



**CHE 310 - N01 : Organic Chemistry I
Fall 2005**

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Text: Organic Chemistry, 5th ed. Seyhan Ege

Class Times: 8:00 - 8:50 am MWF; SC 305

Discussions: 7:00 - 7:50 am W; SC 305

Office Hours: M 9:00 – 10:00 am; T 10:00 – 11:00 am; F 10:00 – 11:00 am
By appointment. I have an open door policy.

Objectives:

- 1) To learn fundamental physical properties of organic molecules
- 2) To master chemical reactions by developing a clear understanding of their reaction mechanisms
- 3) To acquire an understanding of the methods used by chemists to identify organic molecules
- 4) To provide students an excellent foundation for the use of organic chemistry in related disciplines (*e.g.* chemistry, biochemistry, biology, pharmacology, medical school, etc.)

Hour Exams: All exams will consist of short answer questions and will take place in class on the following tentative dates and contents:

Hour exam I	CH 1-4	Friday, September 23, 2005
Hour exam II	CH 5-7	Friday, October 28, 2005
Hour exam III	CH 8-11	Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Exams will begin at 7:30 am for individuals wishing extra time.

Final Exam: Wednesday December 14, 2005. 8:00 – 10:00 am
The final will be cumulative for the semester.

Grading Policy: Each hour exam is worth 100 points and the final is worth 200 points. Graded homework assignments will count for 100 points. Your final letter grade will be assigned on the basis of the following curve:

- A ($\geq 86.0\%$)
- B (73.0 – 85.9 %)
- C (60.0 – 72.9 %)
- D (50.0 – 59.9 %)
- F ($\leq 49.9\%$)

Students receiving a perfect homework score for the semester may be considered for the next higher grade if they are within 1 % of the cutoff. However, the grade cannot be raised beyond the highest exam grade.

Missed Exams: **No make-up exams will be given.** If you are ill the day of one of the three semester hour exams, you must notify me in advance. The score for the missed exam will be an average of all remaining exams (including the final adjusted to 100 points). You may only miss one exam. You will receive a score of zero if no notification is given. You will be dropped from the class if you miss two exams.

Regrades: Any corrections in grading must be addressed within 48 hours of when an exam returned in class or a homework assignment is recorded. Regrades must be requested in writing using the on-line form. *You must clearly explain all errors and provide support for why your answer is correct.* Requests not giving sufficient explanations will be dismissed. When a regrade is requested, the entire exam or homework may be regraded.

Problems: In combination with your reading of the text, you should practice the problems within the chapters. Problems at the end of the chapter will be also assigned and posted on the Internet. Textbook problems will not be graded.

Internet: This is a web enhanced course. Students meet at regularly scheduled class time and will need access to the Internet to fulfill course requirements.

Homework: Graded homework will regularly be assigned during the semester using the e-Grade system. Each assignment will have approximately 6 questions; there may be more or less. Assignments will typically have a one week duration, although some may be longer or shorter. Students may make as many attempts as they wish before the due date. For this reason, ***no partial credit is given for individual questions.*** After the due date I will record the best score from all attempts taken up to that point. Students are encouraged to take additional attempts even after receiving a perfect score and after the due date. Several of the homework assignments will require the free Chime internet plug-in. You will need to develop a proficiency in the use of this plug-in.

If the total homework points are less than 100, the grading scale will be adjusted using the total number of possible homework points. If there are more than 100 total possible homework points, your points will be determined as the percentage of the total rounded to the next higher whole number.

Eligibility: In order to be eligible for e-Grade homework scores to be applied to your grade you must be in good standing in the class. Good standing is defined as a score of 60 or better on the previous exam or instructor approval for individuals with scores below 60. Instructor approval will only be granted after a one-on-one meeting with the instructor.

Students with scores below 60 will have one week from the date where the exam is returned in class to meet with the instructor. This policy will not apply to any attempts taken during that week.

Although students who are not in good standing will be allowed to access the e-Grade system and make attempts, no scores will be accepted for any attempt prior to the date where the student returns to good standing. All students begin the class in good standing.

Tutorials: There are a number of Internet tutorials created for this class. These tutorials are designed to help you with many of the more difficult problems of organic chemistry, in particular those which are spatial.

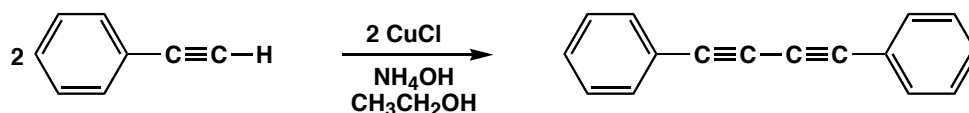
Models: Molecular models are not required, but are highly recommended. There are many types of models, but the models sold by the ACS Student Affiliates will be sufficient. **You will be allowed to use these models on exams.**

Attendance: NKU policy states that class attendance is mandatory. I will take attendance daily. Students not attending 80 % of the lectures will be dropped from the course. Instructor initiated drops will not be executed until after the first exam. Class begins at 8:00 am promptly. Tardiness is a distraction to the instructor and other students. If you are late to class it will be noted and you will lose 3 points credit from the current e-grade assignment. You will receive one grace. I use the Official US Time Clock (<http://www.time.gov/>)

Academic integrity The work in this course is subject to The *Northern Kentucky University Student Honor code*. The Honor Code is a commitment to the highest degree of ethical integrity in academic conduct, a commitment that, individually and collectively, the students of Northern Kentucky University will not lie, cheat, or plagiarize to gain and academic advantage over fellow students or avoid academic requirements.

Cheating is an extremely serious offense and will not be tolerated! Any unauthorized assistance on an examination or homework is considered cheating. The use of previously graded e-Grade assignments (other than the graded attempts that you have taken yourself) is considered cheating. In accordance with the *Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities*, faculty members have the right to determine actions to be taken when a student is caught cheating. Penalties for cheating can range from but are not limited to scores of zero on individual assignments or exams to expulsion from the University and does include failure of the course.

Faculty members reserve the right to dismiss or to have removed a disruptive student from their classrooms.



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Students are responsible for reading and understanding all items on the syllabus. Any items not understood must be brought to the attention of the instructor within the first two weeks of class.

Note: All items on this syllabus are subject to change