

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: CHEM-180: Applied Science for Civil

CLASS SECTION: X01

TERM: Winter 2024

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): in-person lectures & labs

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here. Learn more about Camosun's [Territorial Acknowledgement](#).

INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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OFFICE: CC 118

HOURS: Monday 1:30-2:30 pm & Wednesday 12:30-1:30 pm

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This chemistry course emphasizes the chemistry of water, the detection of pollutants and water treatment. Students will study basic concepts in chemistry, gases, solubility, electrolytes, pH, pollutants and methods of detection, natural cycles of nitrogen, phosphorus and carbon as well as the role of bacteria. Applications to civil engineering are included throughout the course.

PREREQUISITE(S):

One of:

- C+ in Pre-calculus 12
- C+ in MATH 097
- C in MATH 107
- C in MATH 115

And one of:

- C in Chemistry 11
- C in Camosun Alternative
- C in CHEM 175

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

1. Apply the safety procedures applicable to a chemistry laboratory.
2. Apply the basic terminology and tools used in chemistry including: components of the periodic table, units, the mole concept, balancing of equations, chemical nomenclature and chemical bonding.
3. Use the gas laws to calculate changes in a gas temperature, pressure and volume and apply the concepts of vapour pressure and partial pressure.
4. Describe the processes of dissolution and precipitation and apply equations of solubility; differentiate between a solution and a suspension.
5. Describe common contaminants in natural water supplies and the methods used for measuring them.
6. Define LD50 and describe simple concepts of toxicology.
7. Describe the natural cycles of nitrogen, phosphorus and carbon.
8. Identify various types of bacteria and their metabolism.
9. Describe bacterial growth and the bacterial growth curve.
10. Apply the fundamentals of chemistry to such applications as: corrosion and cathodic protection; hydration of Portland cement; polymers and plastics.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

CHEM 180 Laboratory Manual Winter 2024
CHEM 180 Question Booklet
Safety Glasses
Scientific Calculator

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

Lecture	Monday 12:30 - 1:20 pm	Centre of Business & Access 116
	Tuesday 1:30 - 2:20 pm	Centre of Business & Access 125
	Thursday 2:30 - 4:20 pm	Technologies 110
Lab	Tuesday 2:30 - 4:20 pm	Technologies 230

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
1	CHAPTER 1: Review of Key Concepts.	
2	CHAPTER 1: Review of Key Concepts. Experiment 1: Water of Hydration	All students must have reviewed the safety information prior to attending the first experiment
3	CHAPTER 2: Naming and Formulas.	
4	CHAPTER 3: Periodic Trends and Chemical Bonding. Experiment 2: The Magnesium and Hydrochloric Acid Reaction	
5	CHAPTER 4: Gases and the Gas Laws. TERM TEST 1 during Lab Period	
6	CHAPTER 4: Gases and the Gas Laws / CHAPTER 5: Intermolecular Forces. Experiment 3: The Spectrophotometric Determination of Copper	
7	Reading Break	
8	CHAPTER 5: Intermolecular Forces / CHAPTER 6: Solutions and Solubility Experiment 4: Solubility Equilibrium	
9	CHAPTER 6: Solutions and Solubility. TERM TEST 2 during Lab Period	
10	CHAPTER 6: Solutions and Solubility.	
11	CHAPTER 6: Solutions and Solubility / CHAPTER 7: Wastewater. Experiment 5: Quantification of Water Hardness	
12	CHAPTER 7: Wastewater / CHAPTER 8: Carbon and the Carbon Cycle TERM TEST 3 during Lab Period	College closed March 29, Good Friday
13	CHAPTER 8: Carbon and the Carbon Cycle	College closed April 1, Easter Monday
14	CHAPTER 9: Bacteria and the Nitrogen Cycle Experiment 6 (Optional): Primary Wastewater Treatment.	

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Labs (up to 6 experiments)*	20%
Test 1 (Week 5 Lab period— 110 min)	15%
Test 2 (Week 9 Lab period—110 min)	15%
Test 3 (Week 12 Lab period—110 min)	15%
Final Exam (comprehensive)	35%
	TOTAL
	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](#) policy for more information.

<http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

*Experiment 6 is an optional experiment that can be used to replace a lower experiment score, or make up for a missed experiment.

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

There is an expectation that students complete FIVE laboratory experiments, along with the associated assignments. In the event that you miss a laboratory session, you are expected to perform the experiment 6 in Week 14. Post-lab assignments will be submitted on, or before your next laboratory class, unless you have prior accommodation through CAL, or have requested an extension due to extenuating circumstances. You must hand in your own assignment and pre-lab assignment, regardless of whether you have worked with a partner and obtained the same data.

The student must pass both the lecture portion and the laboratory portion in order to pass the course. Minimum final score of 50% on laboratory work is required.

In the event of the term test being missed due to illness/other commitments (excused absence) the weight of the missed test will be carried over to the final. There are no make-up dates for term tests, no exceptions. An excused absence will only be considered for a maximum of one term test.

If it is advantageous to the student, the weight of the single test that has the lowest score (that includes the zero score of the excused missed test, see above) will be redistributed to the final exam. The final exam will not contribute more than 50% towards the final grade.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

The School of Arts and Science offers a Science Help Centre at Lansdowne campus. Tutors are available in Fisher 264 everyday to assist you in chemistry, biology and physics. The service begins in week three, and the schedule will be posted on D2L for you at this time.

Science Help Centres (SHC):

<https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/science-help-centres>

Student Learning Success Guides: All Guides

https://camosun.libguides.com/CSSCHome/Images_HOME?preview=8c8156761f510434e998e6240e396088

Camosun Grading Systems:

<http://camosun.ca/registration-records/student-records/camosun-grading-systems>

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Registration Policies and Procedures

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html>

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please

visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.