

CHEMISTRY 113

**LABORATORY SYLLABUS**

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**OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the laboratory experience in the General Chemistry course are:

- To familiarize the student with basic laboratory apparatus and initiate the development of correct and safe laboratory techniques.
- To motivate and/or demonstrate the practical application of some of the chemical principles introduced in class.
- To encourage the student to develop skill in observation, interpretation, application and presentation of scientific results.

**GENERAL**

Students will work in groups of three or four, assigned at the laboratory instructor's discretion. There is no laboratory manual for this course. Materials outlining the exercise to be performed on a given day will be provided in the lab and typically will not involve prior preparation on the part of the student.

**ATTENDANCE**

Each student is expected to take an active role in performing each of the lab exercises offered. In order to meet this requirement it is necessary that the student arrive for laboratory on time and remain engaged in the work until the group's recorder turns in the laboratory report or the scheduled lab period ends, whichever is earlier. If the student arrives late, leaves early, or appears disengaged from the effort of the group, it is customary to reduce the student's score on that exercise relative to that received by the other members of the group. The amount of this reduction is at the discretion of the instructor and will depend upon the degree to which the student's absence or lack of engagement impacts the work of the group.

There are no make up labs for this course – students who miss a lab for unforeseen reasons should immediately contact the lab instructor to determine how the absence will be factored into the semester lab grade. If a student misses a lab, he or she cannot just show up to another lab section and expect to be able to “fit into” the lab – again, students who miss a lab should contact their lab instructor as soon as possible. In the case of foreseeable absences such as

athletic events, music performances, business or class related trips, etc., it is the student's responsibility to find a student in another lab section who is willing to exchange places with the student who will miss his/her regular lab section. The student who will be absent during his/her regular lab period must also contact the instructors for each lab section to make them aware of the exchange.

## LABORATORY REPORTS

A laboratory report form, which is to be completed by the group's recorder, will be provided for each exercise. All experimental observations are to be recorded in *ink* on this laboratory report form in such a way that the result is legible. If a separate data sheet is used, it is to be submitted along with the properly completed report form provided. Extra report forms will be available if another is needed for some reason. The group's recorder is responsible for submitting this report for grading on behalf of the group.

Laboratory reports are to be turned in on the day the experiment is completed before the group leaves lab.

The top eleven of twelve lab grades will count toward your lab score for the semester, i.e. the lowest lab grade will be dropped in the calculation of your lab score.

## TENTATIVE LABORATORY SCHEDULE

There are four laboratory sections this term (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons) and each will perform a given experiment contiguously with the others. The tentative lab schedule is as follows:

Tues. August 26 – Fri. August 29	Math Skills
Tues. Sept. 2 – Fri. Sept. 5	Experimental Uncertainty
Tues. Sept. 9 – Fri. Sept. 12	ID Based on Chemical Properties
Tues. Sept. 16 – Fri. Sept. 19	Formula of a Chloride of Manganese
Tues. Sept. 23 – Fri. Sept. 26	The Activity Series
Tues. Sept. 30 – Fri. Oct. 3	A Copper Cycle
Tues. Oct. 7 – Fri. Oct. 10	ID of a Copper Compound, I
No Labs During the Week of Fall Recess	
Tues. Oct. 21 – Fri. Oct. 24	The Acid-base Reaction
Tues. Oct. 28 – Fri. Oct. 31	Acid-base Titration
Tues. Nov. 4 – Fri. Nov. 7	Permanganate – Oxalate Reaction
Tues. Nov. 11 – Fri. Nov. 14	Redox Determination of Iron
Tues. Nov. 18 – Fri. Nov. 21	Molar Volume of Hydrogen
No Labs During the Week of Thanksgiving Recess	
Tues. Dec. 2 – Fri. Dec. 5	The Gas Constant, Check-out

All laboratory work to be considered in the computation of the laboratory grade is to be completed no later than Friday, December 5, 2014.

Students who wish to request accommodations in this class for a disability should contact the Elaine Mara, Assistant Director of Academic & Disability Support, located on the first floor of Monocacy Hall, or 1401. Accommodations cannot be provided until authorization is received from the Academic Support Center.

## LABORATORY SAFETY

Students are expected to conduct themselves in an intelligent and orderly manner at all times in the laboratory. Disregard for sensible safety measures will result in dismissal from the laboratory. In particular, the following points are to be observed:

- Students will perform only those experiments assigned or otherwise bearing the prior approval of the laboratory instructor.
- Each student must provide his or her own safety glasses which include side shields for protection from flying debris. Appropriate eyewear is available for sale in the College Bookstore, but you're welcome to obtain them elsewhere if you think you can find a better deal. Eye protection is to be worn over the eyes any time you are in the laboratory and anybody, whether you or somebody else, is doing laboratory work.
- Shoes or other footwear that attach securely to the feet and cover the toes are to be worn at all times in the laboratory. Bare feet, stocking feet, flip-flops, sandals and shoes that leave the toes exposed are inappropriate and an invitation to injury.
- Long hair must be tied back/secured during the lab period.
- Eating, drinking, smoking and applying cosmetics are prohibited in the laboratory at all times. If necessary, these activities must be pursued outside the laboratory. No laboratory apparatus or glassware is ever to be used in connection therewith. At no time shall any food or drink be brought into the laboratory.
- Each student is responsible for the cleanliness of his or her own area, including the adjacent sink. No solids are to be discarded into the sink. Use one of the trash cans. Broken glassware and other sharps are to be disposed of in the container indicated for such. Any hazardous materials, as identified in the lab handout or by the lab instructor, are to be disposed of in the special receptacles provided.
- At no time shall any tightly corked or other sealed container be heated or placed near a source of heat.
- All pipetting is to be done with a mechanical suction device provided for that purpose. There is to be *no pipetting by mouth*.
- To reduce clutter, all bookbags and other student possessions not needed to carry out the lab work should be left at the back of the room.
- If somebody near you is doing something dangerous or in a careless fashion, gently bring it to his or her attention. If the behavior persists, inform the instructor. This may make you unpopular but will reduce your chance of injury due to somebody else's negligence.