Chemistry 356

**Organic Chemistry II**

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Prerequisite: An A, B or C in CHM 355

**TO BEGIN WITH: Use your alarm on your cell phone to remind you of when you should study each day!**

**Office Hours:** M, W, F from 10-11am, 1-2pm; T, Th 1-1:45 PM; and by appointment also**.** You are welcome to stop by outside of these times and see if I am available or make an appointment with me. I am very accessible. You can always text me to see where I am.

**Overview:** This 3 credit course will provide you with many of the basics of the second half of a course in organic chemistry. We will cover as many chapters as possible chapters as possible.

**Required Text:** “Organic Chemistry” by

Janice Gorzynski Smith *Organic Chemistry* 5th Ed. McGraw Hill 2017. This book is available in different editions. I will provide you with a list of suggest problems to do for each chapter. The problems at the end of the chapter are not the same in previous editions so you should take a picture of the assigned problems from a current edition of the book.

I do want to emphasize that there will be problems on your tests that will be very similar to the problems in your textbook. If you choose to not do the assigned problems at least twice and check your answers then you are making a huge mistake. The level of difficulty of the problems in your textbook is on the challenging side which is why I really want to emphasize that you allow yourself enough time to check the answers to the problems that are assigned to you.

You can take pictures of the solutions manual located in my office at any time during the week.

**Blackboard:** I will typically email you information rather than use blackboard. The test grades will typically not be posted to Blackboard. This means you either need to come to class or to my office to obtain your grade on a test. If you email me about your test grade I will reply by stating that you need to come to class to see your test grade.

**Your Responsibility**: To study this subject as intensely as possible so that you can do well on the tests. You should spend a sufficient amount of time doing homework problems and reviewing your notes so that you are convinced that you understand the material. The biggest mistake is that students think they know the material when they really have not studied sufficiently for the test. My tests are very comprehensive; this means that if I taught a subject or concept in class, then it will most appear on the test.

**Attendance**: I strongly encourage you to come to class so that you can understand more fully the material. It is virtually impossible to do well in this class without coming to class regularly.

**Withdrawals**: The last day to withdraw from this class is 3/16/18. For a complete list of dates, the academic calendar is available at: <http://www.marshall.edu/academic-calendar/academic/spring2018/>.

**Tutoring Center**: In addition to help from me, tutors are available to help you with the material in this class. The tutoring center is available in Smith Hall. Their website is: <http://www.marshall.edu/uc/ts.shtm>. It is always better to obtain a tutor when you are first having problems rather than wait until two days before the test.

There will also be learning assistants for this course.

**Exams**: There will be a total of four tests, three lecture tests and the final exam. IF YOU MISS A TEST DUE TO AN ILLNESS OR A FAMILY SITUATION/EMERGENCY, PLEASE EMAIL OR TEXT ME as soon as possible (304-545-4370). There is also a final exam. **The final exam will be given to all CHM 356 students on Saturday, April 28 at 10 am.** All students need to take the final exam at this time.

**I will retain all tests after you have had a chance to review them. You can look over your tests as often as you want by coming to my office. Under no conditions will you take pictures of the test!**

**My Missed Exam Policy:** If you are absent on the day of the exam, you need to schedule with me a day to make-up the exam. Each student must take all of the exams.

**Homework:** My goal is to enable the homework to aid you in preparing for the tests. You should find the in-class notes, study guides, any PowerPoints and suggested homework problems to be sufficient for studying. The homework is just another option to use when preparing for a test. Remember, you have other classes so budget your time appropriately when studying chemistry.

**Calculation of your grade:**

Your exams grades will be averaged to determine your grade in this class. All of your test grades will be averaged, including the final exam.

Your grade is based on the following scale:

90-100% = A 80-89.99% = B 70-79.99% = C 60%- 69.99% = D

Less than 60%= F

If you are found cheating on a test, you will be given a grade of zero for that test.

**TO BE PERFECTLY CLEAR, IF YOUR AVERAGE IS 69.9%, YOU WILL BE GIVEN A GRADE OF D. I strongly suggest that if you are concerned about your grade, be just as concerned on the first day of the semester as you will be at the end of the semester.**

**Communication**: I check my emails frequently everyday and you can also text me (304-545-4370).

**Cell Phones:** Please turn off your cell phone during class. Texting is not permitted during class. There are no exceptions. My cell phone will be turned off during class. When you are in class, please give your full attention to this class and resist using your cell phone. Thank you for complying. Cell phones need to be away when taking a test.

**Students with Disabilities:** I am willing to work with any student so that you can succeed in this course. Please also familiarize yourself with the information in this website: <http://www.marshall.edu/disabled>.