

Course Description (from the Bulletin): This is the second semester of the 1-year Chemistry 105/106 course sequence, which is specifically designed to meet the needs of science majors and preprofessional students. Topics covered in Chemistry 106 include: molecular structure, chemistry of metals and selected nonmetals, intermolecular forces, chemical equilibrium.

Prerequisites: Chemistry 105 with a grade of (C) or better and either completion or Math 104 with a grade of C or better, or completion/placement in any higher math course.

Class meetings (weekly): 3 hr lecture (8:00 – 9:30 A T&Th in HS-106); 1 hr discussion (HS-237); 3 hr 20 min lab (HS-402); 5 credits total. Meeting times vary depending upon the section to which you are assigned (See the [Course Schedule](#) on pages 11 – 13).

Attendance policy: Students are expected to attend all of their scheduled class sessions. Students will be excused for illness, quarantine, family emergencies, and required University sanctioned activities. If you know about an absence ahead of time it may be possible to arrange an alternative time to make up any missed assignments. Please e-mail your instructors to arrange to make up assignments missed because of an excused absence.

Lecture instructor (course coordinator) contact information:

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A02D, A04L, A05D	Dr. Jennifer Mihalick	Halsey 439	424-7095	mihalick@uwosh.edu

Drop-in question times (office hours): Any of the instructors in this course are happy to meet with you to answer questions related to the course, discuss study strategies, academics, your goals, or life in general. All have regularly scheduled ‘drop-in’ office hours that will be posted in the course Canvas site. If you cannot make scheduled office hours, you can arrange an appointment by contacting the instructor you wish to meet.

Required course materials:

- *Textbook:* Chemistry: Atoms First 2e, Flowers et al. OpenStax. This textbook can be read [online](#) or [downloaded as a pdf](#) for free or purchased as a printed copy from the bookstore.
- *Lab Manual:* Chemistry 106 Lab Manual S26, Gutow. Available from the bookstore.
- *Online Homework:* ALEKS for general chemistry, McGraw-Hill, 1 semester access code required. Detailed instructions for registration provided separately.

- *Response System:* Registration with the PointSolutions (aka Turning and Echo 360) system. You can use a smartphone or purchase a response clicker. Detailed instructions for registration provided separately.
- *Goggles:* Indirect vented safety goggles (must bear the number Z87.1) are required. Available at the bookstore or from the UW Oshkosh Chemistry Club (sold at the Chemistry Stockroom HS-450). **No goggles? No lab!**
- *Calculator:* Any make with scientific notation, powers, roots, and logarithms. A graphing calculator is not necessary. Cell phones and other internet-enabled devices will not be allowed as calculators on tests and quizzes.

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

CHEM 106 General Chemistry II is an Explore Lab Science course (XL) in the University Studies Program designed to increase students' knowledge of the physical and natural world. Students will also develop their quantitative literacy and practice teamwork, leadership, and problem solving skills. The course meets chemistry requirements for students majoring in science or engineering, or in secondary education with a natural science emphasis, as well as for students preparing for healthcare programs including chiropractic, dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, and veterinary medicine.

As part of a liberal arts curriculum this course has a number of goals. The primary goal is to introduce students to the language and the elementary theories of chemistry, to provide training and practice in analytical reasoning and problem solving, and to serve as the basis for further studies in the sciences. This fits well into the liberal arts curriculum because it teaches skills which are generally useful and specific models that are widely applicable. Learning to use these models is extremely good practice for solving unfamiliar problems as well as thinking analytically, critically and creatively. A few of the things these models are used for are understanding the chemical reactions involved in living, the shapes of biomolecules, environmental issues such as climate change, developing new drugs, energy sources and designing solid-state electronics. After taking this course you should be able to:

1. Still do all the things described in the objectives and learning outcomes from General Chemistry I (Chem 105).
2. Use models of intermolecular interactions to explain solubilities, dissolution, electrolytes and colloids.
3. Use the quantitative models of colligative properties to estimate physical properties of solutions and solutes.
4. Use the mathematical concepts of chemical kinetics combined with symbolic (text based) representations of chemical reactions to explain observed reaction rates and predict changing concentrations during a reaction.
5. Use detailed theories of reaction mechanisms to explain the dependence of reaction rates on concentrations, temperature and catalysts.
6. Use quantitative and qualitative models to explain and model equilibria of chemical reactions.

7. Apply the concepts of chemical equilibria to quantitatively model equilibria of acids and bases (Brønsted-Lowry and Lewis), of salt hydrolysis, of buffers, of precipitation, of dissolution, and of redox reactions.
8. Use the connections between free energy, equilibrium constants and cell potentials to understand conditions that encourage corrosion and how galvanic cells (in the vernacular “batteries”) behave.
9. Describe the basic categories of useful “batteries” and be familiar with some of the current directions of research aimed at improving them.
10. Describe the structure of coordination compounds, including isomers, and explain why and how they exhibit particular spectroscopic and magnetic properties.
11. Describe some of the important uses for transition metal compounds.
12. Work cooperatively with others to critically analyze abstract and physical (laboratory) problems, as well as accurately record observations and data.

Course Components and Studying Suggestions

Each week you will have at least five ways to learn chemistry. Success in this fast-paced and challenging course requires good attendance and a significant investment of time in addition to scheduled class hours. Remember that this is a 5 credit course, so will require almost twice as much work as a 3 credit course. **Be prepared to spend at least 10 hours outside of class each week working on Chem 106 materials.** Students are more successful when they spread the work out, spending 1 – 2 hours during each of 5 or 6 days a week. Learning later material depends on understanding earlier material, so it is important to keep up. Ask questions as soon as you have them, in class or during office hours. If office hours do not work with your schedule make an appointment. Please come see your course instructors to clear up points of confusion or to explore topics beyond the scope of the class or textbook. The five opportunities to learn the course material and some thoughts on how to use them to learn the material are expanded on below.

Reading/Studying:

Research on successful students shows that they do more than just the required homework. You should spend additional time reading the text, reviewing and annotating your notes, getting additional help on topics you do not understand, learning vocabulary, etc. Key things that will make your studying more effective are:

1. Before each class read the textbook sections on the material to be covered. Write down important terms and ideas to help you become familiar with key vocabulary, making it easier to take notes during class. Try in-chapter example problems as you read.
2. Start the relevant homework before the material is covered in class.
3. Write down any questions you have after doing the first two steps. If your question are not answered during class, please ask them.

Some other study/review techniques that may help you: write down or record an audio summary of important ideas from a particular lecture or section of the course; teach material to a friend (this is one of the best ways to figure out if you really understand it); convert your lecture and reading notes to questions and answers to use on flash cards to quiz yourself; rewrite your notes from lecture or reading in your own words. Even more ideas on studying and aligning your studying with your preferences may be found on Dr. G's website at: <https://cms.gutow.uwosh.edu/Gutow/classes/general-study-hints>.

Homework:

Practice in solving the problems encountered in General Chemistry II is essential to mastery of the subject matter. Doing the homework is the way to get the necessary practice. **To do well on exams, you should be able to solve each of the homework problems using only the formulas and constants that appear on the formula sheets for the exams, plus the data in the problem or tables you are asked to refer to.** There are many multi-step problems encountered in Chem 106, and it is important to practice thinking through and solving these problems under test-like conditions. Don't worry if you cannot do this on your first attempt through the homework! I encourage you to work on these problems with your classmates, consult your lecture notes and textbook, and ask instructors for help when you get stuck. However, once you have learned how to do the problems you should try to work through them independently. Mistakes made on the homework are learning opportunities. Take note of mistakes on the homework so you can correct them before the exam. If you are struggling with the homework and/or do poorly on the homework, this is a sign that you are struggling with the material and will do poorly on the exam. Please contact one of the course instructors immediately if you are struggling with the homework problems. Much of the course material is cumulative in nature, so it is better to address any confusion or problems sooner rather than later.

The homework will be assigned using the homework system ALEKS, following the [schedule later in the syllabus](#). You will get credit for work completed in ALEKS. As most of you have used ALEKS before more information on it has been placed in the separate document "About ALEKS and some best practices for using it" available in the course Canvas site.

62% of your ALEKS grade is determined by the fraction of topics you learn by each module deadline. 38% of your ALEKS grade is determined by the fraction of all the topics you learn (in your "pie") by the end of the semester. Therefore, it is to your advantage to continue working on topics you have not learned even after the topic due date has passed.

In addition to the required ALEKS homework you may find the end-of-chapter problems in the text useful additional practice for topics you want to work on more. Specific problems may be suggested in the weekly summary provided in the course Canvas site. Answers are provided in an appendix of the text.

Discussion:

Discussion sections provide an opportunity to reinforce lecture material in a smaller group setting. Most discussions will start with a brief (< 10 minute) quiz (see [schedule](#)) on material covered previously. The questions will be based on homework questions. The remainder of the class time will be spent working in small groups on exercises provided by the instructor. Occasionally, new material

will be presented, which will not be covered again in lecture, but will be on the exams, quizzes and homework. Attendance and honest effort on the in-class exercises will earn a 100% of participation points for the day. When the answer key for the discussion exercises become available, you should check your discussion work and make sure you understand all the material. If you have questions ask them of an instructor as soon as possible.

Lecture:

Lectures meet Tuesdays and Thursdays in HS – 106 from 8 – 9:30 A. In lecture you will listen to descriptions of important concepts, take notes, ask questions and use the response system to participate in interactive exercises. Make sure to bring your calculator and phone/clicker to each lecture. After lecture you should:

1. Attempt any related homework not already completed. Initially, this can be done consulting the textbook, lecture notes and other resources (e.g. ALEKS explanations) and you may want to work with fellow students. An important additional step, especially for quantitative problems, is that after you figure out how to solve a particular type you should practice working on them independently using only your calculator, a list of relevant formulas and necessary tables of data. On Knowledge checks ALEKS will encourage you to do the problems this way.
2. Review your lecture notes. If they are unclear or have errors try to correct them using the textbook. Write down questions for anything you are unable to fix. Consult classmates or your instructors to get answers to your questions.

Laboratory:

“Hands-on” laboratory work is an essential part of chemistry. In the lab you will experience directly some of the relationships discussed in the lecture, learn experimental techniques, and solve chemical problems. You will learn to use scientific instruments, and make careful observations. Bring your lab manual, goggles, and calculator to the laboratory. The chemistry laboratory can be a dangerous place. A strict dress code and other safety regulations will be enforced. See the lab manual for further details.

****Anyone who is pregnant or has a history of serious allergies MUST inform their laboratory instructor BEFORE entering the lab to do any work.**

Peer Educator Sessions (optional):

A peer educator, a student who has successfully completed Chem 105 and 106, will offer optional problem-solving sessions. Times will be announced in class and provided in the course Canvas site. Many past students have found this useful. You are encouraged to incorporate these sessions into your study strategy.

Tutoring (optional):

The UW Oshkosh Center for Academic Resources offers free, confidential tutoring to all UWO students. CAR is located in the Student Success Center, suite 102. Check their website www.uwosh.edu/car for more information or to contact a tutor. Many students have used this in the past and found it extremely helpful!

Accommodations:

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh supports the right of all enrolled students to a full and equal educational opportunity. It is the University's policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students who have documented disabilities that may affect their ability to participate in course activities or to meet course requirements. Students are expected to inform instructors of the need for accommodations as soon as possible by presenting an Accommodation Plan from the [Accessibility Center](#). Reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities is a shared instructor and student responsibility. The Accessibility Center is part of the Dean of Students Office and is located in 125 Dempsey Hall. For more information, email accessibilitycenter@uwosh.edu, call 920-424-3100, or visit the [Accessibility Center Website](#).

Grading

Attendance Reminders:

- If you have two or more unexcused absences from lab or get less than 50% in the laboratory part of the course you will receive a grade of F, no matter what your overall score is.
- If you miss more than one exam for any reason, you will receive an incomplete or a failing grade depending on the circumstances.
- An unexcused absence during a scheduled laboratory, discussion or exam will result in a zero-point score for that laboratory, discussion or exam. **There are no makeups for exams.**
- The reason for any excused absence from an exam, discussion, or laboratory session must be presented to your instructor (in advance if possible). Assignments and tests missed for a valid reason will not be counted against you, but you will be responsible for material covered in your absence.

Grade Calculation:

Exams (5 exams).....	52%
ALEKS Homework.....	12%
Discussion (participation, two lowest dropped).....	10%
Discussion quizzes.....	3%
Lecture Response Questions (1 pt ea up to 30 pts, >50 pts available).....	3%
<u>Laboratory.....</u>	<u>20%</u>
Total	100%

Grading Scale

The minimum percentage necessary for each grade range is listed below. These cutoffs will not be adjusted upward, but the instructor reserves the right to lower them.

Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
Minimum %	91	88	83	79	74	70	66	62	58	54	52	0

Grades will be posted in Canvas as they become available, so you may check your current course grade at any time during the semester. It is your responsibility to verify that all scores are entered properly. Misgraded assignments or exams must be returned to your instructor for possible regrading no later than one week following their return to you. You are responsible for checking that your final score is correct. Save all work until the final course grade has been determined.

Laboratory Grade

Laboratory work is completed in small groups to assist students in gaining teamwork and leadership skills. Points are earned through pre-lab assignments (Canvas quizzes due by 8A on day lab meets) and short laboratory reports (completed during lab).

Attendance in laboratory is mandatory. Two unexcused absences from lab or a score of less than 50% in the laboratory component will result in a failing grade for this course, regardless of exam scores. If you miss a lab, you may attend another lab during the same week, if space allows. To attend another lab session, you must verify the switch with both your normal lab instructor and the instructor of the lab you will attend. Do not expect laboratory experiences to directly correlate with concurrent lecture topics.

Online Homework (ALEKS) Grade

The overall ALEKS grade will be calculated as: 38% for the fraction of topics learned (pie progress) by the end of the semester and 62% for fraction of topics completed by assigned deadlines.

Response System Questions Grade

You will receive one point for each question answered correctly; up to a maximum of 30 (at least 50 will be asked over the course of the semester).

Exam Grading, Schedule and Policies

Exams will be primarily multiple choice with no partial credit. Each exam will contain questions on material covered in the weeks preceding the exam. Much of the material in the class is cumulative, and you will need to use material tested on earlier exams to answer more sophisticated questions asked on later exams. Additionally, core topics from earlier exams will be reviewed on later exams. More information on the core topics can be found in the [Core Topics section](#) of the syllabus.

Bring your own calculator to all exams. Exams 1- 4 will be 90 minutes, during your scheduled lecture time unless special arrangements are made with the instructor ahead of time. Exam 5 (core topics) will be administered in HS-402 during your laboratory meeting time the last week of the semester.

Dates, times, and information for the exams:

	During Class Time	Number of Questions
Exam 1	Tuesday, Feb. 24	35 (30 new material + 5 Chem 105 core topics)
Exam 2	Thursday, Mar. 19	35 (30 new material + 5 core topics)
Exam 3	Tuesday, Apr. 21	35 (30 new material + 5 core topics)
Exam 4	Thursday, May 14	30 (all new material)
Exam 5	During scheduled lab time (May 11 – 14)	20 (all core topics primarily from Chem 106)

All exam questions are weighted equally. The computer scan sheets for multiple choice exams will not be returned to you. Make sure that you record your answers on the exam as well as the scan sheet. You must check the posted answer keys to verify that your score was entered properly.

As a security precaution the following are not allowed at your seat during exams: watches (including smart watches); bracelets; necklaces; cell phones; radios; MP3 players; cameras; headsets; earbuds; other recording or transmitting devices; coats; hoods worn over your head (caps with bills must have bills turned to back of head); backpacks.

Early exams will be offered for students who cannot attend the exam at the scheduled time. Students who need to take an early exam must sign up with the instructor the week before the exam.

Additional Course policies

Classroom Decorum:

Be courteous to your fellow classmates. While pertinent questions are encouraged, talking and whispering during lecture are disruptive and annoying to nearby students trying to listen to the lecture.

Cell Phones must be silenced and put away except when using them to respond to in-class questions. This means absolutely no “texting” during class.

Computers may be used to take notes, but do not use them for e-mail, videos, game playing, etc. during class as it is disruptive and annoying to nearby classmates trying to listen to the lecture.

E-mail etiquette:

Your instructors will happily respond to your emails as fast as they can. Please be sure to include the text “[CHEM 106]” at the beginning of your subject line, so that we know what the email is referring to. In the body include as much information as you can provide about what you are asking, and your name. Instructors will try to answer e-mails within 1 business day. If an instructor does not reply within 1 business day, there is a chance that they missed your e-mail, so please forward the e-mail again. We do not respond to e-mails that include “text speak”.

Academic Misconduct:

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh is built upon a strong foundation of integrity, respect, and trust. All members of the university community have a responsibility to be honest and the right to expect honesty from others. Any form of academic dishonesty is unacceptable to our community and will not be tolerated.

As college students (and adults) you are expected to observe high standards of integrity and honesty. Representing the work of another as your own is considered academic misconduct. Any assignment (exams) which you are required to do individually should contain only your own work. Students caught cheating on exams, quizzes, or in the laboratory are subject to a grade of F for the assignment and a report being placed in their academic records. A second offense is likely to result in expulsion from the University. For more details see the [information on the Dean of Students Office website and the portions of Wisconsin State Law referenced there](#).

Other Useful Information

RESPECTING THE DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY: Diversity drives innovation, creativity, and progress. At the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, the culture, identities, life experiences, unique abilities, and talents of every individual contribute to the foundation of our success. Creating and

maintaining an inclusive and equitable environment is of paramount importance to us. This pursuit prepares all of us to be global citizens who will contribute to the betterment of the world. We are committed to a university culture that provides everyone with the opportunity to thrive. Therefore, all members of our community are expected to treat each other with respect and apply intellectually rigorous critical analysis to all their interactions with others (e.g. activities, discussions, arguments, etc...).

STUDENTS RIGHT TO KNOW ACT OF 1990: Students are advised to see the following URL for disclosures about essential consumer protection items required by the Students Right to Know Act of 1990: <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/consumer-information/>.

THERE ARE LOTS OF SUPPORT SERVICES ON CAMPUS: If you have an emergency, mental health issue, suffer harassment, have food insecurity, ..., see the campus resources information in the class Canvas site.

Core Topics

The topics and skills listed below are fundamental to being able to use the material in this class in courses for which it is a prerequisite, in related areas such as biology and healthcare, and understanding how the physical world around you behaves. This is not a complete list of all the material you will learn about in this course. However, because they are important scaffolding for this and future courses, you will be tested on them repeatedly throughout this course.

Exam 1 will have a random selection of 5 core topic questions from Chem 105. Exams 2, 3 and 4 will contain questions reviewing core topics that were learned for previous exams primarily in Chem 106. This will allow you to get credit for learning the topic later than the exam for which it was covered in class. Exam 5 administered during your lab period the last week of the semester will have questions related to all the topics on this list, allowing you to earn credit for learning any core topics you missed earlier in the class.

Covered in Chem 105:

1. Use the periodic table to find information about an element's atomic structure and number of valence electrons.
2. Based on chemical formula, determine if a compound is ionic or covalent.
3. Starting with formula, determine charges in ionic compound.
4. Know the formulas and charges of common polyatomic ions. Recognize these in chemical compounds.
5. Know the formulas and names of common strong acids and bases.
6. Know metric prefixes (mega, kilo, centi, milli, micro, nano) and calculate metric conversions (ex: milligram to kilogram).
7. Identify the number of significant figures/digits in a measurement and propagate significant figures/digits through calculations involving +, -, x and \div .
8. Calculate molar mass based on chemical formula.
9. Interconvert mass and moles, labelling units correctly in calculation.
10. Interconvert Molarity and moles, labelling units correctly in calculation.
11. Dilution calculation (new concentration, final volume or solvent to add).
12. Write equations for acid-base and dissolution reactions.

13. Use the periodic table and oxidation number rules to assign oxidation numbers to atomic ions and elements in a compound. Note: for atomic ions the oxidation number and ionic charge are the same.
14. Balance a chemical reaction.
15. Use a chemical reaction to relate moles of reactants and products.
16. % yield calculations/limiting reagents.
17. Starting with chemical formula, draw Lewis structure.
18. Determine chemical formula from a skeletal structure.
19. Determine the hybridization and VSEPR shape from a Lewis structure.
20. Identify π and σ bonds. Groups connected by only σ bonds can rotate relative to each other.
21. Thermodynamic calculations of $\Delta H^\circ_{\text{rxn}}$, $\Delta G^\circ_{\text{rxn}}$ and $\Delta S^\circ_{\text{rxn}}$ from thermodynamic tables.
22. Relationship of intermolecular forces to phase, viscosity and capillary rise.

Covered for exam 1:

1. Describe how gas solubility depends on pressure.
2. Describe how freezing point and boiling point depend on the quantity of solute in the liquid phase.
3. Utilize the concentration units of mole fraction and molality in calculations.
4. Starting with a balanced chemical reaction specify the quantitative relationship among the rates of change of all species in the reaction.
5. Use the slope of concentration versus time (and approximations to it) to calculate reaction rates.
6. Given a chemical rate law deduce the overall order and order with respect to each reagent.
7. Combine algebraic manipulation of quantitative models with graphical analyses of data to extract information. This is a general technique but specific examples of application include: determination of reaction order, rate constants, activation energy, etc...

Covered for exam 2:

1. Interpret a reaction mechanism and identify the catalyst and rate determining steps, if they exist.
2. Use the concept of activation energy to predict relative reaction rates and explain how temperature impacts reaction rates.
3. Be able to construct a reaction quotient from a balanced chemical reaction and understand its relationship to the equilibrium constant for the reaction.
4. Apply Le Châtelier's principle to predict which way a process or reaction will proceed to reach equilibrium.
5. Determine equilibrium concentrations given a reaction's initial conditions and equilibrium constant.
6. Use pK_a and K_a to determine relative strengths of acids and bases.
7. Use the size of equilibrium constants to determine if reactants or products are favored.

Covered for exam 3:

1. Given the Henderson Hasselbach equation estimate the pH of a buffer.
2. Be able to identify Lewis acids and bases and explain how Brønsted-Lowry acids and bases are a subset of Lewis acids and bases.
3. Use cell potentials to determine the spontaneous direction of a redox reaction.
4. Given the Nernst equation and the relationship of K_{eq} to ΔG° calculate K_{eq} and ΔG° .

Covered for exam 4:

1. Predicting the shapes of coordination compounds using VSEPR and crystal field theory (CFT).
2. Use CFT to explain and predict whether a complex is high- or low-spin and whether it is paramagnetic or diamagnetic.

Course Schedule

Lecture meeting times: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 – 9:30 AM in Halsey Science Room 106

Discussion meeting times:

Section	Instructor	Location	Wednesdays	Section	Instructor	Location	Wednesdays
A01D	Dr. Gutow	HS 237	9:10 – 10:10	A02D	Dr. Mihalick	HS 237	12:40 – 1:40
A03D	Dr. Gutow	HS 237	10:20 – 11:20	A04D	Dr. Gutow	HS 237	1:50 – 2:50
A05D	Dr. Mihalick	HS 237	11:30 – 12:30				

Lab meeting times (all meet in HS 402): Labs do not meet the week of February 2, 2026. Exam 5 (core topics) will be administered during your lab section the week of May 11, 2026.

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays
9:10 A – 12:30 P A05L/Gutow	9:40 A – 1:00 P A01L/Crawford		
1:50 P – 5:10 P A04L/Mihalick	1:20 – 4:40 P A03L/Kedrowski		1:20 P – 4:40 P A02L/Gutow

Important Dates

- ALEKS Initial Knowledge Check due before completing the ALEKS prerequisite review (due Thursday, February 5th). To allow time to work on the prerequisite review try to complete the Knowledge Check by Tuesday, February 3th.
- First labs meet week of Monday, February 9th.
- Exam Dates:

Tuesday, Feb. 24
Thursday, Mar. 19
Tuesday, Apr. 21
Thursday, May 14
In Lab during the week of May 11.

- Last date to drop this course without a Late Add/Drop Request Form: Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Students dropping the course must check out of lab before the drop is considered complete.

Topics List:

This summarizes the topics in the reading you should do before class and before attempting the associated homework. See the [class schedule/calendar](#) for the expected dates topics will be addressed in class.

Week Beginning	Topics (numbers are sections to read in OpenStax text)
Feb. 2	11.1 – 11.2: Dissolution, Electrolytes 11.3 – 11.4: Solubility of Gases and Liquids, Colligative Properties
Feb. 9	11.5: Colloids 17.1 – 17.3: Reaction Rates, Things that Change Rates, Rate Laws
Feb. 16	17.3 – 17.4: Rate Laws, Integrated Rate Laws
Feb. 23	Exam 1 17.5 – 17.6: (not on exam 1) Collision Theory, Arrhenius Equation, Mechanisms
Mar. 2	17.7: Catalysis 13.1 – 13.3^a: Chemical Equilibria, Equilibrium Constants (skipping K_p), Le Châtelier's Principle
Mar. 9	13.4: Equilibrium Calculations 14.1 – 14.3: Brønsted-Lowry Acids and Bases, pH, pOH, Acid and Base Strengths
Mar. 16	14.3: Acid and Base Strengths, K_a , K_b , Acid-Base Equilibria Exam 2
Mar. 23	SPRING BREAK
Mar. 30	14.4 – 14.7: Hydrolysis of Salts, Polyprotic Acids, Buffers, Acid-Base Titrations
Apr. 6	15.1 – 15.2: Precipitation and Dissolution Equilibria, Lewis Acids and Bases
Apr. 13	16.1 – 16.4: Balancing Redox, Galvanic (Voltaic) Cells, Cell Potentials, Potential versus ΔG and K_{eq}
Apr. 20	Exam 3 16.6 – 16.7: (not on Exam 3) Corrosion, Electrolysis
Apr. 27	16.5, Recent Battery Technology: Batteries, Fuel Cells, Flow Cells, Solid-State Cells 19.1 – 19.2: Transition Metals, Transition Metal Compounds, Coordination Chemistry
May 4	19.2 – 19.3: Coordination Chemistry, Spectroscopic and Magnetic Properties of Coordination Compounds
May 11	19.3: Spectroscopic and Magnetic Properties of Coordination Compounds Exam 4 & Exam 5 (Core Topics Exam, in lab)

^a(Sec 13.2) K_p values and related conversions will be skipped.

Schedule Bold face #'s are related reading in OpenStax text.

Week Beginning	ALEKS (Monday)	Lectures (Tuesday)	Discussion (Wednesday)	Lectures (Thursday)	ALEKS (Thursday)	Lab (Days vary)
Feb. 2	Initial Knowledge Check	11.1 – 11.2	11.3 – 11.4	11.3 – 11.4	Prerequisite Review	No Lab
Feb. 9	Mod 1	11.5, 17.1 – 17.2	Quiz 17.1, 17.3	17.2 – 17.3	Mod 2	Prelab due Check-in, Safety, Bath Bombs
Feb. 16	Mod 3	17.3 – 17.4	Quiz 17.4	17.4 Review	Mod 4 open pie starts <i>Knowl. Check Due Saturday</i>	Prelab due Dye Bleaching
Feb. 23	Mod 5	EXAM 1 (through 17.4)	17.5 – 17.6	17.5 – 17.6	Mod 6 open pie starts	Prelab due Kinetics 2: E _a
Mar. 2	Mod 7	17.7, 13.1	Quiz 13.2	13.1 – 13.3 ^a	Mod 8 open pie starts	Prelab due Le Châtelier's Principle
Mar. 9	Mod 9	13.4	Quiz 13.4	14.1 – 14.3	Mod 10 open pie starts	Prelab due Equilibrium Constants
Mar. 16	Mod 11 <i>Knowl. Check due Tuesday</i>	14.3	review	EXAM 2 (through 14.3)	Mod 12 open pie starts	Prelab due Solubility Equilibrium
Mar. 23	SPRING BREAK					
Mar. 30	--	14.4 – 14.5	14.4 – 14.6	14.6 – 14.7	Mod 13 open pie starts	Prelab due Diprotic Acids
Apr. 6	Mod 14	15.1 – 15.2	Quiz 15.1 – 15.2	15.1 – 15.2	Mod 15 open pie starts	Prelab due Buffers
Apr. 13	Mod 16	16.1 – 16.2	Quiz 16.2 – 16.3	16.3 – 16.4 review	Mod 17 open pie starts <i>Knowl. Check Due Saturday</i>	Prelab due Electrochemistry
Apr. 20	Mod 18 open pie starts	EXAM 3 (through 16.4)	16.7	16.7, 16.6	--	Prelab due Electroplating
Apr. 27	Mod 19	16.5, Recent Battery Technology	Quiz 16.6 – 16.7	19.1 – 19.2	Mod 20 open pie starts	Prelab due Synthesis of Prussian Blue
May 4	Mod 21	19.2 – 19.3	Quiz 19.2 – 19.3	19.2 – 19.3	Mod 22 open pie starts	Spectrochemical Series
May 11	Mod 23 <i>Knowl. Check Due Tuesday</i>	19.3 Review	Review	EXAM 4	Mod 24 Open pie continues until 5/17	Checkout Exam 5 (Core Topics Exam)

^a (Sec 13.2) K_p values and related conversions will be skipped.