

OWL Electronic Homework System for Chem 269

You will be rostered for OWL for this course during the first week of classes. Please do not submit a login request unless you have a problem AFTER this week.

If you are unable to log in even though you are sure that you are rostered and have gotten in previously, you may have changed your password and forgotten it. If you get to the invalid login page go back to the student login page and select "Login Help". One choice there is to have your password emailed to you.

Be sure to check the email address that is registered for you in the OWL database (once you log in click on "user info") and correct it if necessary. Important announcements will be emailed to you throughout the semester via the OWL system. Using your UMass email address is highly recommended (and be sure to keep it active by not allowing it to go over quota.)

Policies and Deadlines. Both Prelab and Postlab OWL assignments are available for most experiments. The OWL grade will count as 15% of your final grade. For credit, an assignment must be done by the deadline. For prelab assignments the deadline is generally 11:59 PM on the day prior to the lab period during which that lab will be carried out. For postlab assignments it is generally 11:59 PM on the day the report is due. It is entirely up to you to be sure that you meet the deadlines, which are given at the OWL LogIn page. Personal extensions will not be granted except in cases of extreme personal hardship. Such cases will require a note from your dean. There is no partial credit for late work. To account for the occasional missed assignment, three will be dropped.

To access OWL go to

<http://owl.oit.umass.edu> - then "Chemistry Organic".

Your login and password are the same as those used for your UMass OIT account (NetID).

It is your responsibility to use a computer that works with OWL. If your own computer does not work properly with OWL, you will need to fix the problem or find a computer that works. Having computer problems is not a valid excuse for not doing an assignment.

The OWL assignments are based on the experiment handouts. You will need to print these out (Handouts page on the course website), read them carefully and have them on hand as you complete the questions.

An assignment will be done for many but not all experiments. It is advisable to do the OWL prelab assignment before preparing the prelab outline. The information in OWL will help with understanding the material and preparing the outline. Likewise, the postlab assignment may help in writing the report, so it should be done before trying to write the report.

For both prelab and postlab assignments you will have three attempts. After three attempts, you will not receive credit for that assignment. Obviously, random guesses will fail in most cases.

All questions in an assignment must be answered correctly to receive credit for that assignment. No partial credit.

Doing the prelab OWL assignments will help you to prepare the prelab outline and to understand the experiment in general. The postlab OWL assignments will help to demonstrate that you understand what you have done in the lab. You will find that redoing the OWL assignments before the final exam will be helpful in studying for the exam.

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