



**CHE 311 - N01 : Organic Chemistry II  
Spring 2007**

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**Text:** Organic Chemistry, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Seyhan Ege

**Prerequisite:** A grade of "C" or better in CHE 310

**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 1:00 – 2:00 pm; W 10:00 – 11:00 am  
By appointment. I have an open door policy.

**Learning Outcomes:** At the end of this lecture course students should be able to

- 1) understand the type of reactions typical of compounds containing the C-X group (X = halide, OH, OR, NR<sub>2</sub>), aldehydes, ketones, carboxylic acids, esters, acyl halides, amides, and aromatic rings.
- 2) analyze compounds based on their functional groups in order to predict chemical reactivity.
- 3) apply the principles of electron motion to provide mechanisms for a selection of organic reactions
- 4) analyze and evaluate simple organic molecules in order to create possible synthetic routes

**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 11-15 Friday, February 9, 2007

Hour exam II CH 16-20 Friday, March 23, 2007

Hour exam III CH 21-23 Wednesday, April 25, 2007

**Final Exam:** Wednesday May 2, 2006. 8:00 – 10:00 am  
The final will be the ACS exam, cumulative for the entire book.  
A study guide for the final is available through the ACS  
[http://www4.uwm.edu/chemexams/guides/details\\_guides.cfm?ID=163](http://www4.uwm.edu/chemexams/guides/details_guides.cfm?ID=163)

**Grading Policy:** Each hour exam is worth 100 points and the final is worth 200 points. Graded homework assignments & quizzes will count a maximum of 100 points (see Homework & Quizzes). If you are within 1% of the next higher grade and have 100 % or better on your homework (not rounded and not including quizzes), you may receive the next higher grade. However, under no circumstances can the homework be used to increase your grade beyond your best exam letter grade. Your final letter grade will be assigned based on the following curve:

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| A ( $\geq 86.00$ %) | "Represents exceptionally high achievement..." |
| B (73.00 – 85.99 %) | "Represents high achievement..."               |
| C (60.00 – 72.99 %) | "Represents average achievement..."            |
| D (50.00 – 59.99 %) | "Represents the minimum passing grade..."      |
| F ( $\leq 49.99$ %) | "Indicates failure in a course."               |

However, under no circumstances can the homework be used to increase your final course grade beyond your best exam letter grade. For example: E1 = 52, E2 = 56, E3 = 54 and Final = 110. Your best letter grade on an exam is a 'D'. You cannot receive a letter grade of 'C' for the course even if your homework score = 100 and your final total is 61 %.

**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.

**Old Exams** Exams from CHE 311 – N01 exams from Spring 2006 as well as the exams from CHE 310 – N01 from the fall of 2005 and 2006 are available on line. <http://www.nku.edu/~russellk/courses/che311/311exam.htm>  
Use of CHE 311 exams written prior to the Spring 2006 is not allowed without the written consent of the instructor.

**Posting Scores** Each student will adopt the name of a Chemistry Nobel Laureate. I will use your chosen Laureate to post scores. Students may request not to have their scores posted, but they are still expected to adopt a Laureate. Laureates can be chosen through the course web page.

**E-mail** I regularly contact the entire class through e-mail. You will enter your e-mail address when you choose your Laureate. I do not use Blackboard. If your e-mail address changes or you wish to give me additional e-mail addresses please let me know (by e-mail of course). I am not responsible for e-mails that are not received.

**Re-grades:**

Any corrections in grading must be addressed within 48 hours of when an exam returned in class or a homework assignment is due. Re-grades must be requested in writing using the on-line re-grade 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 re-grade is requested, the entire exam or homework will be re-graded.

URL: <http://www.nku.edu/~russellk/courses/regrade.pdf>

**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.

**Homework:**

Graded homework will regularly be assigned during the semester using the e-Grade system. Each assignment will have approximately six 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 (e-grade + quizzes), 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.

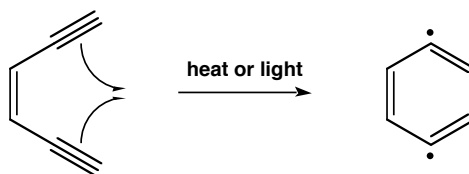
- Quizzes :** Short quizzes (60 seconds) may be given at the beginning of any class period. They will reflect key concepts from the previous lecture or material that you should be familiar with from your reading of the lecture material for that class period. The points for quizzes will be counted towards your homework score. There are absolutely no make-ups for quizzes. However, the lowest quiz score for the semester will be dropped when calculating grades.
- 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.
- On Reserve:** The following are on reserve at the library (under Kempton):  
1) Solution Manual for Ege  
2) Guide To Electron Pushing
- 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 (\$20 cash – my office). **You will be allowed to use these models on all exams except the ACS exam.**
- 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/>).

**Disability Services** Students with disabilities who require accommodations (academic adjustments, auxiliary aids or services) for this course must register with the Office of Disability Services. Please contact the disability service office in University Center Suite 320 or by calling (859) 572-6373 for more information. Verification of your disability is required in the disability services office for you to receive reasonable academic accommodations. Visit the disability services website at <http://www.nku.edu/~disability>.

**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 an academic advantage over fellow students or avoid academic requirements.

[http://www.nku.edu/~technology/code\\_of\\_ethics.htm](http://www.nku.edu/~technology/code_of_ethics.htm)

The *Northern Kentucky University Student Honor Code* will be strictly enforced in this class. 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 your own) 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.



**The Bergman Cyclization**

Note: This syllabus is subject to change.

Students are responsible for 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.