

Slide 1

**Syllabus Highlights**  
Fall 2017

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Slide 2

**Full syllabus is on myCourses!**

Exams (3 hourly – drop one) :	200 points
Final Exam	100 points
In-class/Recitation	50 points
Homework	<u>50 points</u>
Total available points:	400 points
ALEKS bonus	<u>20 points</u>
	400 points

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Slide 3

Let's say you get 80 on every test and 100 on the homework:

Exams (3 hourly – drop one) :	160 points
Final Exam	80 points
In-class/Recitation	50 points
Homework	<u>50 points</u>
Total available points:	340 points

$\frac{340}{400} \times 100 = 85\%, \text{it's a B.}$

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Slide 4

Let's say you get 80 on every test and 100 on the homework and do ALL of the ALEKS:

Exams (3 hourly – drop one) :	160 points
Final Exam	80 points
In-class/Recitation	50 points
Homework	<u>50 points</u>
Total available points:	340 points
ALEKS	<u>20 points</u>
	360 points

$\frac{360}{400} \times 100 = 90\%$ , it's an A-.

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Slide 5

- Key Points**
1. ALEKS is a straight bonus.
  2. You can do some of the ALEKS and get some of the points.
  3. It IS easier to get the homework and recitation points than test points.
  4. You never got more than a B- on an exam, but you still got an A- for the course.

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Slide 6

- Attendance/in-class + Recitations**
- Attendance will be gauged by in-class assignments that will be collected. The ONLY way to get credit for these assignments is to be in class and hand them in UNLESS:
1. You have a conflict and arrange PRIOR to class with me to make it up.
  2. There is a medical/family emergency. Then we'll negotiate a solution.

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Slide 7

**Bonus Points!**

Homework	50 points
In-class/Recitation	50 points

There are built-in bonus assignments.

On the homework, the "pre-class" problems are all bonus. You also get bonus points for answering optional questions, etc.

There will be extra points on the in-class assignments as well, to make up for any absences you might have.

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Slide 8

**Full syllabus is on myCourses!**

**ONLINE HOMEWORK! ONLINE HOMEWORK!**

This is 50 points. Again, it is possible to get over 50 points – "pre-class" assignments are strictly **BONUS!**

Instructions for registering for Modified Mastering Chemistry are on myCourses under "Content". **USE THE WIDGET!**

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Slide 9

**WT? is a "recitation"**

The "recitation" is that other hour on your schedule that is NOT on MWF 8:00 a.m..

It is one hour per week of strictly problem solving and writing assignments. **NO NEW MATERIAL** will be presented there unless relevant to the problem sets. [Except maybe this week.]

It is **GROUP** work, a chance to get some practice with the concepts we learn!

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Slide 10

**Cheating**

This is the conversation none of us like to have.

What is NOT cheating:

- Working together on homework assignments
- Working together on recitation problems
- Using the internet to work on homework or recitation problems

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Slide 11

**Cheating**

This is the conversation none of us like to have.

What IS cheating:

- Looking on other people's papers during exams
- Using the internet/cell phone to work on exams
- Programming answers into your graphing calculator
- Putting your absent friend's name on your in-class or recitation worksheet.

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Slide 12

**LAB! LAB! LAB!**

Lab is a COMPLETELY separate course.  
Separate grade  
Separate instructor

I can answer content questions about CHMG 145 lab: how to calculate something, why something behaves the way it does. But questions about what goes on in the laboratory (due dates, lab formats, excused absences) should be discussed with your TA.

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Slide 13

**Getting Help**

1. There are FREE graduate student tutors available. I'll post a schedule once we have it.
2. I am available. I'm friendlier than I look from the back row.
3. There are 200+ of you. You can help each other.
4. We have LAs!

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Slide 14

**What are LAs?**

LA stands for "Learning Assistant"  
– Welcome to RIT, Land of the Acronym –

LAs are undergraduate students that have been through General Chemistry. They look more and talk more like you. They are here to help you also.

The LAs will have weekly sessions (without me!) where you can get help. The LAs will also be in class and in SOME of the recitations to help when we are doing worksheets.

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Slide 15

**Meet your LAs**

Trevor Penix  
Nicole Pannullo

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Any Questions?

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