SYLLABUS (21Aug2013)
CHEM 3153 "Organic Chemistry II", Section 1, Fall 2013
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Lectures:  MWF, PHSC 201, 10:30-11:20am; first class 19Aug, last class 6Dec.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:  (A)  David Klein "Organic Chemistry" and "Study Guide & Solutions Manual."  Text coverage will be Chapters 14, 17 – 23 in this order; some sections will be omitted and a few others may be added from later chapters (to be announced).  (B) Nucleophile/Electrophile Reaction Guide (ISBN 0763702870).  (C)  A #2 pencil for multiple choice exams.  (D) Molecular models (from OU’s General Chemistry are acceptable).  (E)  Your final will be the ACS Standardized Exam, which is comprehensive over CHEM 3053 and CHEM 3153.  The 1964 ACS Standardized Exam (w/answers) can be used to practice for this final exam.

Grading: Component      points       TENTATIVE Dates
Hourly exam 1        100    ~Sep 11, Wed, in class, Chapters ~Nu/E Guide,14,17
Hourly exam 2        100    ~Oct 25, Fri, in class, Chapters ~18,19,20
Hourly exam 3        100    ~Nov 15, Fri, in class, Chapters ~20,21,22
Final Exam           100    Dec 12, Thu, 8:00-10:00 am, ACS standardized exam, Org1 & 2
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Total maximum points   400    (Drop one exam grade from above – missed exam or lowest grade)

Because the maximum total points from above is 400, then
Course grade scale:  A ≥360    B = 320 to 359    C = 280 to 319    D = 240 to 279    F < 240

Note the course grades are not based on percentages.  The argument that a grade of 359 should be rounded up to an A because it is equal to 89.75 will not be valid.

• A missed hourly exam will be dropped grade.  No make-up exams will be given.
• Bring to the exam a #2 pencil & your OU ID.
• DO NOT bring to exams anything electronic: no calculator, no cell phone, no pager, etc.
• During an exam, it may be necessary to re-seat a student if there appears to be a security problem.  If multiple students appear to be looking at an innocent student’s exam, it may be necessary to re-seat all students, including innocent ones.
• Some TAs have been assigned to this course to assist with grading and answer questions; any questions about course material or grades should be posed to one of these TAs first
• Dr. Nelson does not represent proctors or assistants to be necessarily knowledgeable about organic chemistry exam questions; any information obtained by a student from one of them during an exam is used at the student's own risk.

Dr. Nelson may change by addition, substitution, and/or subtraction anything in this syllabus, including course content, assignments, due dates, and portion(s) of the grade assigned to individual course items.  Dr. Nelson reserves the option to use student classroom participation when making decisions regarding their exam grades and the final grade, when the letter grade assignments are truly borderline.
ACTIVITIES BASED UPON RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS CLASS:

Required Activities (Exams will be based on material from these.)

(1) Class lectures and material from the textbook which is covered during class. Some sections of some chapters will be omitted; students can determine which sections are omitted by means such as (a) attending class and observing the material presented in class, (b) discussing this with other students, such as a study group or someone you sit next to each class period, and / or (c) emailing one of Dr. Nelson’s assistants.

(2) Problems in the textbook which correspond to the sections of the textbook covered in class. Working ALL problems based on material covered in class is recommended. If you have difficulty with them, ask to see these worked during Student Action Center (see below) office hours.

Announcements and notices:

(3) Student Action Center. No new material (material not covered in class) is supposed to be presented in these; if new material is presented in these, it will not appear on the hourly exams in my class. One Action Center TA (<tylerkolsen@gmail.com>) is assigned specifically to this class; he and others will lead the following sessions which your class can attend, working problems in groups and on the board in Organic Student Action Centers. Times are Mon 4:30–6:00 PM (Wagner 135/140) and Tue 4:30–6:30 PM (Wagner 135/140). In these, you should request specific problems from your textbook to be worked and ask questions about anything related to class. All of these sessions can be attended by both ORG 1 and ORG 2 students. Do not EXPECT to see material presented or reviewed here (although that could happen); the intent and expectation is that you will come seeking answers to questions or asking to have problems from the textbook worked.

(4) Malfunction, error, and / or incomplete materials or capability from one or more of the resources upon which the grades are based is a possibility. Any resulting adjustment to the grade of an individual or the whole class will be the decision of Dr. Nelson alone. Dr. Nelson may apply a curve in the grades of any or all of the following: one or more hourly exams, online assignment, final exam, final course grades. Course participation may be used as a basis for small adjustments in grades, in cases which are borderline. Her determination of what is fair for any individual(s) and for the class as a whole will be implemented.

(5) University policies:
* Each student should acquaint her- or himself with the University's codes, policies, and procedures involving academic misconduct, grievances, sexual and ethnic harassment, and discrimination based on physical handicap.
* Reasonable Accommodation Policy: Any student in this course who has a disability that may prevent her/him from fully demonstrating his/her abilities should contact me personally as soon as possible so we can discuss accommodations necessary to ensure full participation and facilitate his/her educational opportunities.

(6) Remaining in this class indicates that you accept the terms outlined in this syllabus.

(7) Pose questions to one of the four TAs initially before contacting me:
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Ravi Kumar <ravikumar@ou.edu> (Postdoctoral Assistant)
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