Advanced Organic Chemistry  
Chemistry 511  
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Tuesday 6:00-8:50 PM, Smith 240

Instructor:  
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Please note that I cannot answer "chemistry questions" (i.e., Can you please explain the mechanism in homework problem #3?) over e-mail.

Office Hours: Tuesdays 5:00-6:00 PM in Room 201E Life Sciences Building.

Course Description:  
This course will introduce the first principles of organic chemistry. For students planning to continue studying organic chemistry, this course will provide the foundation for rationalizing and predicting advanced organic reaction mechanisms. For students planning to study other areas of chemistry, this course will provide insight into the relevance of methods used in other fields of chemistry to organic chemistry, as well as into the rational design of experiments to test scientific hypotheses.

Learning Goals:  
Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:  
- Predict relative thermodynamic, kinetic, and stereochemical outcomes of selected reactions.  
- Interpret thermodynamic, kinetic, and stereochemical data to draw reasonable conclusions with respect to reaction mechanisms.  
- Illustrate the mechanism of selected reactions.

Required Texts and Materials:  

   NOTE: This entire book can be downloaded for FREE from campus or login via Rutgers account: http://dx.doi.org.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/10.1007/978-0-387-44899-2

Recommended Materials:  
1. Molecular Model Set for Organic Chemistry, Prentice Hall

Course Evaluation:  
Your grade for the course will be determined as follows:  
Take Home Exam: 25%  
Presentation: 35%  
Final Exam: 40%

Take Home Exam: The assigned homework problems for Chapter 3 will serve as a take home exam. The assigned problems for Chapter 3 should be handed in one week after the lecture on Chapter 3, at the beginning of class on February 18. Prof. Brenner-Moyer will randomly select a maximum of 6 out of the 12 assigned homework problems to grade.
Presentation: Each student will prepare a 15-minute power point lecture a pre-assigned topic from chapter 9 (Electrophilic aromatic substitution), 4 (Nucleophilic substitution), or 5 (Electrophilic addition to C-C multiple bonds). Each student will present his/her power point lecture to the class during the scheduled lecture date for the chapter, on either March 10, 24, or 31. Thoroughness of material covered, accuracy of information conveyed, and quality of oral presentation will factor heavily into the grading of the presentation.

Topics to be assigned for presentations:

Chapter 4: Nucleophilic substitution
- SN1, SN2, and borderline mechanisms
- Carbocations, carbocation rearrangements
- Nucleophilicity, solvent effects
- Stereochemistry, neighboring group participation
- Leaving group effects, steric and strain effects, non-classical carbocations

Chapter 5: Electrophilic addition to C-C multiple bonds, and elimination
- Addition of HX, H2O
- Addition of halogens, oxymercuration
- Addition to alkynes and allenes
- E2/E1/E1cb mechanisms
- Regiochemistry (i.e., orientation) and stereochemistry in elimination reactions

Chapter 9: Electrophilic aromatic substitution
- Electrophilic aromatic substitution generic mechanism, substitution of groups other than H
- Structure-reactivity relationships
- Nitration, halogenation, coupling with diazonium
- Friedel-crafts alkylation and acylation, polycyclic and heteroaromatic compounds
- Nucleophilic aromatic substitution

Final Exam: Exam questions will be derived from lecture notes and homework assignments.

Policy for Absence from Exams or Illness During Exams: If absent on February 18, scan and e-mail take home exam to Prof. Brenner-Moyer. In the event of an excused absence on the scheduled date of the presentation, the presentation will be given the following week. In the event of an absence that is not deemed by Prof. Brenner-Moyer to be excused, a grade of "0" will be recorded for the presentation. In the event of an excused absence from the final exam, contact Professor Brenner-Moyer as soon as possible. In the event of an absence that is not deemed by Professor Brenner-Moyer to be excused, a grade of "0" will be recorded for the final exam.

Issues of Courtesy: Lecture will start as scheduled, at 6:00 PM. Please try to arrive on time, with your cell phone, pager, and/or other electronic devices turned off. If you must arrive late to lecture, please enter quietly, so as not to disrupt those who were on time and are listening intently.

Please note: There will be a 15 minute break during every lecture.

Assigned Problems:

Ch. 1: 1a, 2a,d, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12c, 15, 16, 17, 19
Ch. 2: 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 23a, 26c,d,f,h,l, 30
Ch. 3: 1b, 3, 5, 6, 7b, 8, 10, 12, 13, 19, 20, 23
Ch. 4: 2b,d,f, 3, 8, 9, 11, 13a,e, 14, 16, 20, 21, 23, 26
Ch. 5: 1, 4, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19
Ch. 6: 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 18b, 24
Ch. 7: 1, 2b,c, 9, 10c,e, 11, 15, 17, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26
Ch. 8: 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18
Ch. 9: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19a, c
Ch. 10: 1, 2a,b,c, 4, 6, 7c,d,f,g, 10, 12, 13, 14b,d,e, 15, 17, 18, 21
Ch. 11: 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20
Ch. 12: 2b,3b,4a-e,8,13,17,19,21
## Tentative Schedule of Course Topics, Exams and Reading Assignments:

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### Important Dates:

* Homework problems for Chapter 3 to be handed in at the beginning of lecture
** Student presentations
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