

Chemistry 3AL Syllabus

General Chemistry 1 Lab – Section 0780

Santa Rosa Junior College, Fall 2020

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Class: On-line

Class Hours: Thursday, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Laboratory: Bech 1960

Lab Hours: Thursday, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Office: On-line

Office Hours: Tuesday, 7:30 am – 8:00 am; 1:00 pm – 2:40 pm

Thursday, 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Course Information:

General principles of chemistry, including atomic theory, bonding, stoichiometry, kinetic molecular theory of gases, properties of mixtures, the periodic table, and thermochemistry.

Emphasis will be placed on laboratory experiments that illustrate the fundamental principles and laws of chemical behavior and the properties of matter. Lab portion of the first semester of a one-year program of general chemistry.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate proficiency in fundamental chemistry laboratory techniques.
2. Carry out experiments safely and carefully in the lab.
3. Obtain accurate data and interpret and manipulate the data correctly.
4. Relate experimental observation in the lab to theoretical chemical concepts from the lecture.

Student Objectives:

During this course, students will:

1. Prepare for and conduct experiments, safely and correctly, and clean up and dispose of waste.
2. Perform synthesis, characterization, and determination of yield.
3. Experimentally verify known physical quantities.
4. Identify and perform quantitative analysis on mixtures.
5. Measure physical and chemical properties,
6. Generate calibration curves and use them with an appropriate level of precision.
7. Use scientific writing and format to clearly communicate results of experiments.

General Course Policies:

Prerequisites: Course Completion or Current Enrollment in CHEM 3A

Recommended: Course Completion of ENGL 1A Course Completion of ENGL 1A

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP Textbook:

1. Attendance

Attendance is critical for this course. Progressive nature of the material requires a thorough understanding of the previous material in order to understand and build upon the next one. There will not be any make-ups on labs or exams (without a documented medical excuse). Missing more than three labs will result with an automatic fail.

2. Standards of Conduct

All work submitted for grading must be the student's own work. In lab, you must make your own observations and report using your own words. Collaboration is encouraged, but final work submitted must be your own. Students who plagiarize or cheat may be suspended [for one or two class meetings by the instructor] and referred to the Vice President of Student Services for discipline sanction, in cases of egregious violation.

Cellular phones must be silenced during lectures. Texting is not allowed. In case of an emergency that requires you to send a text message or a phone call, you should step outside to do so.

3. Laboratory

There will be 12 lab sessions. Lab notebook is required, for the in-person experiments, to write down the objective, experimental procedure, observations and results. **The lab reports and any pre-lab or post-lab questions, if applicable, are due a week from the completion of the experiment.** Failure to deliver lab report at the end of the session or missing a lab will result with a zero grade for that session. Late reports (no longer than 5 days late) will be marked down by 20% of the actual grade. Missing more than three labs will result with an "F" grade for the entire course. There will be 12 lab-reports 40 points each, yielding a total point of 480 (i.e., 48% of the final grade).

4. Homework

Following the completion of each experiment, a homework assignment will be due before the next lab session. The homework will be posted in Canvas, submitted by the students on-line, and will be automatically graded. Each homework will be 10 points worth and there will be 12 homework assignments, yielding a total grade of 120 points (i.e., 12% of the final grade). Missing the deadline for homework will result with an automatic zero grade.

5. Lab Notebook

Upon completion of the five in-person labs, lab notebooks will be inspected by the instructor before departing the lab. The pictures of the completed lab notebook pages will be provided to the instructor via email for grading within 24 hours. Each lab notebook will be 10 points, for a total of 50 points (5% of the final grade).

6. Exams

There will be no midterm exams and one final lab exam. The final exam will be cumulative with emphasis on the concepts discussed during the pre-lab lectures, and laboratory techniques. It will be delivered on-line, and date of the exam is to be determined later in the semester. No make-up exams will be given. Missing an exam will result with a zero grade. A medical excuse will be granted only if proper documentation from a doctor is provided. The final exam will be worth 350 points and will constitute 35% of the final grade.

7. Emergency Evacuation Plan:

In the event of an emergency during a lab that requires evacuation of the building, please leave the lab immediately, but calmly. Our lab group will meet at the lawn between Bech, Shuhaw, and Baker Halls to make sure everyone got out of the building safely and to receive further instructions.

8. Accommodation for students with disabilities

Authorization for Academic Accommodations Letter from the Disability Resources Department is needed for any disability-related accommodations, including notetaking, test taking services, and special equipment/furniture, etc. Please let your instructor know about such a need as soon as possible.

9. Grading

Homework (12%): There will be 12 homework assignments following completion of each chapter, 10 points each.

Total points 120.

Laboratory (48%): There will be 12 lab-reports 40 points each.

Total points 480.

Lab Notebooks (5%): There will be 5 lab notebook grades (per each in-person lab session) 10 points each.

Total points: 50

Final Exam (35%): The final exam will be comprehensive and will be conducted online.

Total points 350.

Final grade (100%): Total points 1000.

10. The grading scale:

≥88% A	880-1000 points
≥76% B	760-879 points
≥65% C	650-759 points
≥50% D	500-649 points
<50% F	below 500 points

11. Exam dates:

Final Exam (comprehensive): TBD

12. Lab schedule

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Thursday 2-3 pm Lab Lecture; 3-6 pm Lab
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Week	Day	Date	Lab Section 0780
1	Th	8/20/2020	no labs
2	Th	8/27/2020	Intro to CHEM 1A. Safety Training I (online)
3	Th	9/3/2020	Laboratory Notebook, Excel Training, Calculations and Problem-solving (online)
4	M	9/7/2020	Labor Day Holiday
	Th	9/10/2020	no labs
5	Th	9/17/2020	Measurements and Density (online)
6	Th	9/24/2020	Naming chemical compound (online)
7	Th	10/1/2020	In-Person 1: Check in. Safety Training (II). Synthesis of CuSO ₄ ·5H ₂ O
8	Th	10/8/2020	Stoichiometry drill (online)
9	Th	10/15/2020	In-Person 2: Estimation of the Molar Gas Constant
10	Th	10/22/2020	Thermochemical calculations (online)
11	Th	10/29/2020	In-Person 3: Heat Capacity of an Unknown Metal
12	Th	11/5/2020	In-Person 4: Atomic Spectra
13	W	11/11/2020	Veteran's Day (No Classes)
	Th	11/12/2020	no labs
14	Th	11/19/2020	Lewis Dot Diagrams and Molecular Modeling (online)
15	Th	11/26/2020	Thanksgiving Day (No Classes)
16	Th	12/3/2020	In-Person 5: Determination of the Molar Mass of a Diprotic Acid
17	Th	12/10/2020	Checkout
18	Th	12/17/2020	Final Exams