

Organic Chemistry
Chemistry 141B
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FINAL EXAM Monday 14th Dec. 10:30AM-1:15PM, Billings LH

REQUIRED SUPPLIES:- *Organic Chemistry* Klein, 2nd edition, Wiley

Organic Chemistry

Online Access to Sapling Learning (lecture and lab quizzes \$45)

Lab Notebook and SAFETY GLASSES

RECOMMENDED:- *Organic Chemistry I'* As a Second Language, Klein, any edition
Molecular Structure Model Kit, HGS

COURSE GRADE: The course grade will be based on three mid-semester exams and a compulsory, cumulative final exam. Of the three mid-terms the lowest grade will be dropped. No curves are applied to the mid-semester exams and the class average for the exams may vary depending on the complexity of the material. Try your best on all the exams. Attendance at an exam is not required and zero can be considered as your lowest grade. The final exam grade will not be dropped.

Each mid-semester exam will constitute 20% of your grade, the Final will constitute 25%, providing 65% of your course grade. The lab component of the course will deliver 25%. The final 10% will come from the Sapling Learning online homework.

3 exams (best two mid-terms (20% each) and the final (25%))	65%
Lab grade	25%
Sapling Learning weekly graded homework	<u>10%</u>
	100%

COURSE ETIQUETTE:

Organic chemistry has a scary reputation. It is best thought of as a new language or skill. As with any skill some people can become skillful faster than others. All of you are capable of successfully completing this course with the right attitude and determination.

Recommendations:-

1. Attend class with a clear and inquisitive attitude.
2. While in class focus on understanding the material. Do NOT text, check Facebook or emails. This is a waste of your time, money, disrespectful to me and the other students around you who are trying to learn. I know everyone gets distracted at times.
3. After class review the material, read the sections in the textbook. Try the recommended problems, work on the weekly problemset for Thursday, finish the weekly graded online problems for Sunday.
4. Speak respectfully to your fellow students, your TA and me. I will try to help you learn the material in this course so you can competently understand the central importance of organic chemistry for other more advanced topics. All the challenges presented to you are designed to encourage you to learn this valuable material.
5. Try to find answers to your own problems by checking the course syllabus, lab logistics or Blackboard with me or your TA.
6. All course materials (both yours and mine) are protected by copyright. I cannot copy or post your written material and you cannot post any course materials such as blanks of the exam, reviews or notes online. Lectures may not be recorded without permission.
7. All students are expected to