

Chemical Principles Laboratory I

Chemistry 1215
Dr. Harris
Fall 2016 Course Syllabus
1 credit

Dates		Experiment/Activity
September	6 th – 12 th	Course Policies – Safety Review – Lab Drawer Check In
September	13 th – 19 th	Basic Lab Techniques
September	20 th – 26 th	Separation of the Components of a Mixture
September/October	27 th – 3 rd	Chemical Reactions – “A Greener Approach”
October	4 th – 10 th	Chemical Formulas
October	11 th – 17 th	Chemical Reactions of Cu and % Yield
October	24 th – 27 th	Gravimetric Analysis of a Chloride Salt
October/November	31 st – 3 rd	Paper Chromatography
November	7 th – 10 th	Heats of Neutralization
November	14 th – 17 th	Atomic Spectra
November/December	28 th – 1 st	TA/Course Evaluations – Score Check – Lab Drawer Check Out
December	5 th – 8 th	Behavior of Gases

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Materials

Lab Text (required): “Chemistry 1215 – Chemical Principles Lab I” Catalyst – The Prentice Hall Custom Laboratory Program for Chemistry
Lab Notebook (required): “Student Lab Notebook” from the USU bookstore (carbon-copy pages absolutely necessary)
Splash goggles, lab coat, full-length jeans with no holes, socks, and “complete” shoes are required in the laboratory.
 The lab fee of \$75 is used to purchase equipment and supplies for the laboratory as well as a small portion for teaching assistant compensation.

Grades

A score of 90% is guaranteed an A- and 95% or better is guaranteed an A. Final scores will be rounded to nearest one's place (94.4% = 94% and 94.5% = 95%).

Signed Lab Safety Documentation @ 20 pts.....	20 points
9 PreLab @ 10 pts.....	90 points
9 Lab notebook sets @ 10 pts.....	90 points
9 Lab reports @ 80 pts.....	720 points
Teaching Assistant Evaluation (safety, cooperation, independence).....	100 points
Total.....	1020 points

Policies and Procedures

- The administration of Chemistry 1215 will adhere strictly to the policies (including the issuing of incompletes) outlined in the USU 2016 – 2017 General Catalog.
- Qualified students with disabilities may be eligible for reasonable accommodations. All accommodations are coordinated through the Disability Resource Center (DRC) in Room 101 of the University Inn, 797-2444 voice, 797-0740 TTY, or toll-free at 1-800-259-2966. Please contact the DRC as early in the semester as possible. Alternate format materials (Braille, large print or digital) are available with advance notice.
- Attendance at all the assigned meetings is required. A missed experiment which has an excused absence will be made up by appointment only with the last scheduled experiment (Behavior of Gases). Excused absences include: (1) school excused absences outlined in the general catalog, (2) illness, and (3) a family emergency. Planned family trips, vacations, outings, and weddings are not excused absences. Students should notify the TA in advance, if possible, prior to missing an experiment. Students missing an experiment will have one week to notify the TA that they have a valid excuse. A missed experiment that is not made up will be scored as zero. Only one missed experiment can be made up.
- Individuals not wearing safety goggles, lab coats, full-length jeans without holes, socks, and "complete" shoes (no sandals or pumps) will not be allowed in the laboratory, no exceptions.
- All students must read and sign the Utah State University Chemistry and Biochemistry Departmental *Laboratory Safety Agreement Documentation* before beginning lab experiments.
- Students must be registered for the lab section they attend. Failure to do so will result in an F letter grade being assigned to the university.
- PreLab Work: the beginning of lab work will require a completed PreLab assignment. *The PreLab (one page limit) is written in the student's lab notebook and the carbon-copy is torn out and turned in to your TA at the beginning of the lab.* Permission will then be given for the student to begin work on the day's experiment. Incomplete or sloppy work will result in a delayed start and may result in incomplete experiments. In order to be fair to all class members, teaching assistants will not allow students to remain in the lab past the scheduled ending time. The PreLab report will contain the experiment title, a short statement (1 to 2 sentences) about the objectives of the experiment, and answers to the assigned PreLab questions.
- Notebooks: Students are required to keep an organized record of lab work in their lab notebooks. All work done in the lab must be summarized in the note book. *No writing on the lab report forms is permitted during the lab periods.* At the completion of each lab period, each student is required to hand in a copy of their lab notebook page(s). Each page must be signed and dated. These pages, along with the Lab Report, will be evaluated by the teaching assistant. Lab Reports will receive no credit in the absence of the lab notebook copies. Original notebook pages must not be removed from the binder. No blank pages may be left between lab entries and PreLab entries. All notebook entries must be in ink. Incorrect entries and mistakes should be crossed out and followed by correct entries.
- Lab Reports: The grade in CHEM 1215 is largely based on the completion of lab report forms in the Catalyst Lab text and the experiment handouts. In addition to completing the assigned experiments, there may be additional questions to be answered at the end of the report form. *Students are to turn in the actual report forms from the Lab Text or handouts.* Grading will reflect completeness, accuracy, and correspondence to the lab work documented in the notebook pages turned in at the completion of the lab. The Lab Report is due at the beginning of the next laboratory session. Late reports, pre-lab questions, and lab notebook sets will be assessed a 10% penalty per week. The lab report for the make-up experiment (Behavior of Gases) will be due at the conclusion of the lab period that it is performed.
- Students must review all lab course scores at the score check meeting time (November 28th – December 1st). It is also recommended that students retain all scored course laboratory work. Teaching assistants will not declare a student's final lab course grade at the score check meeting.

Chem 1215 Assignment and Lab Study Questions		
Lab	PreLab Questions	Lab Report Questions
Course Policies – Safety Review – Check In	No PreLab Questions	No Lab Report Questions
Basic Lab Techniques	2, 3, 8, 10, and 11 (pp. 13 and 14)	1-4 (p. 17)
Separation of the Components of a Mixture	1, 2, 5 (p. 28)	1, 2, 3, 5 (p. 32)
Chemical Reactions – “A Greener Approach”	See handout	See handout
Chemical Formulas	1, 4, 6, 7 (p. 43)	1-4 (p. 47)
Chemical Reactions of Cu and % Yield	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (p. 54)	1, 4, 5, 6 (pp. 58 and 59)
Gravimetric Analysis of a Chloride Salt	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (p. 70)	1, 2, 5, 6 (pp. 74 and 75)
Paper Chromatography	See handout	See handout
Heats of Neutralization	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (p. 84)	1-4 (p. 89)
Atomic Spectra	See handout	See handout
Behavior of Gases	1, 2, 3, 4 (p. 101)	1 and 3 (p. 107) Gas Law Problems 3, 7, 8 (pp. 108 and 109)

Course Objectives and Assessment

Chem 1215 laboratory experiments are designed to complement the Chem 1210 lecture course. The experiments deal with basic chemistry techniques, assessment of data, synthesis of compounds, determination of chemical composition and characteristics, chemical separations, and the characterization of reactions.

Assessment of the course will include an end-of-semester evaluation seeking suggestions for course improvement.