

SD'02

**ADVANCED ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY
CH 434
COURSE OUTLINE
SPRING SEMESTER 2002**

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Required Textbook: Skoog, West, Holler, and Crouch, *Analytical Chemistry: An Introduction*,
Harcourt College Publishers, 7th Ed., 1999.

Software: Microsoft Excel

Course Objectives:

This is a one-semester course in analytical chemistry, where techniques for separation and quantitative identification of chemical entities will be discussed. The Quantitative techniques will include gravimetric, volumetric, spectrophotometric, and potentiometric analyses. Sampling techniques and statistical treatment of data will also be discussed. During the latter part of the semester instrumental methods will be emphasized.

Analytical chemistry occupies a special place among the subdisciplines of chemistry because almost all experimental chemists make use of analytical procedures in their work. The course will demonstrate the unique yet very familiar nature of the discipline in preparing students for immediate careers as well as for further study and training.

As in all science courses, problem solving is of paramount importance. We'll spend many hours working and reworking problems. Please don't leave home without your calculator.

Woody Allen says that "eighty percent of success is showing up," and Stanley Kaplan has said that "repetition breeds familiarity and familiarity breeds confidence." Not bad advice from two kids from Brooklyn!

Exams and Grading: There will be four midterms, quizzes, and homework assignments plus a comprehensive final.

Course Grade:

160 pts (four midterms)

100 pts (quizzes and assignments)

100 pts (final)

Make-up exams will be given only under exceptional circumstances on the basis of a written request accompanied by a written verification.

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Course Outline

1	1/14-1/18	Introduction... Units... Chemical <u>Equilibrium</u>	<u>3,4</u>
2	1/23-1/25	Errors and Statistical <u>Analysis</u>	5,6,7
3	1/28-2/1	Gravimetric Methods of <u>Analysis</u>	8
4	2/4	FIRST MIDTERM	9
4	2/5-2/8	<u>Equilibrium Calculations</u> with <u>Complex Systems</u>	<u>10</u>
5	2/11-2/15	<u>Equilibrium Calculations cont.</u>	<u>10</u>
6	2/20-?./22	Titrations	11
7	2/25-3/1	Acid-base Titrations... Buffers	12
7	2/25	SECOND MIDTERM	
8	3/4-3/8	Pol ctional Acids and Bases	13
9	3/11-3/15	Neutralization Titrations...	14
		Complexation and Precipitation	<u>15</u>
10	3/18-3/22	Elements of Electrochemi	16
11	4/2	Review	
11	4/3	THIRD MIDTERM	
11	4/5	Electrodes and Potentiom	17
12	4/8-4/12	Electrodes and Potentiometry (cont.)	17
		Redox Titration,	18
		Potentiom Calculations	19
13	4/15-4/19	Spectroscopic Methods	21
		<u>Spectroscopy / Spectrometry</u>	22
14	4/22- 4/24	Atomic <u>Spectroscopy</u>	23
14	4/26	FOURTH MIDTERM	
15	4/29-5/3	Analytical Separations	24
		Gas-Liquid and High Performance Liquid	25
		<u>Chromatography</u>	

FINAL EXAMINATION: WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2002, 10:30 AM -12:30 PM

LEARNING CHEMISTRY

Fatigue and how to minimize it

Even if you remove from your study area all the distractions that surround Joe College, you still must overcome fatigue. **After long hours** at a task, people become physically and **mentally tired**. **YOU** **WILL** not be physically tired if you get enough sleep. If your **learning efficiency** is high, you will have plenty **of time to sleep**. **High learning efficiency and** adequate sleep support each other.

Mental fatigue **is** another matter. After lengthy work periods at the same and **similar** tasks, you lose **sharpness** and enthusiasm. you must work **harder** and **longer** for a given amount of learning. You cannot avoid fatigue altogether, but you **can** minimize it. Try these ideas:

1. If you have several subjects to study, tackle **first** the most **difficult** or least interesting. Then, when fatigue begins to **appear**, you will be at least interested in what you are doing.
2. Again **if** you have several subjects to study, and if they are equal interest and **difficult**, rotate them, if it can be done without losing continuity. When you feel yourself losing interest in one subject, switch to another. Come back to the first subject when you **tire of** the **second**.
3. Take breaks. Study for about 50 minutes, and then take 10 minutes off. Stretch. Walk around. Snack. Watch the time, so you are sure to be back in time to start the second hour at full learning **efficiency**. Repeat hourly.
4. Work in short sessions. You will experience less fatigue in two two-hour study sessions than in one four-hour period. Try a two hour session in the afternoon and another two period **in** the evening. Then relax.

Notetaking

Now you have an idea of what your **assignment** is about, you are ready to **learn**. Learn now, **that** is, not later. As you approach each section that has a performance goal, read it carefully and **fix** in your thought what to do for as you study. When you come to a point of your reading that is **important** and should be learned, **think** about it. Summarize the main ideas and write them into your notebook in your own words. If what you see what your eyes stops over in your mind long enough to be analyzed, revised and summarized, you are learning it at that time. Continue to the entire assignment in this way. When you finish, you will have a compact set of notes covering the **main** ideas which you have learned already. When test time comes, you will be able to revise them. That is much easier than learning them for the **first** time.

Most students do not study in a textbook this way. The more common procedure is to sit down with a book and felt a pen. important **items** are marked, not in condensed form, but in their full textbook presentation. Many pages wind up **half** colored. You don't have to **think** about something to **recognize that** it is important and highlight it. If you don't **think** about it, you don't learn it. You have only made a date to learn it later. When test **time** comes, you have so many dates to keep it is impossible to keep them all. There is too much to read and too much to learn in too little time.

This **is** not to **say you should** never use a highlighter. Just use it **sparingly** and **intelligently**, as a supplement to your handwritten notes. Your notes **should have a page reference** to the marked materials. And when you highlight **something**, stop. Think about it. Learn it. Now!

Problem solving

As you begin **learning** how to solve chemistry problems, it helps to see clearly that your purpose is not to solve the problem, but to learn to solve the problem. You are never finished with an assigned problem until you understand it **well** enough to solve **all** other problems like it - or nearly like it.

Here are some general hints on how to solve problem:

1. Be sure you have read and understand the theory or principle behind the problem. Know **the definitions** if any mathematical relationships you will use, how **they** are written **mathematically**, and the units in which they are expressed.
2. As you use the question-and-answer method on an example, be **sure** you understand each step before going, onto the next. **THIS IS THE TIME AND PLACE TO LEARN HOW TO SOLVE PROBLEMS.**
3. If you are **solving** a problem from the end of the chapter, solve the problem without referring to an example in the chapter. . In particular, do not put one finger at the place of the problem **and** another **finger** at the page **where** a similar **example** is solved and then **flip** back and forth **repeating for your problem each step** **appears in the** example. This technique gets answers, but no understanding. Instead, if you get stuck, turn from your **end-of-the-chapter** problem altogether and work through the matching **example** from **start** to finish. When you thoroughly understand the example, close that page of the book, go back to the problem, and solve it completely.
4. Once you get an answer, be sure it is **reasonable**. (Just because an answer came from a calculator does not make it **reasonable**!
5. Finally the crucial questions: "Did I learn how to solve this problem and others **like** it?" Even if you have a correct answer, but **cannot** give a "yes" answer to **this** question, you have not finished with the problem.

KEEP YOUR OBJECTIVE IN MIND. YOUR PURPOSE IS TO LEARN HOW TO SOLVE PROBLEMS, NOT TO GET A CORRECT ANSWER AND COMPLETE AN ASSIGNMENT.

LEARNING FROM LECTURE

What a student **learns** from a **lecture** depends on what the student does before, after, and during the lecture. We will exam all three.

Before the lecture

Just as a preview of a **text reading** assignment improves learning from reading the text, so a preview of the **lecture improves** learning from the lecture. If you know in advance *what* part of the textbook to be covered **in** your next lecture, **flip** through the pages the night **before—or** even better, the hour before- the lecture. **Glance** at **section** headings and illustrations. Make notes on *what you think* the main points will be. Try to guess how these ideas go **together**. Being right or wrong is not **important**. The act **itself** prepare you to learn during lecture, rather than after. This should take about ten **minutes**, but it can save an hour or more of study after the lecture to accomplish the **same** amount of learning.

During the lecture

What you learn from a lecture depends largely on the **quality** of the notes you **take in** general, the best lecture notes are brief **summaries** that **list** the main ideas **presented**. **Phrases are** used rather than sentences. Ideally they are in outline form, showing major topics and subtopics. The notes are short, but they include all special conditions that are essential to the main ideas: Good **lecture** notes also **anticipate** a follow-up in which the comments are expanded. This is done by writing notes on only one half of the page, or one of the facing pages in a bound notebook. The remaining space is available for additional comments.

After the lecture

This is a crucial time. It has been demonstrated that a student who waits 24 hours before **studying** lecture notes forget almost **half** (46%) of the **material** presented in the lecture. In two days, 50% **is** forgotten, **and** at the **end** of the **week** 62% **is** gone. By contrast, **the student** who goes over the **lecture** notes within a few hours **after** the lecture retain about 98% of what was said, hold 97% a week later, and still remembers more than 90% of the **lecture** three weeks **after**.

It is during the review of **the** lecture **that** you use **the open space** in your notebook. **Write** in greater **details** the items that were **condensed** to a few words **during** the lecture. **Check** your text for anything you didn't quite understand. **Summarize** the main **points** of the **lecture**. As in **notetaking** from the textbook, **it** is the act of **thinking** through something to the point that you can, write at **it** in your own words that assures **learning**. Review **the lecture** just as soon after it is over as **possible**. Nowhere you **will** find the better bargain in time and **learning**.

LEARNING EFFICIENCY

If you have homework that **required** three hours of genuine **learning**, how many hours will you study to **accomplish** that learning? **Surely** it will be more than three hours. For some students it would be a lot more. How much more for you depends on your **LEARNING EFFICIENCY (LE)**. **Learning** efficiency is the ratio of minutes **learning** to minutes of study **multiplied** by 100. If a student gets 48 minutes of **learning** in one hour of study, the **learning efficiency** is

$$LE = (\text{minutes of learning}) / (\text{minutes of study}) \times 100 = (48/60) \times 100 = 80\% \text{ efficiency}$$

The object, of course, is to make the numerator as large as **possible**— maximize **learning**— while **making** the denominator as small as **possible**— **minimize** the time spent **studying**.

CONCLUSION

Learning is very individual **matter**. An **excellent** study technique for one student may be **unsatisfactory** for another. We do not **mean** to suggest **that** you should **intermediately** adopt all the **suggestions given** here, but we do suggest that you **consider** them. They have worked for **other** students, and there is **every** reason to believe that most of **them** will work for you too.

FINALLY: How **difficult** it is to learn **chemistry?** Here is **one** opinion.

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PRIMO LEVI, "The Periodic Table"



NAME :

E-MAIL ADDRESS :

TELEPHONE NO :

-HIGH SCHOOL (AND LOCATION, IF NOT IN
HAWAI`I) :

HIGHEST MATH CLASS TAKEN :

CHEMISTRY CLASSES TAKEN :

GENERAL

ORGANIC

NAME ANY OTHERS :

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER THE MOST DIFFICULT
ASPECT OF CHEMISTRY?