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**Office Hours:** Monday: By appointment  
Tuesday: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM  
Wednesday: By appointment  
Thursday: By appointment  
Friday: By appointment

I have an open door policy: feel free to stop by and ask questions if I am in my office. Otherwise feel free to schedule an outside appointment with me.

**Prerequisite:** A Math ACT score of 20 or above and high school chemistry or placement or grade of C or better in CHE 102 or the equivalent.

**Corequisite:** CHE 120 – **If you drop CHE 120, you will also be dropped from the lab.**

**Required Items:**

1. *Laboratory Manual for General Chemistry I 120L (5<sup>th</sup> Edition)*, by Hicks, Niewahner, Padolik, and Walters, 2007.
2. Lab Notebook, Hayden McNeil Publishing
3. Safety Goggles (available through SAACS or bookstore)

**Internet Resources:**

1. The blackboard website for this course (<http://learnonline.nku.edu>) will be utilized for this course. You are responsible all materials posted to the site.
2. The NKU General Chemistry website ([http://www.nku.edu/~chemistry/general\\_chem/](http://www.nku.edu/~chemistry/general_chem/)) contains course objectives, comprehensive schedules, handouts and pre- or post-lab pages.

**Before Lab:** You are expected to come to lab with an understanding of the principles involved in the experiment and the procedures to be followed. This level of preparation requires you to read the experiment and all recommended reading materials assigned by me or specified in the lab manual **before coming to lab** and completing any pre-lab questions found in the lab manual (they will be collected!). **Please note that if pre-lab questions are not turned in at the start of the lab period (5:#0), you will receive a zero grade for that portion of the lab. Furthermore, the title, safety precautions, objectives, and protocol must be written in your lab notebook before you come to lab!** Students who have not prepared their lab notebook before the start of the lab period will be penalized 15% off that portion of the lab grade. I will check and initial your lab notebook at the beginning of each lab period. The protocol should consist of individually numbered steps and **use complete sentences**. More information, including an example, is in your lab manual on page v. You must have enough information present in your lab notebook so that you could perform the experiment without using the lab manual, because **you will only be allowed to use your lab notebook and a calculator during the lab period!**

**Lab Notebook:** The lab notebook is required for all experiments. Each experiment is to start on a new page and follow the specifications described in the "Record Keeping" section of your lab manual. **All entries should be made in pen** (you will be penalized 15% off that portion of the lab grade if pencil is used in your book for any part of the experiment). Please **use complete sentences** throughout, especially in the objective, protocol, and observation sections. You are required to prepare the lab notebook before attending the lab. This includes all sections up to and including the procedure section. During the lab you will record all data and observations directly into the notebook. Always clearly record experiment data to the correct number of significant figures and use appropriate labels. After the lab you will complete carefully labeled calculations and then write a results section presenting your results in the notebook. **Unless otherwise indicated, all portions of a lab notebook are due at the beginning of the lab period (5:30) following the completion of the experiment. Notebooks will not be accepted late.**

**Lab Reports:** In most cases, the data/observations/results/calculations and post-lab question sections from your lab manual will be required. These pages should be **NEAT** (completed in **pen or typed**), as if they were a formal lab report. Therefore, **I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU** to utilize the "electronic" versions of these documents available online. **Unless otherwise indicated, all portions of a lab report are due at the beginning of the lab period (5:30) following the completion of the experiment. Reports will not be accepted late.**

**Formal Reports** Throughout the semester you will have two formal introductions and two formal discussions to write over specific experiments as outlined on page 4 of the syllabus. This writing exercise helps prepare you to write full formal reports in General Chemistry II Lab, CHE 121. Guidelines for these sections are on pp. xviii and xix of the lab manual. These sections are to be typed or written on a computer. You will be graded on your quality of writing. **Unless otherwise indicated, all portions of a lab report are due at the beginning of the lab period (5:30) following the completion of the experiment. Reports will not be accepted late.**

**Safety:** **All safety rules in the lab manual and discussed during the first lab period must be obeyed. No food or drink is allowed in lab, including open water bottles. Violation of these rules will result in dismissal from the lab and a grade of zero for that experiment. Habitual violation of the rules during the semester will result in dismissal from the course and a failing grade. Proper clothing (LONG PANTS AND CLOSED TOE SHOES) and SAFETY GOGGLES must be worn at all times, or you will not be allowed to enter the lab (and receive no makeup opportunity).**

**Exams:** There will be two exams given during the semester as indicated below. These exams will consist of both practical and written portions. The practical portion of the exam will be worth between 20 and 35% of the overall test score. The exams are not cumulative.

**Calculators:** **Programmable and graphing calculators are not permitted during exams.** Calculators should be brought to lab every week, as they will be needed for calculations. Under no circumstances may calculators be shared during exams, and the lack of an operable calculator will not excuse you from completing the problems! You should also practice with this calculator before you use it in an exam!

**Electronic Devices:** Cell phones, pagers, and all watch alarms should be turned off (or placed on silent) and put away during class. Should you receive a phone call that you must answer, please quietly leave the lab to do so (do not abuse this privilege or it will be taken away). Should your device audibly ring during lab, you will be asked to leave with no further discussion and not be eligible for a lab makeup. **Use of a cell phone or pager during an exam will be considered cheating, and appropriate actions will be taken by the instructor.**

**Course Grade:** For each experiment, 30 points are assigned to pre-lab questions, your lab notebook, and participation in the experiment. An additional 70 points are assigned to your lab results, calculations, and post-lab questions, bringing the minimum total of each experiment to 100 points.

Experiments: 65% of final grade  
Formal Reports: 10% of Final Grade  
Exams: 25% of final grade

<u>Score</u>	<u>Grade</u>
90% – 100%	A
80% – 89%	B
70% – 79%	C
60% – 69%	D
0% – 59%	F

**A 'C' or better is needed in this course to enroll in CHE 121L!**

**Attendance:** The **departmental policy** with regard to makeup labs is as follows:

Each student in a General Chemistry Lab will be allowed to make up the experiment for two excused absences during the semester. An excused absence is one for which the student has a good reason (something beyond the student's control) for not being able to attend the regularly scheduled lab period. The student must contact their laboratory instructor either in person, by phone, e-mail or letter within 2 weekdays (M,T,W,R,F) of the missed lab. A student who waits longer than 2 weekdays after a missed lab to request a make up will normally not be allowed to make up the lab experiment and will be assigned a grade of zero for that experiment. The student will be expected to verify their reason for requesting an excused absence. The lab must be made up no later than the last lab period of the week following the scheduled experiment. The student must also obtain permission from the make up lab instructor. Absences beyond two will each be assigned a grade of zero.

**Since this is a departmental policy, there can be no exceptions!**

**Department Policies:**

- 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. 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 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 immediately in the University Center, Suite 320, or call (859) 572-6373 for more information. Verification of your disability is required in the Office of Disability Services for you to receive reasonable academic accommodations. Visit the Disability Services website at [www.nku.edu/~disability/](http://www.nku.edu/~disability/).
- 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.
- A grade of C or better is required in CHE 120 and CHE 120L to enter CHE 121 and CHE 121L.
- This is a web enhanced course. Students meet at regularly scheduled class time and will need access to the internet to fulfill course requirements.

**Course Objectives**

- Know how to use laboratory equipment, how to take measurements using appropriate precision, and make observations to identify chemical and physical changes.
- Know how to use a laboratory record book, record data, analyze data and write lab reports including introductions and discussions.
- Know how to carry out syntheses, calculate theoretical yield, percent yield and percent errors.
- Know how to carry out qualitative and quantitative analyses using techniques such as precipitation, titration, calorimetry and spectroscopy.
- Be able to determine and evaluate experimental errors and their impact on results.
- Know how to use computer programs to analyze data.

## CHE 120L-016 Spring 2008 Schedule

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Date	Manual Page #	Experiment Title	Required Formal Report
1/15	–	Lab Check-in and Safety Lecture Lab Measurement Primer	
1/22	1	Introduction to Chromatography	
1/29	9	Laboratory Measurements	
2/5	H.O.	Physical and Chemical Properties	
2/12	27	The Empirical Formula of Zinc Iodide	
2/19	39	Chemical Reactions	Introduction (25 pts)
2/26	51	Titration	Discussion (25 pts)
3/4	–	<b>Exam #1</b>	
3/11	–	<b>Spring Break No Lab</b>	
3/18	59	Calorimetry and Hess's Law	Introduction and Discussion (50 pts)
3/25	33	A Cycle of Copper Reactions	
4/1	69	Synthesis of Alum	
4/8	83	Absorption Spectroscopy	
4/15	89	Titration of Bleach	
4/22	95	Lewis Formulas, Formal Charge, and VSEPR	
4/29	–	Checkout <b>Exam #2</b>	

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