

# CHEMISTRY 1710 (FORMERLY 121) BLENDED (LATE START)

## GENERAL CHEMISTRY I

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### I. General Information

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### II. Course Description

General Chemistry I provides the foundation for all your future science and engineering classes as well as the keys to unlocking the secrets of the universe! A good background in Chemistry provides the toolkit and training needed to understand and solve some of the significant challenges we face in the fields of energy, environment and medicine. This section will have special emphasis on biomedical examples in General Chemistry and employs collaborative learning – in class, you will work in teams on hard problems designed to help you apply the concepts you are learning to real world problems. To succeed in this environment, you must shift your classroom persona from listener, observer and note-taker to active problem solver, contributor and discussant. Recommended enrollment in 3-hour lecture (3 credit hours) and 3-hour lab (1 credit hour). **If a student does not meet the prerequisite (or corequisite) for this course, he or she may be dropped from the class at any time during the term.**

**Prerequisite:** IRW 0980 and MATH 1310 (NOTE: Students not meeting the IRW 0980 pre-req may elect to take CSE 1101 as a Pre- or Co-requisite to CHEM 1710)

**Recommended Pre- or Co-requisite:** Chemistry 1792 Laboratory

### III. Essential Resources

- **Access to the textbook:** *Chemistry (5<sup>th</sup> Ed) by Gilbert, Kirss, Foster, Bretz, and Davies. W.W. Norton and Co., 2018* new or used or e-book. Building on this, however, I actually don't care if you use an older version of the book (previous editions may, in fact, be more expensive with the access code than the new version is, so double check before you buy!) or even a completely different book, such as the free OpenStax Chemistry book found here: <https://openstax.org/details/books/chemistry>.
- **Access to CNM Learn and CNM email:** Learning materials are delivered via CNM Learn. Important class announcements will be made via the class communication app (and probably via email too) and you should check both at least 2-3 times a week.
- **Access to Fb closed groups and WordPress blogs:** The learning journal and online discussions will be administered via these websites.
- **Smartwork5 (SW) Access:** SW is a homework grading system that will give you the practice you need to master the concepts in general chemistry. Homework is delivered via SW. **You can access Smartwork5 via the following website:** <https://digital.wwnorton.com/chem5>  
**Smartworks Student Set Code: 49081**
- **A scientific calculator** is required for this course as well. Inexpensive models may be purchased at stores such as Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Target, OfficeMax, Staples, etc. Two-line displays, such as those found in the series TI 30X II, tend to work best. If you are taking Gen Chem II, you may want to invest in a TI 36X PRO. **Due to their programmable functions and memory, graphing calculators will not be allowed in the 75-minute or final exams.**
- **Recommended:** Notebook and pen for note-taking before and after watching the video lectures.
- **Recommended:** Smartwork notebook which should be used to record what you have learned in SW and to make note of any problems you need to get help with.
- **Recommended:** From chapter 1 onwards, a printed periodic table (which I have posted to CNM Learn) is VERY helpful in class.

See the appendix of this syllabus for further information about to obtain each resource.

## IV. Course Learning Outcomes

At the end of this course, students must demonstrate their ability to:

1. Use dimensional analysis, the SI system of units and appropriate significant figures to solve quantitative calculations in science.
2. Explain the structure of atoms, isotopes and ions in terms of subatomic particles.
3. Distinguish the differences between physical and chemical changes to matter, and utilize the IUPAC system of nomenclature and knowledge of reaction types to describe chemical changes, predict products and represent the process as a balanced equation.
4. Apply the mole concept to amounts on a macroscopic and a microscopic level and use this to perform stoichiometric calculations including for reactions in solution, gases and thermochemistry.
5. Apply the gas laws and kinetic molecular theory to relate atomic level behavior to macroscopic properties.
6. Describe the energy conversions that occur in chemical reactions and state changes, relating heat of reaction to thermodynamic properties such as enthalpy and internal energy, and apply these principles to measure and calculate energy changes in reaction.
7. Use different bonding models (Lewis, valence bond, and/or molecular orbitals) to describe formation of ionic and covalent compounds, and apply knowledge of electronic structure to determine molecular spatial arrangement and polarity.
8. Analyze how periodic properties (e.g. electronegativity, atomic and ionic radii, ionization energy, electron affinity, metallic character) and reactivity of elements results from electron configurations of atoms.
9. Predict the behavior of chemical compounds, based on knowledge of intermolecular forces.
10. Apply chemical concepts to sustainability.

## V. Course Policy

1. **Respect the learning environment** and make sure your conversations on CNM Learn and on social media are related to the course material.
2. **Attendance expectations: I will exercise my discretion to drop you from the class after you miss 15% of class time (online).** It is ultimately your responsibility to drop yourself, however.
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4. **Final grades:** After the drop date (**3/30/18**), you will no longer be able to drop the class and you will be assigned a letter grade A-F. Grade boundaries are set by CNM and cannot be changed. I WILL NOT change final grades unless there has been a legitimate error in my grading.
5. **Exam policy:** You will need your CNM id, a calculator, a scantron (from the CNM bookstore), and at least one #2 pencil – ALL exams will be mostly multiple choice. Exams are given during the allotted times in the Schedule (see below) in the Distance Learning Testing Center (<http://www.cnm.edu/depts/testing/testingcenter.html>). You will be provided with a periodic table and as much scratch paper as you need as well as a paper copy of the exam. To each midterm test, you may bring a 3" x 5" notecard with whatever information you chose handwritten on it. No material may be stuck to the card.
6. Cheating is taken very seriously and will result in automatic and immediate consequences.
7. **Withdrawal and Grading Options Policy:** You may only change your grading option to Credit/No-Credit if the course does not apply to your major OR your minor. You should check the CNM and your possible transfer university regulations regarding Credit/No-Credit if you are considering this option.
8. **Faculty Feedback:** The Faculty feedback system allows your instructor to securely provide feedback on your performance in this course. If your instructor uses it, you may be contacted by a CNM Academic/Achievement Coach to follow up on the feedback. You can read more about the system here: [link](#).
9. **PaperCut:** PaperCut is an element of the sustainability effort at CNM. Its purpose is to reduce paper usage. Each student has an online account with an allotment of 150 free printer pages per term. If this allotment runs out, additional pages may be purchased by the student. For more information, go to the PaperCut website: <http://cnm.edu/papercut>.

## VI. Class Structure

- **A preliminary look at the material:** Detailed pre-class reading assignments and/or video lecture assignments should be done first. Then complete the 1<sup>st</sup> attempt on your SW homework. **If you don't do the reading and/or video watching, you will be lost!** Material in the reading assignments and video lectures will **NOT** necessarily be reviewed unless I am asked a question about it.
- **Dive into the material:** To deepen and fix your learning, complete the Smartwork5 homework writing down any questions you have on paper. **Get into the habit of doing your homework within 24 hours of watching the lecture on the topic while it is still fresh in your mind.** This will save you time and contribute to better understanding and higher grades.
- **Resource yourself!** Use the resources available (office hours, study groups) when you get stuck with a problem after you have given it your best effort. Expect weekly deadlines regularly throughout the semester. You should expect to spend **at least 3-4 hours** learning the chapter material and **3-4 hours per week** on your homework. That's a minimum of **6-8 hours** a week spent on this class alone, folks!

### Where to get help:

- **Ask questions** at any time, of your classmates or of me through the **class communication**, including the social media extension.
- **Attend office hours.**
- **Consider forming a study group.**
- **Tweet me at @RissaChem.** Be sure to read the Twitter handout first, and **always use the hashtag #CNMCHEM1710** when you tweet so that all in the class can see your tweets. I will not respond to tweets without the appropriate hashtag.
- **Email me at [csorensen@cnm.edu](mailto:csorensen@cnm.edu).** If you do not name the class you are in (i.e. CHEM 1710 Blended) within the email, I will not respond to it. Period. If I have not responded within 2 business days, or sooner if urgent, please check the class communication app as I have probably responded there and then feel free to email me again to remind me. In busy times, emails sometimes get buried.
- **Accessibility:** If you are having difficulties, consider contacting Connect Services at your campus. Connect Services offers access to Achievement Coaches and general student support. Website: <https://www.cnm.edu/student-resources/connect-services>
- If you have a physical, psychological or medical condition that may affect your performance in the class, please consider enrolling with **Disability Resource Center** as soon as possible. They can provide a quiet place to take the tests, additional time, as well as the possibility of a note-taker and additional services, if there is a medically documented need. For more info, go to the DRC's website: <http://www.cnm.edu/depts/disability-resource-center>. You may also call or email the DRC: Main Campus and Westside Campus 224-3259, e-mail: [disability\\_resource\\_center@cnm.edu](mailto:disability_resource_center@cnm.edu) and Montoya Campus, e-mail: [disability\\_resource\\_center\\_jmmc@cnm.edu](mailto:disability_resource_center_jmmc@cnm.edu)
- **ACE Tutoring** (the Assistance Centers for Education) is a great resource if you cannot meet me during my office hours. Many options are available and most tutoring hours are offered as a first come first served service. Please visit the website: [http://www.cnm.edu/depts/tutoring/ACE\\_Tutoring\\_Home.html](http://www.cnm.edu/depts/tutoring/ACE_Tutoring_Home.html)
- **Web resources:** There is an incredible library of resources on the web (including the [Khan Academy](#), etc.). **USE THEM!**
- **Textbook:** the end of chapter problems in blue have answers at the back of the book. This is a great free resource.

## VII. Grading

Students' grades will be calculated out of a 100 point total:

### Learning Journal and Attendance (15%)

- In an effort to help students become digital citizens with appropriate professionalism online, six reflection papers detailing each student's learning journey (approximately one at the beginning and end of the semester and one for each exam) will be collected throughout the semester. Reflection papers will in a blog format, will be a minimum of 400 words, and will be submitted through a free

account on [WordPress](#). **Constructive and thoughtful comments on other students' blogs and/or answers for questions on the class social media can count for up to 5% of the in-class group work.**

- Class attendance also counts within this percentage.
- In terms of the participation in any online discussion forums, including blog commentary and the classroom social media site, you are expected to conduct yourself professionally as well as with respectful and thoughtful behavior. Quality counts! Your postings must have correct sentence structure and must be spell-checked. **Learning Journals are graded mostly on a participation basis; if you post or submit the journal with correct grammar and spelling on time having discussed your learning journey in this class, then you will receive full credit for that posting or submission.**

#### **Smartwork Homework (20% + up to 5% extra credit)**

- For tutorial 'learning mode' questions, five attempts per question, no deductions made for incorrect answers until all attempts are used up. No penalty for using 'hints'.
- Late submissions accepted, subject to 10% penalty per day late, up to a maximum of 50% penalty. After the due date, homework assignments revert to practice problems for the rest of the semester.
- The SmartWork gradebook will be downloaded at 8am on Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>, so no further credit can be obtained after this.

#### **Examinations (45%)**

- Four major exams will be given throughout the semester during a 4-5 day period at the Academic Testing Center (in the SSC 204: <http://www.cnm.edu/depts/ac/testingcenter.php>)
- **There are NO make up exams.**
- The lowest exam will be dropped.
- All class tests will be cumulative (with up to 5 questions adapted from previous tests).

#### **Final Exam (20%)**

- It is a Math, Science, and Engineering policy that all courses require final evaluations.
- If you do not take the final exam, you will not be able to make up the missing credit for the class.
- The final exam in Chemistry 1710 is based on a national standard exam prepared by the American Chemical Society, which covers all material presented during the semester and will be given during the 15<sup>th</sup> week on Main campus at the Academic Testing Center (SSC 204).
- The final exam has 40 multiple choice questions.
- If Finals Week is cancelled by the school (snow day, etc.), then final grades for students will be calculated based on all work completed and assessed up to that point in the course.

#### **Grading In Summary:**

Smartwork Homework 20% + up to 5% EC

**(SW = Smartwork average \* 0.20)**

Learning Journal and Attendance 15%

**(LJ = Final learning journal and attendance grade \* 0.15)**

Exams (3 75-minute, the lowest exam is dropped) 45%

**(E = Exam average (best 3 of 4) \* 0.45)**

Final Exam 20%

**(F = Final exam grade \* 0.20)**

To estimate your grade at any point during the course, use the following formula:

$$\text{SW} + \text{LJ} + \text{E} + \text{F} = \text{Course grade}$$

**A = 90-100%    B = 80-89.9%    C = 70-79.9%    D = 60-69.9%    F = 59% or below**

**Commit to graduate!** Graduating with an associate's degree or certificate will make you more employable and will increase your earning potential for a lifetime. Getting your degree or certificate is your reward for the hard work and dedication you put into your studies at CNM. Set your graduation date today! Learn more at <http://cnm.edu/graduation>.

## **VIII. Basic Needs Statement**

Any student who has trouble with basic needs (including, but not limited to, food, housing, clothing, supplies) and believes this may affect their grade in the course is urged to contact CNM Connect Services (<https://www.cnm.edu/student-resources/connect-services/about-us>) ASAP. Also, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so because this will enable her to access any alternative resources she knows of.

**IX. Tentative Lecture Schedule for Chemistry 1710, Spring 2018 (Due Dates on Game Plan)**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Gilbert Chapters</b>	<b>Lecture Topic</b>
1	Syllabus, 1	Matter and Energy: The Origin of the Universe
2	2	Atoms, Ions, and Molecules
3	3	Stoichiometry
4	4	Solution Chemistry
5	<b>Review for Exam 1</b>	<b>Exam 1 will be available in the Testing Center between Thursday, 3/8/18 and COB on Tuesday, 3/13/18.</b>
	<b>Exam 1 (1-4)</b>	
	5	Thermochemistry: Energy Changes in Reactions
6	6	Properties of Gases
7	7	Properties of Gases, The Quantum Model of Atoms
8	<b>Review for Exam 2</b>	<b>Exam 2 will be available in the Testing Center between Thursday, 4/5/18 and COB on Tuesday, 4/10/18.</b>
	<b>Exam 2 (5-7)</b>	
	8	Chemical Bonds, Molecular Geometry
9	8, 9	Chemical Bonds, Molecular Geometry
10	9, 10	Molecular Geometry, Intermolecular Forces
11	<b>Review for Exam 3</b>	<b>Exam 3 will be available in the Testing Center between Thursday, 4/12/18 and COB on Thursday, 4/19/18.</b>
	<b>Exam 3 (8-10)</b>	
12	<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>Final Exam will be available in the Testing Center between Thursday, 4/12/18 and COB on Wednesday, 4/25/18.</b>

**1<sup>st</sup> Note:** The last day to drop without a grade of F or to change your grading option (letter grade, CR/NC, Audit) is **March 30<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please discuss them with your advisor. **Some changes may occur in the schedule as we proceed through the course. Changes will be announced in class and through class communication.** **2<sup>nd</sup> NOTE:** COB = close of business (please refer to Distance Learning Testing Center schedule as needed:

<http://www.cnm.edu/depts/ac/testingcenter.php>)

## X. Appendix

### 1. How to get started with CNM Learn:

- Point your web browser to <http://learn.cnm.edu>
- Log-in using your CNM Net ID and Password.
- You *must enable pop-up windows* in order for CNM Learn to function on the computer.
- You will also *need Adobe Acrobat Reader* in order to read a lot of the files on the web site. Acrobat Reader is already installed on CNM pod computers and if you do not have it on your home computer it is a free download.
- All materials in this course fall under copyright laws and should not be downloaded, distributed, or used by students for any purposes *outside* of this course.

CNM Learn automatically records student activities, including but not limited to: your first and last access to the course, number of times you have accessed the course, and pages you have accessed. This data may be accessed by the instructor to evaluate class participation and to identify students having difficulty using Bb Learn features.

### 2. Calculators:

You need a scientific non-programmable calculator for exams (not a graphing calculator). IN EXAMS, YOU MAY NOT USE CALCULATORS ON CELLPHONES OR COMPUTERS. If your calculator has any of the following buttons -- PROG, PGM, CLEAR, CLR -- it is probably programmable **and will not be accepted**. If your calculator has a large screen and can graph functions, it is programmable and will not be accepted. If you are unsure, please bring your calculator into my (or the SI's) office hours before the 1<sup>st</sup> exam and I will check it for you.