

**SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Syllabus for General Chemistry I-11241**  
**CHEM 1311- 001 (Fall 2021)**

General Chemistry I: Lecture  
Room: WSB 301  
Time: TR: 11:00 am -12:15 pm

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Office Hour: M-R 2:00-4:30pm  
(In person or zoom)  
(Appointments only)

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[COVID Regulations - SUL ROSS](#)

[Free COVID-19 testing for all SRSU students, faculty and staff comes to Alpine,](#)

**OBJECTIVES:**

***Student Learning Objectives (SLO):***

A student graduating with the *chemistry major* is expected to demonstrate that (s)he is able to do the following:

1. Organic Chemistry—Students will be able to draw organic molecular structures and explain organic reactions, stereochemistry, structural analysis and reactions in biological systems.
2. Inorganic Chemistry—The student will be able to demonstrate understanding of coordination chemistry, valence theory, elementary actions and advanced molecular theory.
3. Analytical Chemistry—The student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of theory of analytical chemistry and conduct analytical analysis, including data analysis and calibration, equilibrium chemistry, gravimetric analysis, titrimetric analysis, spectroscopic analysis, and electrochemical analysis.
4. Physical Chemistry—The student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the application and theory of physical chemistry, including topics such as atomic structure, electrochemistry, surface chemistry, solid-state chemistry, and thermodynamics.
5. Research—The student will collect and analyze published chemical literature and undertake a chemistry research project.

***General Chemistry I Learning Objectives:***

At the end of this course, a student should have a good understanding of:

1. The basic concepts and terms used in chemistry (atom, formula, mol, etc.)
2. The electronic structures of atoms and the periodic table
3. The basic concepts of chemical bonding
4. Chemical reactions in aqueous solutions
5. The ideal gas equation

***Core Objectives (CO):***

1. **Critical Thinking Skills** – Students will gain/improve their critical thinking ability by solving real life chemistry problems through inquiry, analysis, and evaluation of available information. Students will be tested on their critical thinking ability in exams and through lab experiments.

2. **Communication Skills** – Students will have the opportunity of improving communication skills through oral discussion and writing reports (i.e. observation, explanation, and conclusion, etc.) on the experiments done in the lab sessions.

3. **Empirical and Quantitative Skills** – Students will use the mathematical skills needed to manipulate and analyze numerical data obtained through experimentation in order to form conclusions.

4. **Teamwork** – Students will use team-spirit and consider different points of view to work effectively while conducting experiments as a team working toward a shared purpose or goal.

**Text Book:**

1. “*General Chemistry: The Essential Concepts 7<sup>th</sup> Edition*” by Raymond Chang and Kenneth A. Goldsby, McGraw-Hill, New York, United States of America, **2014**. (Older editions such as the 5th or 6th editions are ok to use).

2. “*OpenStax Chemistry 2e*” <https://openstax.org/details/books/chemistry-2e> by Paul Flowers, Klaus Theopold, Richard Langley, etc.

*The SRSU library has one copy for the textbook of the General Chemistry in the “Textbook Collection” section. Please ask the library front desk if you need help finding this textbook. For the “OpenStax Chemistry 2e”, you can do free-downloading the book file as PDF. Among two textbooks, you can choose one.*

**Calculator:** A scientific calculator is required for this course.

**Cell phones** **ARE NOT** permitted for use in exams and should be turned off during class time.

**The following chapters will be covered in General Chemistry I:**

**Chapter 1:** Basic Concepts: Classification of Matter

**Chapter 2:** Atoms, Molecules, and Ions

**Chapter 3:** Stoichiometry

**Chapter 4:** Reactions in Aqueous Solutions

**Chapter 5:** The Ideal Gas Equation

**Chapter 7:** The Electronic Structure of Atoms

**Chapter 8:** The Periodic Table

**Chapter 9 and 10:** Chemical Bonding

**Students with Special Needs:** *Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request for accessibility service. Please contact Ms. Rebecca Greathouse Wren, M.Ed., LPC-S, Director/Counselor, Accessibility Services Coordinator, Ferguson Hall (Suite 112) at 432.837.8203; mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas 79832. E-mail: [rebecca.wren@sulross.edu](mailto:rebecca.wren@sulross.edu) Students should then contact the instructor as soon as possible to initiate the recommended accommodations.*

**Scholastic Dishonesty:** *Students who violate the University rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to penalties, including the possibility of an **F** in the course*

and/or dismissal from the University. **All assignments (including homework) need to be individually completed and not copied from another student's work.**

**Homework & Assignments:** There are two kinds of homework assigned for each chapter. **One homework will be solved in the SRSU Blackboard (multiple-choice homework).** You may try to solve the problem sets several times to attain the highest score. You need to keep their due day for each chapter. Their due day for each chapter will be notified.

**The other homework will be done with your pen.** This homework style is short answer problem sets. This homework will be uploaded in Blackboard. After solving the problem sets, please, turn in your homework as one PDF file. You also need to keep their due day for each chapter. **NO LATE HOMEWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.** **Your professor will review and check this submitted homework to know whether you copy other students' homework or not.**

**Examinations:** There will be *three midterm* examinations and *a final* examination. The final is mandatory and comprehensive. **NO MAKE-UP EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN.**

**NOTE: all exams MUST be completed in pen!**

**ATTENDANCE PRERESQUITE: BEING ABSENT FROM MORE THAN 9 LECTURES WILL RESULT IN FAILING THE COURSE.**

**Grading:**

Homework & Assignments: 30%  
(multiple-choice 15 % and short-answer 15%)  
Each Midterm Exam (16.67%): 50%  
Final Exam: 20%

**Exam I:** Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

**Exam II:** Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

**Exam III:** Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

**Final Exam:** Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm

## Course Calendar

**Lecture 1 (Aug. 24):** Discussion on syllabus, importance of chemistry, classifications of matter, overview of states and properties of matter

**Lecture 2 (Aug. 26):** Physicals and chemical changes, units of measurements (length, volume, density, and temperature etc.), scientific notation and significant figures, precision and accuracy, conversion factor.

**Lecture 3 (Aug. 31):** Discussion on selective questions and problems on chapter 1, Dalton's atomic theory, discoveries of subatomic particles (electron, proton, and neutron)

**Lecture 4 (Sep. 2):** Rutherford's atomic model atomic number, mass number, isotopes, molecules, compounds, ions, molecular formula, empirical formula (*Homework Chapter 1 due*)

**Lecture 5 (Sep. 7):** Chemical nomenclature, naming of compounds, acids, bases, oxides, and oxoacids, discussion on selective questions and problems on chapter 2

**Lecture 6 (Sep. 9):** Exam Revision on chapter 1 & 2 (*Homework Chapter 2 due*)

**Lecture 7 (Sep. 14):** **Exam I (covers Chapter 1 & 2)**

**Lecture 8 (Sep. 16):** Molecular mass, mole, molar mass, atomic mass, formula mass and their relations, chemical equations

**Lecture 9 (Sep. 21):** balancing chemical equations, calculations of product/reactant amounts using balanced chemical equations, limiting reagents, and percent yields

**Lecture 10 (Sep. 23):** Discussion on selective questions and problems on chapter 3, Terminologies related to solutions

**Lecture 11 (Sep. 28):** Electrolytes, non-electrolytes, precipitation reactions, writing balanced ionic equations (*Homework Chapter 3 due*)

**Lecture 12 (Sep. 30):** Acid-base reactions and oxidation numbers; oxidation-reduction reactions – types with examples, Solution stoichiometry, concentration units, and gravimetric analysis; discussion on selective questions and problems on chapter 4

**Lecture 13 (Oct. 5):** Physical properties of gases-relation between temperature, pressure, volume and number of gases; Ideal gas law and its applications, Gas stoichiometry – calculation of reactant/product amounts in gaseous reactions using ideal gas equation (*Homework Chapter 4 due*)

**Lecture 14 (Oct. 7):** Kinetic theory of ideal gases, deviation of ideal gas properties, modification ideal gas law for real gases, Discussion on selective questions and problems on chapter 5

**Lecture 15 (Oct. 12):** Exam Revision on chapter 3, 4, & 5 (*Homework Chapter 5 due*) properties of light, black-body radiation and photo-electric effect

**Lecture 16 (Oct. 14):** **Exam II (covers Chapter 3, 4, & 5)**

**Lecture 17 (Oct. 19):** Atomic spectra and Bohr atomic theory, De Broglie equation, dual nature of particles, Schrodinger wave equation and orbital concept

**Lecture 18 (Oct. 21):** Electronic configuration-Aufbau principle, Hund's rule, paramagnetism, discussion on selective questions and problems on chapter 7

**Lecture 19 (Oct. 26):** Introductory discussion on periodic table, classification of elements and electronic configuration of ions, periodic variation of properties of elements, Group properties of elements (*Homework Chapter 7 due*)

**Lecture 20 (Oct. 28):** Discussion on selective questions and problems on chapter 8

**Lecture 21 (Nov. 2):** Exam Revision on chapters 7 & 8 (*Homework Chapter 8 due*)

**Lecture 22 (Nov. 4):** **Exam III (covers Chapter 7 & 8)**

**Lecture 23 (Nov. 9):** Basic concepts of chemical bonding, ionic bonds, lattice energy, and calculation of lattice energy, covalent bonds, polar covalent bonds and polarity,

**Lecture 24 (Nov. 11):** Lewis structures of molecules, formal charge calculation, Resonance structures and bond energy, and discussion on selective questions and problems on chapter 9

**Lecture 25 (Nov. 16):** Molecular geometry – Valence shell electron repulsion theory, Prediction of molecular geometry and polarity (*Homework Chapter 9 due*)

**Lecture 26 (Nov. 18):** Molecular geometry – Valence bond and molecular orbital theories, Discussion on selective questions and problems on chapter 10

**Lecture 27 (Nov. 23):** Review on chapters 9 and 10 (*Homework Chapter 10 due*)

**Thanksgiving Days (Nov. 24 to Nov. 26)**

**Lecture 28 (Nov. 30): Final Exam Revision**

**No Class, Dead Day (Dec. 2)**

**Final Exam (mandatory & comprehensive): Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm**