# Syllabus for CHEM 102-009 – Spring Semester 2017

# General Chemistry, 3 Credit hours; Co-requisite CHEM 112

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#### **Class Material:**

Chemistry – The Central Science, 13<sup>th</sup> Edition, Brown, LeMay, Bursten, Murphy, Woodward, Stoltzfus, Prentice Hall 2014.

Mastering Chemistry, Homework and Resources – www.masteringchemistry.com; course ID: CHEM102SCHMELINGSPRING17

#### **Objectives:**

The course will introduce students into the basic knowledge of chemistry. Topics include: Liquids and Solids, Rate of Reaction, Chemical Equilibria, Acid-Base Chemistry, basic Thermodynamics, and Electrochemistry. The students will learn factual knowledge and fundamental principles of chemistry and science in general. In addition emphasis on the application of the acquired knowledge in other fields than chemistry will be placed.

#### **Class procedure:**

Class hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30am to 9:45am. Classes meet in Flanner Hall Room 133. Discussion sections (CHEM 102 – 010/011) are scheduled for Monday morning and will meet in Flanner Hall, Room 105. Please consult the Spring 2017 course schedule for your discussion meeting time. Participation in discussion sections is mandatory and will make up 10% of the final grade. Three in class exams additionally to the final exam are scheduled for February 14, March 23, and April 18. The final exam will take place according to the university schedule on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 9:00-11:00am in Flanner Hall 133. Problem sets will be assigned regularly in Mastering Chemistry and have to be completed by the assigned date to get credit. It is highly recommended that the students form study groups to go over the material covered in class and prepare for the exams. Class attendance is mandatory and short quizzes related to the lectures will be given each week to ensure continuing participation. The quizzes will be posted on Sakai and should be returned by the assigned due date and time.

### **Grading:**

**5%** of the total grade will be made up by **completed homework problem** sets on Mastering Chemistry.

10% of the total grade will be made up by the average quiz grade.

10% of the total grade will be comprised of the discussion section performance.

The three in class exams count together 60%.

Participation in the three in-class exam is mandatory and **no make-up exams** will be given. If a student misses for any reason one in-class exam, the average of the two remaining in-class exams will be taken and accounts for 60% of the final grade.

#### The final exam counts 15%.

The final exam is mandatory for everybody. If for any reason a student misses the final exam he/she must consult with the Dean and the Department Chair.

## Grading Scale in %

100-94%	A
93-88%	A-
87-84%	B+
83-80%	В
79-77%	В-
76-73%	C+
72-69%	C
68-65%	C-
64-60%	D+
59-50%	D
<50%	F

### **Academic Integrity:**

All students are expected to perform the highest level of academic integrity while taking exams and must read and abide by the demanding standard of personal honesty, drafted by the College of Arts and Sciences. This can be found at:

http://luc.edu/media/lucedu/cas/pdfs/academicintegrity.pdf. It is your responsibility to read this and behave correspondingly. Anything you submit that is incorporated as part of your grade in this course must represent your own work. Any students caught cheating will, at the very minimum, receive a grade of "zero" for the item that was submitted and this grade cannot be dropped. If the cheating occurred during a course exam the incident will be reported to the Chemistry Department Chair and the Office of CAS Dean. Depending on the seriousness of the incident, additional sanctions may be imposed.

## **Students with Disabilities:**

Students seeking academic accommodations for a disability must meet with Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD) to verify the disability and to establish eligibility for accommodations. Students may visit SSWD in Sullivan Center - Suite 117, call 773-508-3700, email

<u>SSWD@luc.edu</u> or visit LUC.edu/sswd to begin the process. Students are encouraged to contact SSWD as early in the semester as possible.

## **Office Hours:**

Office hours are scheduled for Monday 10:30AM to 11:30AM and for Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. My office is located in Flanner Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, room 408.

## **Discussions:**

Discussion Sections for CHEM 102 - 009 are CHEM 102 - 010/011. All of them are scheduled for Monday morning and are mandatory. Please participate only in the discussion section in which you are enrolled. Discussions account for 10% of the total grade. In the discussion section, problem sets will be handed out for solving. Students are permitted to work on the problems in pre-assigned small groups of 3-4, but each student has to turn in his/her own results to the instructor. The results will be graded and returned and the answers posted on Sakai. Discussions are a highly effective way to understand the class material and ask questions. The first discussion will take place on January 23, 2017.

## A Special Note about the CHEM 112 Lab Co-Requisite:

Students wanting to drop lecture after midterm may stay in the co-req lab only if the midterm grade, posted in LOCUS, is a D or better. Students should continue to attend lecture until the week of the drop date to gain as much background knowledge as possible. For Spring 2017 students wishing to drop the lecture, and having a mid-term grade of D or better, can seek assistance from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry office beginning March 20, 2017 at 9:00am through Monday March 27, 2017 at 4:00pm. Students with a midterm grade of F in the lecture must also withdraw from the lab.