASSESSMENT	EXP 6
8	MAR 2	BEGIN CHAP 7	TAKE CHAP 5 EXAM and ASSESSMENT	EXP 12 AND EXP 14
9	MAR 9	BEGIN CHAP 8	TAKE CHAP 6 EXAM and ASSESSMENT	EXP 7
10	MAR 23	BEGIN CHAP 9		EXP 9
11	MAR 30	CONTINUE WITH CHAP 7, 8, 9	TAKE CHAP 7 EXAM and ASSESSMENT	EXP 10
12	APR 6	BEGIN CHAP 10	TAKE CHAP 8 EXAM and ASSESSMENT	EXP 11-B
13	APR 13	BEGIN CHAP 11	TAKE CHAP 9 EXAM and ASSESSMENT	
14	APR 20	BEGIN CHAP 12	TAKE CHAP 10 EXAM and ASSESSMENT	
15	APR 27	CONTINUE WITH CHAP 10, 11, 12	TAKE CHAP 11 EXAM and ASSESSMENT	
16	MAY 4		TAKE CHAP 12 EXAM and ASSESSMENT	