

Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory  
CHE 320L  
Northern Kentucky University

Spring 2007  
R 1:40 - 5:40 P.M. and other times  
SC461

Prerequisite: Organic Chemistry, CHE 310 and Organic Chemistry Lab, CHE 310L

Corequisite: Inorganic Chemistry, CHE 320

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Web Access: This course requires students to use and access various internet resources such as email and Blackboard.

#### Learning Objectives

1. The student will be able to use standard laboratory techniques, vacuum line techniques, and glovebox techniques to synthesize and purify inorganic compounds.
2. The student will be able to use an infrared spectrometer, nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, magnetic susceptibility balance, and polarimeter to characterize inorganic compounds.
3. The student will be able to interpret data in order to characterize compounds and to determine the course and/or mechanism of reactions.
4. The student will be able to keep appropriate records of experimental work and write reports using the format used by the American Chemical Society.

#### Required Text

Mohrig, J.R.; Hammond, C.N.; Schatz, P.F.; Morrill, T.C.; *Techniques in Organic Chemistry*, Second edition, W.H. Freeman and Company: New York, 2006 (This book was required in the Organic Chemistry course).

#### Other Required Material

Safety glasses, paper towels, examination gloves, Record Book, Hayden-McNeil Publishers, Inc.

#### Grading

Students grades will be based on their results, reports, and lab record book.

#### Locker and Equipment Maintenance

You are required to keep all your equipment cleaned and in good order. Make sure all your locker equipment is returned to your locker at the end of the period. You will be penalized for each piece of missing equipment or glassware.

#### Lab Record Book

A record of all procedures, data and observations, calculations, and conclusions is to be kept in the Lab Record Book. The format is described in the text by Mohrig et.al. Ch 3. Students must record what they actually did rather than copy procedures written in the lab manual. Also, it is important to record original

data rather than mental calculations made from the data. At the end of each day of laboratory work, copies of all data recorded are to be handed in to the instructor.

### Reports

Experiments will require either a Formal Report or a Short Report. Formal Reports are to be done for Synthesis of Tetra- $\mu$ -acetatobis(aquacopper(II)), Synthesis of Bis(1,2-dimethylimidazole)copper(I) hexafluorophosphate, and the Literature Synthesis. Formal Reports are to use the template for Inorganic Chemistry that can be found in Course Documents section of Blackboard. When using this template you simply have to change the title, table headings, and text to fit the experiment. Short Reports will have a cover page that includes your name, the title of the experiment, and the date of the report. Following the cover page will be an abstract of the experiment, a statement of the purpose of the experiment, balanced chemical equations for all reactions, an experimental section, a results section, and conclusions. All spectra are to be attached at the end of either report. Answers to assigned questions at the end of the experiment are to be attached to either report after the spectra. Plagiarism will result in a grade of zero for that experiment. Reports are due one week after the scheduled completion of the experiment.

### Samples

*All compounds synthesized are to be submitted along with the report.* Samples are to be identified with your name and the name of the sample. The NMR and IR are to be taken of all compounds synthesized unless instructed otherwise.

### Missed Labs

Missed labs will generally be assigned a grade of zero. Only under extreme circumstances will a student be allowed to make up a lab experiment.

### Grading Scale

Experiments	80 %
Exam	20 %
<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>
90 - 100	A
80 - 89	B
70 - 79	C
60 - 69	D
0 - 59	F

### Policies of the Department of Chemistry at Northern Kentucky University

- All items on syllabi are subject to change by the instructor.
- Students are responsible for reading and understanding all items on the syllabi. Any items not understood must be brought to the attention of the instructor within the first two weeks of class.
- The work you will do in any course is subject to the 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.
- Cheating will not be tolerated. 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.

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

### Other

The Honor Code can be accessed at

[http://www.nku.edu/~deanstudents/student\\_rights/honor\\_code.htm](http://www.nku.edu/~deanstudents/student_rights/honor_code.htm). Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a grade of zero for that test or assignment and may be given an F for the semester.

Students are asked to turn off their cell phones during class. If you expect an emergency call please notify your instructor. Under no circumstance will students be allowed to use their cell phones during a test. Using a cell phone during a test will be considered cheating.

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 [www.nku.edu/~disability](http://www.nku.edu/~disability).

### Tentative Schedule of Experiments Spring 2007

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
1.	Jan. 11	Check-in. IR and NMR Instructions
2.	Jan. 18	Synthesis of Tris(acetylacetonato)chromium (III)
3.	Jan. 25	Synthesis of Tetra- $\mu$ -acetatobis(aquacopper(II)) <sup>a</sup>
4.	Feb. 1	Kinetics of Aquation of Pentaamminechlorocobalt(III)
5.	Feb. 8	Resolution of Enantiomers of Tris(ethylenediamine)cobalt(II)
6.	Feb. 15	Resolution of Enantiomers of Tris(ethylenediamine)cobalt(II)
7.	Feb. 22	Synthesis of Bis(1,2-dimethylimidazole)copper(I) Hexafluorophosphate <sup>a</sup>
8.	Mar. 1	Synthesis of Bis(1,2-dimethylimidazole)copper(I) Hexafluorophosphate <sup>a</sup>
9.	Mar. 8	Spring Break. No lab.
10.	Mar. 15	Synthesis of Cu(II) Macrocyclic Complex and Mo(CO) <sub>4</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> Mac) Complex
11.	Mar. 22	IR, <sup>1</sup> H-NMR, Absorption and Emission Spectra of Macrocyclic Complexes
12.	Mar. 29	Introduction to Vacuum Line Techniques
13.	Apr. 5	Literature Synthesis <sup>a b</sup>
14.	Apr. 12	Literature Synthesis <sup>a b</sup>
15.	Apr. 19	TBA
16.	Apr. 26	TBA
17.	May 3	EXAM 1:00 – 3:00

<sup>a</sup> These experiments require a formal report.

<sup>b</sup> Approved literature preparations are to be selected from among those provided by the instructor. Selections must be made by March 1. The student will carry out on-line searching in order to obtain a reference to the recent literature for the synthesis of the compound. The student will then submit a copy of the reference to the instructor along with a list of the chemicals, the amounts needed to synthesize the compound, and the amounts that need to be purchased by March 15.