

**South Plains College**  
**Common Course Syllabus: CHEM 1411**  
**Revised Fall 2021**

**Department:** Science

**Discipline:** Chemistry

**Course Number:** CHEM 1411 – 020

**Course Title:** General Chemistry I

**Available Formats:** Hybrid

**Campus:** Levelland

**Classroom:** S108

**Instructor Information:**

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

M 2:30 – 5:00

T 1:00 – 3:00

W none

R 1:00 – 3:00

F 1:00 – 3:00

**Course Description:** (4:3:3) Fundamental principles of chemistry for majors in the sciences, health sciences, and engineering; topics include measurements, fundamental properties of matter, states of matter, chemical reactions, chemical stoichiometry, periodicity of elemental properties, atomic structure, chemical bonding, molecular structure, solutions, properties of gases, and an introduction to thermodynamics and descriptive chemistry. Basic laboratory experiments supporting theoretical principles presented in lecture; introduction of the scientific method, experimental design, data collection and analysis, and preparation of laboratory reports. Semester Hours: 4 Lecture Hours: 3 Lab Hours: 3 Pre-requisite: MATH 1314 (College Algebra) or equivalent academic preparation; high school chemistry is strongly recommended.

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**Credit:** 4 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 3

**Purchases:**

- Chemistry, 13<sup>th</sup> Ed., R. Chang and J. Overby (**Recommended**)
- CHEM 1411 Lab Manual (**Required**)
- Safety Goggles/Glasses (**Required**)
- Scientific Calculator (**Required**)
- 4 Maroon Scantrons (**Required**)

**This course satisfies a core curriculum requirement:** Yes – Life and Physical Science

**Core Objectives Addressed:**

- **Communication skills** - to include effective written, oral, and visual communication
- **Critical Thinking skills** - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Empirical and Quantitative skills** - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
- **Teamwork skills** - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal

**Student Learning Outcomes/Competencies:****From Lecture:**

1. Define the fundamental properties of matter.
2. Classify matter, compounds, and chemical reactions.
3. Determine the basic nuclear and electronic structure of atoms.
4. Identify trends in chemical and physical properties of the elements using the Periodic Table.
5. Describe the bonding in and the shape of simple molecules and ions.
6. Solve stoichiometric problems.
7. Write chemical formulas.
8. Write and balance equations.
9. Use the rules of nomenclature to name chemical compounds.
10. Define the types and characteristics of chemical reactions.
11. Use the gas laws and basics of the Kinetic Molecular Theory to solve gas problems.
12. Determine the role of energy in physical changes and chemical reactions.
13. Convert units of measure and demonstrate dimensional analysis skills

**From Lab:**

1. Use basic apparatus and apply experimental methodologies used in the chemistry laboratory.
2. Demonstrate safe and proper handling of laboratory equipment and chemicals.
3. Conduct basic laboratory experiments with proper laboratory techniques.
4. Make careful and accurate experimental observations.
5. Relate physical observations and measurements to theoretical principles.
6. Interpret laboratory results and experimental data and reach logical conclusions.
7. Record experimental work completely and accurately in laboratory notebooks and communicate experimental results clearly in written reports.
8. Design fundamental experiments involving principles of chemistry.
9. Identify appropriate sources of information for conducting laboratory experiments involving principles of chemistry.

## Course Evaluation:

**A** = 89.50 – 100%  
**B** = 79.50 – 89.49%  
**C** = 69.50 – 79.49%  
**D** = 59.50 – 69.49%  
**F** = below 59.49%

Lecture Exam 1: 100 points  
Lecture Exam 2: 100 points  
Lecture Exam 3: 100 points  
Practice Worksheets: 50 pts  
Pre-lab Quizzes: 50 points  
Post-lab Questions: 50 points  
Final Exam: 100 points  
Possible Bonus Points: 20 points  
Total Possible point: 440 points

(One lowest midterm exam and lab will be dropped)

**Attendance Policy:** It is important that you attend all lectures and labs to do well in this course. Attendance will be taken in the form of grades for work completed in class. There will be no makeup exams or labs. You will receive a ZERO for any worksheets, labs, or exams missed. If you are unable to finish this course, complete a withdrawal slip at the registrar's office. Absences caused by official South Plains College activities or COVID will be excused.

**Lecture Exams:** There will be 3 lecture exams and a final exam; these exams will cover the materials discussed in the lectures, and the schedule of the lecture exams are on the course schedule along with lecture information. Lecture exams will generally be in a multiple-choice format, 25 questions in length, with the occasional free-response question. Only the materials discussed in the lectures will be on the exam. You will be given **1 hour and 15 minutes** to finish the exam. There will be a review packet for each exam. If the review is completed (by hand) and turned in at the exam time, **you can receive up to 5 bonus points** on your exam based on completion and effort (not accuracy).

A **3x5 notecard** will be permitted for the exams. Both sides of the notecard may be used and can be handwritten or typed. Notecards should contain **formulas, conversions, and constants**, or any other information allowed by the instructor announced in class. Notecards CANNOT contain any worked examples. A student CANNOT write any words, definitions, charges, or polyatomics on the notecard. For each unauthorized example found on the notecard points will be **deducted** from the exam. The length of the exam and the amount of unpermitted information will determine the number of points deducted. Any bonus points for that exam will also be deducted from the exam total. Any unauthorized material on the notecard is classified as cheating therefore the cheating policies in the syllabus may also be followed.

- Lecture exam 1 (Chapters 1 and 2)
- Lecture exam 2 (Chapters 3 and 4)
- Lecture exam 3 (Chapters 5 and 6)
- Final exam (Chapters 7-10)

*The materials scheduled for each lecture exam by subject to change, this change will be announced in advance if necessary*

**Lab Safety:** The chemistry laboratory is a potentially hazardous environment; therefore, all students must follow all of the safety rules passed out to you during the safety presentation. The students must also follow any specific safety rules listed in the lab manual and any ones that the instructor may announce during a lab period. A student not following the safety rules may be asked to leave the laboratory.

**Safety Rules:** These safety rules will be passed out in lab. The safety rules must be followed. Failure to do so can result in you being asked to leave the laboratory. You will be required to sign a sheet indicating you have read and agreed to follow the safety rules before being allowed to perform an experiment.

**Academic Integrity:** Cheating (as defined in the SPC General Catalog) will not be tolerated. If a student is caught cheating on an exam, a grade of ZERO will be given for that exam and that grade will NOT be dropped as lowest exam grade at the end of semester.

**Student Code of Conduct Policy:** Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

**Diversity Statement:** In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

**Disability Statement:** Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

**Nondiscrimination Policy:** South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

**Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement:** If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To [activate](#) accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations

request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or [email cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

**SPC COVID Policy:** If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or get tested for COVID-19.

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or 806-716-2376.

Absences due to COVID must be confirmed by Mrs. Edens. Without confirmation from her, absences will remain unexcused and grades from those absences will not be able to be made up.

**COURSE SCHEDULE:** *The following table contains the tentative course schedule. All material (including lecture material, experiment material, and material scheduled for the lecture exams) is subject to change. Also, all dates are subject to change. Changes will be announced if necessary.*

<b>Week #</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Lab</b>
<b>1</b> 8/30	Intro/Syllabus	Periodic Table Lab Safety
<b>2</b> 9/6	Chp. 1	Exp. 1
<b>3</b> 9/13	Chp. 2	Exp. 2
<b>4</b> 9/20	<b>Exam 1</b>	Exam Review
<b>5</b> 9/27	Chp. 3	Exp. 5
<b>6</b> 10/4	Chp. 4	Exp. 4
<b>7</b> 10/11	<b>Exam 2</b>	Exam Review
<b>8</b> 10/18	Chp. 5	Exp. 6
<b>9</b> 10/25	Chp. 6	Exp. 12
<b>10</b> 11/1	<b>Exam 3</b>	Exam Review
<b>11</b> 11/8	Chp. 7	Exp. 7
<b>12</b> 11/15	Chp. 8	Exp. 8
<b>13</b> 11/22	<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
<b>14</b> 11/29	Chp. 9	Exp. 9
<b>15</b> 12/6	Chp. 10	Exp. 16

**FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE:**

Wednesday, December 15, 2021  
3:15 – 5:15