GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CHEM 51
Spring 2005 (S05)

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Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 4-5 PM, or by appointment (note also evening sessions).

ANY STUDENT WITH A DOCUMENTED DISABILITY NEEDING ACADEMIC ADJUSTMENTS OR ACCOMMODATIONS IS REQUESTED TO SPEAK TO ME BY THE END OF THE SECOND WEEK OF THE TERM. ALL DISCUSSIONS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL, ALTHOUGH THE STUDENT DISABILITIES COORDINATOR MAY BE CONSULTED TO VERIFY THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE DISABILITY.

I. Lecture Time: M, W, F at 11:15 AM-12:20 PM, 006 Steele. The X-hour, Tuesday at 12:00-12:50 PM., will be used regularly. Optional discussion sessions will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8:00 - 10:00 P.M. in Burke 220 if sufficient interest.


III. Course Description: The lectures will deal with the preparation, properties, and reactions of many of the important classes of organic compounds (Chapters 1-14 in McMurray). Mechanistic theory will be stressed.

IV. Comments: You will be responsible for all material in the assigned chapters of the text, including topics not specifically discussed in class. Students are encouraged to do all of the problems in each chapter, since practice is an essential component of learning organic chemistry.

V. Honor Principle: Collaboration on practice problems is permitted. However, all examinations will be closed book AND ADMINISTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HONOR PRINCIPLE. The Honor Principle will be strictly enforced.

VI. EXAMS: There will be three in-term examinations, scheduled as follows:

Exam 1: Friday, April 15th, 11:15 - 12:20 PM, 006 Steele; 90 points.
Exam 2: Friday, May 6th, 11:15 - 12:20 PM, 006 Steele; 110 points.
Exam 3: Monday, May 23rd, 7:30 - 9:30 PM, 006 Steele; Evening exam: 140 points.

Final Exam: Scheduled by Registrar, 160 points.

YOU MUST KEEP THE EXAMINATION DATES ON THE COURSE SYLLABUS FREE. UNLESS YOU HAVE DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE OF ILLNESS THERE WILL BE NO OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THESE EXAMS AT ANY DIFFERENT TIME.

VII. Grading Policy: The approximate mean (and median) grade will be “B”, derived by curving the results obtained from a total of 500 points. An H in the laboratory component of the course will ordinarily raise your grade by one unit. An S+ will ordinarily raise your grade by one sub-unit, and an S- will ordinarily lower your grade by one sub-unit.