

Dear CHEM-269 Students,

Welcome to the organic lab. Do not be intimidated by the lab! If you read the experiment handout, do the OWLs and prepare a prelab, you will be prepared for each experiment.

There is no lab lecture for this class. Only a prelab talk by your TA before each section begins. Therefore, it is imperative that you pay close attention to your TA, and to the frequent emails I will send you giving instructions on how to successfully do the experiments. There is no textbook for this course. You only need to purchase a lab coat from the University Campus Center Store. These are the only approved lab coats for use in the organic lab.

About the website:

- Safety Dress Code – Read this document. You will be required to sign and return upon completion of check-in.
- Schedule of Experiments: gives the dates and due dates of experiments, dates when lab will not be in session, references to your organic text for background information, etc.
- Safety and Waste Disposal: how to work in the lab safely, and how to safely and responsibly dispose of chemical wastes. KNOW THIS INSIDE OUT. Credit will be lost for safety violations.
- Make-up Lab Request: use the Google Form link on the website..
- Notebook and Grading Policies: this tells you how your grade will be calculated and what you need to do to get a good grade. Follow it closely.
- Some ways to get a poor grade in this course: speaks for itself. Avoid these mistakes.
- First Day Handout – How to prepare for day one, which is check-in and the melting point experiment.

About the pages on the course website:

- ESSENTIAL: Schedule of Experiments: this is where you will view and download the experiment handouts and get other information such as photos of equipment and procedures.

- ESSENTIAL: OWL: information on using OWL and OWL policies.

- ESSENTIAL: How to Keep Your Notebook: as it says. Use this as a template for keeping your notebook and writing reports.

**After reading this, download and read the syllabus from the course website.**

Again, welcome and best of luck with the semester.

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