Overview
This course will cover classical and modern aspects of coordination chemistry, bonding, and reactivity of transition metals and main group elements. Fundamental principles such as metal-ligand bonding, charge, spin state, and orbital analysis will be presented. The coordination of different ligand classes to transition metals will be covered, including reactivity trends. Particular emphasis will be placed on organometallic chemistry, small molecule activation, reaction mechanisms, and catalysis.

Lectures and Course Material
Real-time (synchronous) lectures will occur virtually at the scheduled time via Cisco WebEx Meetings – Everyone is expected to attend lectures at the scheduled class times. If this is not possible due to technical/connectivity issues, or situations beyond your control, please notify me as soon as possible. Lectures will be recorded and all other course material (assignments, exams, grades) will be managed through Canvas. Lectures and audio content from lectures will be recorded and posted online to Canvas after each class. I will remain “in class” (online) for approximately 10 minutes after each lecture for questions. In the event that a real-time lecture is not possible due to technical difficulties with WebEx, lectures will be recorded and posted on Canvas as soon as possible.

Please remember that:
Lectures and materials utilized in this course, including but not limited to videocasts, podcasts, visual presentations, assessments, and assignments, are protected by United States copyright laws as well as Rutgers University policy. As the instructor of this course, I possess sole copyright ownership. You are permitted to take notes for personal use or to provide to a classmate also currently enrolled in this course. Under no other circumstances is distribution of recorded or written materials associated with this course permitted to any internet site or similar information-sharing platform without my express written consent. Doing so is a violation of the university’s Academic Integrity Policy (https://policies.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/10.2.13%20%20current.pdf). Similarly, these copyright protections extend to original papers you produce for this course. In the event that I seek to share your work further, I will first obtain your written consent to do so.
**Required Textbooks and Software**

2. Cisco WebEx Meetings: [https://rutgers.webex.com](https://rutgers.webex.com)

**Additional Resources**

1. Jean, Y. *Molecular Orbitals of Transition Metal Complexes*; Oxford University Press, 2005. (digital version available through Rutgers Library)

**Grading and Evaluation**

Assignments: 30%
Midterm: 35%
Final Exam: 35%

**Assignments (30%)**

Assignments (3 or 4 in total) will be posted on Canvas. Questions will be related to subjects covered in class and in the relevant textbook chapters. Assignments must be hand-written and then digitally submitted through Canvas. For example, you can take high-resolution photos or scan your assignment pages and upload them to Canvas before the deadline. Late submissions will be subject to a 10% penalty for every day past due (10 days late = 0%).

**Midterm (35%) and Final Exam (35%)**

The midterm and final will be 24-hour “take-home” exams. The academic integrity policies described below still apply! Distribution and submission will be through Canvas. These must be hand-written and then digitally submitted through Canvas. For example, you can take high-resolution photos or scan your pages and upload them to Canvas before the deadline. The exams will consist of questions that typically require a detailed written answer and/or some sketching (eg., MO diagrams, metal complexes, organic and inorganic compounds). Makeup exams will not be allowed unless there is a legitimate written reason in accordance with University Policy.

**Class Schedule**

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**Important Dates**

Last day to drop without “W” Grade:  
**Sep. 14th, 2020**

Last day to drop course and receive “W” Grade:  
**Nov. 2nd, 2020**

**Attendance and Academic Integrity Policy**

Please review the Rutgers University Attendance Policy:  
[https://policies.rutgers.edu/view-policies/academic---section-10](https://policies.rutgers.edu/view-policies/academic---section-10)

As per the University’s Course Attendance policy (10.2.7), students are responsible for communicating with their instructors regarding absences. *As an academic community dedicated to the creation, dissemination, and application of knowledge, Rutgers University is committed to fostering an intellectual and ethical environment based on the principles of academic integrity. Academic integrity is essential to the success of the University’s educational and research missions, and violations of academic integrity constitute serious offenses against the entire academic community. The entire Academic Integrity Policy can be found at [http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/academic-integrity-policy](http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/academic-integrity-policy).* This policy applies to all Schools and Colleges of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, including the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy and the Rutgers College of Nursing.

**Special Accommodations**

Rutgers University Newark (RU-N) is committed to the creation of an inclusive and safe-learning environment for all students and the University as a whole. RU-N has identified the following resources to further the mission of access and support:

**For Individuals with Disabilities:** The Office of Disability Services (ODS) is responsible for the determination of appropriate accommodations for students who encounter barriers due to disability. Once a student has completed the ODS process (registration, initial appointment, and submitted documentation) and reasonable accommodations are determined to be necessary and appropriate, a Letter of Accommodation (LOA) will be provided. The LOA must be given to each course instructor by the student and followed up with a discussion. This should be done as early in the semester as possible as accommodations are not retroactive. More information can be found at [ods.rutgers.edu](http://ods.rutgers.edu). Contact ODS at (973)353-5375 or via email at ods@newark.rutgers.edu.

**For Individuals who are Pregnant:** The Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance is available to assist with any concerns or potential accommodations related to pregnancy. Students may contact the Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance at (973) 353-1906 or via email at TitleIX@newark.rutgers.edu.

**For Absence Verification:** The Office of the Dean of Students can provide assistance for absences related to religious observance, emergency or unavoidable conflict (e.g., illness, personal or family emergency, etc.). Students should refer to [University Policy 10.2.7](https://policies.rutgers.edu/view-policies) for information about
expectations and responsibilities. The Office of the Dean of Students can be contacted by calling (973) 353-5063 or emailing deanofstudents@newark.rutgers.edu.

**For Individuals with temporary conditions/injuries:** The Office of the Dean of Students can assist students who are experiencing a temporary condition or injury (e.g., broken or sprained limbs, concussions, or recovery from surgery). Students experiencing a temporary condition or injury should submit a request using the following link: https://temporaryconditions.rutgers.edu.

**For English as a Second Language (ESL):** The Program in American Language Studies (PALS) can support students experiencing difficulty in courses due to English as a Second Language (ESL) and can be reached by emailing PALS@newark.rutgers.edu to discuss potential supports.

**For Gender or Sex-Based Discrimination or Harassment:** The Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance can assist students who are experiencing any form of gender or sex-based discrimination or harassment, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, relationship violence, or stalking. Students can report an incident to the Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance by calling (973) 353-1906 or emailing TitleIX@newark.rutgers.edu. Incidents may also be reported by using the following link: tinyurl.com/RUNReportingForm. For more information, students should refer to the University’s Student Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment, Sexual Violence, Relationship Violence, Stalking and Related Misconduct located at http://compliance.rutgers.edu/title-ix/about-title-ix/title-ix-policies/.

**For support related to interpersonal violence:** The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance can provide any student with confidential support. The office is a confidential resource and does not have an obligation to report information to the University’s Title IX Coordinator. Students can contact the office by calling (973) 353-1918 or emailing run.vpva@rutgers.edu. There is also a confidential text-based line available to students; students can text (973) 339-0734 for support.

**For Crisis and Concerns:** The Campus Awareness Response and Education (CARE) Team works with students in crisis to develop a support plan to address personal situations that might impact their academic performance. Students, faculty and staff may contact the CARE Team by using the following link: tinyurl.com/RUNCARE or emailing careteam@rutgers.edu.

**For Stress, Worry, or Concerns about Well-being:** The Counseling Center has confidential therapists available to support students. Students should reach out to the Counseling Center to schedule an appointment: counseling@newark.rutgers.edu or (973) 353-5805. If you are not quite ready to make an appointment with a therapist but are interested in self-help, check out TAO at Rutgers-Newark for an easy, web-based approach to self-care and support: https://tinyurl.com/RUN-TAO.

**For emergencies,** call 911 or contact Rutgers University Police Department (RUPD) by calling (973) 353-5111.