

BIOCH 265: Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry, Spring 2009

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Textbook: 1. Organic & Biochemistry, 2nd Ed. Blei and Odian (ISBN: 0-7167-7072-5)
2. IOB laboratory manual (softbound, from Union)

Lecture: 11:30-12:20 MWF, King 004 (3 credits). Topics will be covered largely in the same order of the textbook, Please see the syllabus for a detailed (but tentative) schedule.

Laboratory: (2 credits). Two three-hour sessions twice a week on MW or TU

Exams:

One-hour exams for lecture and lab will be given in **King 004, Monday 5:30-6:30 pm**. The last lecture exam will occur during the regular final time (11:50 am – 12:50 pm), but will be a regular one-hour exam instead of a comprehensive final. A total of **5 lecture exams** will take place on: **Feb 9, Mar 2, Mar 30, Apr 20 and May 13** of 2009. Each lecture exam will be worth about 30 points. There will be **2 lab exams**, one on **Mar 9**, and the other on **May 4**, of 2009. The second exam is not a comprehensive exam and covers the material of the second half only. Exams will cover materials from classes and assigned readings. They will be largely multiple choices. Copies of sample exams will be available on K-state Online a few days in advance.

*Please note these important dates and plan your schedules ahead accordingly. **NO make-up exams** will be scheduled. In the event of a serious illness (certified by an attending physician) or other unavoidable reasons reported to the instructor in advance, special arrangement may be made, at the instructor's discretion.*

Pop-up Quizzes:

A total of **5 pop-up quizzes** will be given on randomly selected **Fridays**. Each quiz will consist of 12–15 multiple choices and only covers materials discussed in Mon and Wed lectures of the same week. Quizzes might occur at the beginning or end of Friday lectures.

*Note: While quizzes are designed to improve your grades, missing quizzes will dramatically lower your final grades due to the large weight! Again, **no make-up quizzes** (see above).*

Grading:

Your final letter grade will be based on performance in both lecture and laboratory, with **60%** of the grade from **lecture** and **40%** from **lab** points. Grading will be curved based on the overall performance of the class, then assigned using an approximate scale: 90-100=A, 80-90=B, 70-80=C, 60-70=D, below 60=F, or possibly somewhat lower for all grades according to the overall distribution of the class. Typically about 20-30% of the class will get an A.

Lecture Score (~210 points) = exams (~150 points) + quizzes (~60 points)

NOTE: your K-State Online grades might not accurately reflect your actual standing due to a lack of proper weighting (60% lecture and 40% lab). Specifically, due to larger amount of total raw lab points (330 vs 210), the unweighted percentile is often higher than the weighted one (most people get 90% or better from the lab sections).

Any student with a disability requiring classroom accommodation, access to technology, or other assistance in this course should contact Disability Support Services and speak with the instructors as soon as possible. General questions should be directed to **Jianhan Chen** (Primary Instructor) and all lab-related questions should be addressed to **Adelisa Franchitti**.

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