Syllabus and Tentative Course Outline for CHMY 562
Organic Structure and Mechanism
(CRN 73631) Autumn 2016

Lectures: **Tuesday and Wednesday 5:00 to 6:30pm; Room CHEM 204**

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Text: *Modern Physical Organic Chemistry,* Eric V. Anslyn and Dennis A. Dougherty, University Science Books: Sausalito, CA; 2006 (Required)
Text Website: http://www.uscibooks.com/anslyn.htm

Other Texts: *Mechanism and Theory in Organic Chemistry*, Lowry & Richardson
Advanced Organic Chemistry, Part A, Carey & Sundberg
Supramolecular Chemistry, Second Edition, J. W. Steed and J. L. Atwood
Physical Methods for Chemists, Drago

Websites: https://moodle.umt.edu/login/index.php
http://www.chem.wisc.edu/areas/organic/index-chem.htm
pka's: http://www.chem.wisc.edu/areas/reich/pkatable/index.htm
http://www2.lsdiv.harvard.edu/labs/evans/pdf/evans_pKa_table.pdf
http://rwindigo1.chm.colostate.edu/c545/pKa.values.pdf

Grading:		
	Homework Sets/Participation	half P/N 100 points
	80-Minute Midterm Exam week of October 10th	100 points
	80-Minute Midterm Exam week of November 7th	100 points
	Student Lit. Present. Weeks of Nov. 28th & Dec. 5th	100 points
	Comprehensive Final Examination	
	TBD	200 points
	Total	**600 points**

Student Literature Presentation: Find a recent paper in the chemical literature in the broadly defined field of physical organic chemistry (I recommend finding something in *JACS*, *Angew. Chem.* or *Nature Chem.*).

- In class presentation (15 minutes):
- Provide a written short summary of the paper and written suggested exam or quiz question from your selected paper. If this question is used on an exam or HW, you will receive 10 bonus points.

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***Tentative* Course Timetable for CHMY 562**

➔ Brief listing of *selected* topics to be covered.

Week 1: Week of September 4th (Labor Day, Monday)

Review – Prequiz, VSEPR, hybridization, MO description; polar bonds and dipoles; resonance, bond lengths and polarizability (1.1); carbocations, radicals, carbanions and carbenes; relative stability, electron delocalization (1.4)

Week 2: Week of September 11th

Bonding review (CH 1.1 and 1.4) – VSEPR, hybridization, MO description; polar bonds and dipoles; resonance, bond lengths and polarizability (1.1); carbocations, radicals, carbanions and carbenes; relative stability, electron delocalization (1.4)

Week 3: Week of September 18th

Bonding review, cont.

Acid-Base Chemistry (CH 5) – homolytic vs. heterolytic bond cleavage, aqueous and non-aqueous systems; predicting pKa's (5.1-5.4)

Week 4: Week of September 25st

Acid-Base Chemistry, cont. – solvent effects; HSAB theory/relative nucleophilicity and electrophilicity (5.6); biologicial examples and non-solvent influences on pKa (5.5)

Week 5: Week of October 2nd

Strain and Stability (CH 2) – Thermochemistry: types of energy, energy surfaces, strain energy (2.1); BDEs, group increments and radical stability (2.1.3, 2.2)

Tentative Read: An Introduction to Computational Chemistry (CH 2.6)

Week 6: Week of October 9th

Strain and Stability (CH 2), cont. – conformational analysis, A-values, electronic effects, aromaticity (2.3, 2.4)

Week 7: Week of October 16th

Midterm Exam #1

Strain and Stability (CH 2), cont.

Noncovalent Interactions and Solvation Effects (CH 3) – solvent properties and thermodynamics (3.1); "weak" interactions: H-bonds, dipole interactions, pi interactions, solvophobic effects, etc. (3.2 + additional reading)

Week 8: Week of October 23rd

Noncovalent Interactions and Solvation Effects (CH 3), cont. – "weak" interactions, cont.

Week 9: Week of October 30th (Halloween, October 31)

Noncovalent Interactions and Solvation Effects (CH 3), cont. – "weak" interactions, cont.

Molecular Recognition and Supramolecular Chemistry (CH 4) – thermodynamics of binding/association, binding isotherms, measuring Ka's (4.1); Molecular Recognition: complementarity, preorganization, hydrophobic effects, examples from the literature (4.2); Supramolecular Chemistry and Self-Assembly: modern examples of physical organic chemistry in confined spaces (4.3)

Week 10: Week of November 6th (Veterans Day, Nov. 10th)

Literature Review Topics Due

Self-Assembly (Supramolecular Chemistry CH 10) – Proteins and foldamers, kinetics vs thermodynamics, coordination compounds, hydrogen bonding complexes, catenanes and rotaxanes

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Week 11: Week of November 13th

Midterm Exam #2

Supramolecular Catalysis (Supramolecular Chemistry CH 11) – Biological mimics, cyclodextrins, cation binding hosts, metallobiosites, abiotic supramolecular catalysis, dynamic covalent libraries, self-replicating systems, emergence of life?

Week 12: Week of November 20th (Thanksgiving, November 22-24th)

Supramolecular Chirality (CH 6) – discriminating enantiomers (6.1); supramolecular stereochemistry (6.6); origins of chirality, autocatalysis, self-replicating systems (6.8); molecular motors

Week 13: Week of November 27th

Transition State Theory (CH 7) – energy surfaces and TST (7.1, 7.2); kinetics: Hammond Postulate, reactivity vs. selectivity principle, Curtin-Hammett Principle, microscopic reversibility, experimenatal determination (7.3, 7.4); steady state kinetics (7.5)

Read: Computational Chemistry III (CH 14.1, 14.2) – ab initio, semi-empirical and density functional theory (14.1, 14.2)

Week 14: Week of December 4th

Student Literature Presentations

Catalysis (CH 9) – Transition state binding (9.1); forms of catalysis (9.2); Bronsted acid-base catalysis; **Time permitting – Organic Reaction Mechanisms (CH 10/11)** – Predicting organic reactivity (10.1); Hydration of carbonyl structures (10.2); other topics as time permits

Week 15: Week of December 11th

➔ **FINAL Exam: TBA**

➔ *This is a rough outline. Time permitting we will cover selected topics in Chapters 9, 10 & 11.*