

CHEMISTRY 343, Fall 2015
1:20-2:10 PM, MWF, Room 105 Psychology

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Open Office: 2:15-3:15 PM Wednesdays and 2:15-3:00 Fridays (or by appointment)

Review session led by Prof. Gellman (optional): 5:00 PM Thursdays, location = B371 Chemistry

Course web site: <https://www.chem.wisc.edu/chem343-gellman/index>

I. TEXT

"Organic Chemistry," 6th edition, Loudon
(Strongly recommended: study guide and molecular models)

II. EXAMS

- A. Three exams *during lecture time* (locations TBA) (100 pts each)
Friday 7 October
Wednesday 2 November
Friday 2 December

(Note: **There will be no make-up exams.**)

- B. Final exam (cumulative; 200 pts)
Thursday 22 December, 2:45 PM (location TBA)

III. GRADING

Course grades will be assigned on the basis of 550 points, using a curve that leads to a distribution similar to those of recent Chemistry 343 sections. In addition to 500 points from exams (as indicated above), students can earn up to 50 points from attending and participating in assigned Discussion Sections.

IV. PROBLEMS

Students should do all problems recommended from the text (recommendations are provided during lectures). Written answers will not be collected or graded, but problems can be discussed at the discussion sessions or during office hours. The only way a student can master the course material is by carefully working all recommended problems, and then carefully evaluating his or her written answers via comparison with the answers in the study guide/solutions manual. This process will reveal which parts of the material have been mastered, and which require further study. Learning how to learn from one's own mistakes is a critical skill that can be acquired or refined in this course.

V. DISCUSSION SESSIONS LED BY TEACHING ASSISTANTS

TA-led sessions are mandatory. Teaching assistants will review course material and answer questions. There will be occasional quizzes. Grading will be explained by the TA (50 pts).