

Organic Chemistry I

Course Ref. No. 10552  
MWF 9:00 - 10:05 am  
Hoffmann Hall

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Office Hours: every day (Mon-Fri) 10:30 - 11:30 am

**Textbook (required):** *Organic Chemistry*, 6th ed., by F. A. Carey, with the Student Solutions Manual. Optional in the PSU Bookstore are various different kinds of molecular model kits.

**Online Resources:** Most of the elements of this course will be accessible through the course web page at <http://chem.pdx.edu/~wamserc/C334F05/>. Some aspects of the course will use WebCT (also accessible from the course web page). The Chemistry Commons (SB1-221) has internet connections and is staffed with chemistry graduate students who serve as tutors.

**E-Mail:** WebCT has a Discussion List feature that will allow students to post messages. You may use this like open office hours to communicate with me, or use it to communicate general information to other class members. I can also be reached through my personal e-mail address ([WamserC@pdx.edu](mailto:WamserC@pdx.edu)).

**Class Schedule:** During the fall term, we will cover Chapters 1 - 9 from the text, following the schedule on the back. You should read the chapter in the text before it is covered in lecture. There will be homework assignments for each chapter but they will not be collected. By doing the homework in advance, you will be prepared for the in-class exercises, quizzes, and exams.

**Quizzes:** For each chapter, there will be **two** quizzes. The first will be a brief (5 point) **pre-quiz** done in WebCT within a specific time frame. For example, Pre-Quiz 1 will be available on WebCT only from Monday, 9/26, to Wed, 9/28, at 8:30 am. Pre-quizzes are designed to alert you to the main points in the chapter and to encourage your reading the chapter before the lecture coverage. The **chapter quiz** will be a 10-minute (10 point) quiz given at the beginning of a class, with some time allowed for going over any questions before the quiz. Quiz and pre-quiz points are on the same scale as exam points. The lowest scores of the nine quizzes and the nine pre-quizzes will be dropped. There will be no make-up quizzes or pre-quizzes.

**Exams:** There will be three midterm exams, worth 100 points each, and a final exam, worth 200 points, given in class as indicated on the schedule. Missing an exam will require a written medical excuse, in which case an appropriate fraction of the final exam score will replace the missed exam. There will be no make-up exams.

**Extra Credit - E-Mail Molecules:** Students are assigned a set of nine organic compounds to investigate, with information returned weekly via WebCT. Each molecule returned correctly will be worth 2 points extra credit, up to 18 points total. Instructions are on the course web page.

**Grading:** The final course grade will be determined by total points accumulated. The maximum is 620, based on the sum of exams (500) plus quizzes (120), as outlined above. Extra credit adds to your total. Over the years, I have found that letter grades nearly always fall into the following distributions: A/B borderline (85%), B/C (70%), C/D (55%), to pass the course (over 40%).

**How to Succeed in This Course:** 1) Clarify for yourself what you want/need to get out of this course, 2) participate actively in all course activities, 3) practice solving problems and developing appropriate skills, 4) use the technology and other learning resources that are made available, 5) reflect on what does and doesn't work for you in learning this material, and ask for help. These themes are elaborated in the "Day One" lecture on goals and expectations.

**Miscellaneous:** University policy will be strictly followed with respect to course withdrawal, academic honesty, and related subjects. Please ask the instructor or consult the latest PSU Bulletin if you have any questions.

Class Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>WebCT</u>	<u>Classwork</u>	
M, 9/26		Introduction	Chap 1 - Bonding and Structure
W, 9/28	Pre-Quiz 1		Chap 1
F, 9/30	Pre-Quiz 2		Chap 2 - Alkanes and Cycloalkanes
M, 10/3		Quiz 1	Chap 2
W, 10/5			Chap 2
F, 10/7	Pre-Quiz 3		Chap 3 - Conformational Analysis
M, 10/10		Quiz 2	Chap 3
W, 10/12	Pre-Quiz 4		Chap 3
F, 10/14		Quiz 3	Chap 4 - Alcohols and Alkyl Halides
M, 10/17		<b>Exam 1, Chapters 1 - 3</b>	
W, 10/19			Chap 4
F, 10/21			Chap 4
M, 10/24	Pre-Quiz 5		Chap 5 - Alkene Structure and Prep'n
W, 10/26		Quiz 4	Chap 5
F, 10/28			Chap 5
M, 10/31	Pre-Quiz 6		Chap 6 - Alkene Reactions
W, 11/2		Quiz 5	Chap 6
F, 11/4			Chap 6
M, 11/7	Pre-Quiz 7		Chap 7 - Stereochemistry
W, 11/9		Quiz 6	Chap 7
F, 11/11	<b>Holiday</b>		
M, 11/14		<b>Exam 2, Chapters 4 - 6</b>	
W, 11/16	Pre-Quiz 8		Chap 7
F, 11/18		Quiz 7	Chap 8 - Nucleophilic Substitution
M, 11/21			Chap 8
W, 11/23	Pre-Quiz 9	Quiz 8	Chap 9 - Alkynes
F, 11/25	<b>Holiday</b>		
M, 11/28		Quiz 9	Chap 9
W, 11/30		<b>Exam 3, Chapters 7 - 9</b>	
F, 12/2			Review

**Pre-quizzes** are available on the class website until 8:30 am on the day indicated above.

**Quizzes** are given at the beginning of the class period indicated above.

**Exams** are given for the full 65 minutes of the class period indicated.

**FINAL EXAM:** Chapters 1 - 9, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 8:00 - 9:50 am