



**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY  
FACULTY OF SCIENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY  
COURSE SYLLABUS  
WINTER 2019**

1. **Course:** Chemistry 203, General Chemistry: Change and Equilibrium

LEC	DAYS	TIME	ROOM	INSTRUCTOR	OFFICE	EMAIL	OFFICE HOURS
L01	MWF	1:00-1:50	SB 103	Dr. Yuen-ying Carpenter	EEEL 237B	yyscarpe@ucalgary.ca	TBA
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L03	TuTh	9:30-10:45					

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2. **Course Description:** An introduction to university chemistry from theoretical and practical perspectives that focuses on an exploration of the fundamental links between kinetics, equilibria and thermodynamics and explores acidity/basicity and redox behaviour using inorganic and organic examples.
3. **Recommended Textbook(s):** *Chemistry* by Flowers, Theopold, Langley, Robinson, *et al.* and published by Open Stax . Note: Our recommended text is an open-educational resource, freely available online through the Open Stax website (<https://openstax.org/details/books/chemistry?Book%20details>). You are welcome to (i) refer to the text online, (ii) download the PDF to your own device, or (iii) purchase a print copy through the bookstore.

**Recommended practice resources:**

**Top Hat** – *Active participation is an important part of your lectures.* You are strongly recommended to bring you cell phone, tablet, or laptop to lectures and participate during in-class Top Hat activity questions. Access to Top Hat is free for University of Calgary students.

**Sapling Learning** – *Practice solving chemistry problems is a critical component of this course.* Recommended practice questions (with feedback) will be made available for the course on the online Sapling Learning platform. You can purchase a license for Sapling through the bookstore, or access Sapling for free on a limited number of computers on-campus.

**Other REQUIRED course materials (available from the bookstore):**

- Two Chemistry Laboratory Report booklets
- Lab coat & safety glasses
- A non-programmable scientific calculator (Casio FX 260 or equivalent)

## 4. Course learning objectives and associated textbook references:

Note: Not all sub-sections of each textbook chapter will be covered. More details will be provided during the term.

Enduring Understandings	Learning Objectives
<b>Gases and Stoichiometry</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Chapter 9 and Selected Review from Chapters 1-4</i></span>	
<p>To determine what is happening quantitatively in chemical reactions one must use the principles of stoichiometry.</p> <p>Gases are good systems for understanding molecular behaviour and its relationship to properties such as temperature and pressure.</p>	<p><i>Review:</i> Interpret, predict, and write formulas for chemical species.</p> <p><i>Review:</i> Identify, generate and balance chemical equations.</p> <p><i>Review:</i> Identify limiting and excess reactant(s) and use them to calculate theoretical and percent yields.</p> <p><i>Review:</i> Interconvert between concentrations, moles and masses of chemical species in solution.</p> <p>Use the ideal gas law to do stoichiometric calculations involving gases.</p> <p>Interconvert between partial pressures, mole fractions of gases with and total pressure of a gaseous system.</p> <p>Describe the Kinetic Molecular theory of gases (KMT). Use this model to explain relationships between temperature and particle speeds. Use this model to explain why pressure varies as n, V and T are altered.</p> <p>Describe the limitations of the ideal gas law</p>
<b>Equilibrium</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Chapter 13</i></span>	
<p>Most reactions attain a state of dynamic equilibrium.</p> <p>The reaction quotient is used to determine the progress or extent of a reaction mixture.</p> <p>The extent of a reaction can be altered by changing the conditions of a system.</p>	<p>Sketch and interpret graphs that qualitatively describe dynamic equilibria.</p> <p>Calculate equilibrium constants from experimental data. Calculate equilibrium concentrations based on initial conditions and <math>K_{eq}</math>.</p> <p>Write K/Q expressions for an equilibrium reaction.</p> <p>Use K and Q values to predict the direction of a reaction for a given set of reaction conditions (concentrations, P's, T etc.).</p> <p>Qualitatively predict changes to a system at equilibrium resulting from adding a common ion or changing concentration, P, V or T.</p>
<b>Thermodynamics</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Chapters 5 and 16</i></span>	
<p>Chemical changes usually involve energy changes.</p> <p>Reaction coordinate diagrams visually represent energy changes during a chemical change.</p>	<p>Define the terms system, surrounding and universe as applied to a chemical change.</p> <p>Identify standard states of common chemical compounds.</p> <p>Define enthalpy of formation and bond dissociation enthalpy, and use these values to determine or estimate enthalpy change for a reaction.</p> <p>Relate the enthalpy change for a chemical process to the heat released/absorbed during that process.</p> <p>Relate the specific heat of a substance to the temperature change when heat is produced, absorbed, or transferred.</p> <p>Compare the relative pressure-volume work done by or on a system in different scenarios.</p> <p>Relate changes in the internal energy of a system to the work done by/on the system and the heat released/absorbed by the system.</p> <p>Generate and use reaction coordinate diagrams to explain the energy changes that occur during a chemical change.</p>

Enduring Understandings	Learning Objectives
<p>Enthalpy and entropy changes both contribute to the free energy change of any chemical change.</p> <p>The free energy change of a chemical change can be used to determine its spontaneity.</p> <p>The spontaneity of chemical changes can be varied by changing conditions.</p> <p>The spontaneity of chemical changes relates to the extent of the reaction.</p>	<p>Define and determine qualitatively and quantitatively the enthalpy and entropy changes for a chemical change.</p> <p>Qualitatively and quantitatively relate enthalpy and entropy to the free energy or spontaneity of a chemical change.</p> <p>Qualitatively and quantitatively examine the temperature at which spontaneity changes.</p> <p>Interconvert between <math>\Delta G</math>, <math>\Delta G^\circ</math>, <math>Q</math> and <math>K</math>.</p>
<b>Kinetics</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Chapter 12</i></span>	
<p>The rate law is used to quantitatively examine the rate of a reaction.</p> <p>The rate of a reaction can be altered by changing the conditions of a system.</p>	<p>Distinguish between average and instantaneous rates of reaction based on graphs of concentration vs. time.</p> <p>Use graphs of concentration vs. time to compare rates and rate laws for different reactions.</p> <p>Determine the differential and/or integrated rate laws for a given reaction using experimental data.</p> <p>Predict the change in the rate of reaction that results from changing reactant concentrations or temperature, or from the addition of a catalyst.</p>
<p>Rates can be explained at a molecular-level using collision theory.</p> <p>Reactions can occur via a series of steps or a mechanism.</p> <p>Reaction coordinate diagrams provide a representation of the energy changes that influence rate.</p> <p>Catalysts provide alternative mechanisms, thereby altering the energy changes and rates for a reaction.</p>	<p>Use collision theory to qualitatively explain differing reaction rates.</p> <p>Use the Arrhenius equation to quantify the relationships between the activation energy, temperature and rate constant.</p> <p>Describe the concept of a reaction mechanism and identify reasonable reaction mechanisms consistent with the experimentally-determined rate law for a given reaction.</p> <p>Identify the rate-determining step, intermediates and catalysts present in a given reaction mechanism.</p> <p>Identify plausible reaction coordinate diagrams based on information about a reaction mechanism.</p> <p>Label key kinetic components of a reaction coordinate diagram for a chemical change (<i>i.e.</i> transition state, intermediate, activation energy).</p> <p>Describe the effect of a catalyst on the activation energy of a reaction.</p>
<b>Applying Chemical Equilibria: Acids &amp; Bases</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Chapter 14</i></span>	
<p>The pH of an aqueous solution of an acid or base is determined by both concentration and the extent of their reaction with water.</p> <p>Weak acids and bases are used to prepare buffer solutions that are used to resist changes in pH.</p>	<p>Distinguish between <math>K</math> and <math>pK</math> and relate these values to acid/base strength and to hydronium ion concentrations <math>[H_3O^+]</math> in solution.</p> <p>Quantitatively relate <math>K_a</math>, <math>pK_a</math>, <math>K_b</math>, <math>pK_b</math>, <math>pH</math>, <math>[H_3O^+]</math> and <math>[OH^-]</math>.</p> <p>Calculate the pH for an acid or a base in aqueous solution.</p> <p>Describe how a buffer functions and outline how to prepare a buffer with a given pH.</p> <p>Calculate the pH of a buffer solution before and after the addition of strong acids or bases.</p> <p>Qualitatively compare the acid or base buffer capacities of solutions.</p>

Enduring Understandings	Learning Objectives
Titration experiments are important for studying acids and bases.	Distinguish between the titration of strong acids/bases and the titration of weak acids/bases.  Qualitatively and quantitatively describe how pH varies during a titration by identifying the major and minor species in solution at each stage.  Use titration to determine the identity of an acid or base.
<b>Applying Chemical Equilibria: Solubility</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Chapter 15.1</i></span>	
The solubility of salts in aqueous solution is related to their extent of dissociation in water.	Qualitatively and quantitatively relate the solubility of salts to $K_{sp}$ .  Predict how the solubility of a salt will be affected by changing conditions.
<b>Applying Equilibria and Thermodynamics: Electrochemistry</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Selected parts of Chapter 17</i></span>	
An electrochemical cell provides a means to generate an electric potential from a redox reaction.  The electrical potential generated by an electrochemical cell is related to the spontaneity and extent of the redox reaction.	Compare standard and non-standard cell potentials by qualitatively predicting how the cell voltage will change with concentration.  Relate the cell voltage ( $E^{\circ}_{cell}$ ) and free energy ( $\Delta_r G^{\circ}$ ) of reactions under standard conditions to the equilibrium constant ( $K$ ) for a redox reaction.

**5. Laboratory Experiments:** (5 experiments on alternate weeks, 3 hours in laboratory biweekly, *see schedule*)

Experiment 1. I can't believe it's soap

Experiment 2. Determining the equilibrium constant for the formation of ferric thiocyanate,  $Fe(SCN)^{2+}$

Experiment 3. Investigation into the kinetic behaviour of aqueous phenolphthalein solutions

Experiment 4. Identification of unknown acids by titration

Experiment 5. Preparation of a buffer solution & investigation of its properties

**6. Tutorials:** (5 tutorials on alternate weeks, 1.25 hours in tutorials biweekly, *see schedule*)

Bi-weekly tutorial topics include:

- Gas laws and stoichiometry
- Enthalpy, heat, and work
- Equilibrium
- Kinetics
- Acid and Base Solutions

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**Schedule for Winter 2019****JANUARY 2019**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 First day of classes	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Last day to drop	18 Last day to add	19
20	21	22 Tut 1	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Lab 1	30	31		

**FEBRUARY 2019**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 Lab 1	2
3	4	5 Tut 2	6	7	8	9
10	11 Term test 1	12 Lab 2	13	14	15	16
17	18 Family Day	19 Reading week	20 Reading week	21 Reading week	22 Reading week	23
24	25	26 Tut 3	27	28		

**MARCH 2019**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 Tut 3	2
3	4	5 Lab 3	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Tut 4	13	14	15	16
17	18 Term test 2	19 Lab 4	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Tut 5	27	28	29	30
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**APRIL 2019**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Lab 5	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Last day of classes	13
14	15 EXAMS BEGIN	16	17	18	19 Good Friday	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 EXAMS END