

Dear All,

An early welcome to Chem 440 from your Instructor Prof. Martin Gruebele, and TAs Anna DeBernardo, Jason Wu and Arnav Paul. Let's do some Pchem this semester!

Our first lecture is Wednesday January 17th at 11 AM in 1000 Lincoln Hall. Lecture attendance is **not** required, although I recommend it. We are not recording the lectures, as they are 'live events' in-class. This class can be passed successfully even if you don't attend lectures, as long as you do all the homework, read the lecture notes, read the TA lecture notes, and come to all exams. However, students who attend lecture tend to do better on exams.

Please look up the course website at

<https://gruebele-group.chemistry.illinois.edu/courses/chem-440/>

**before the first lecture and email me by Monday January 15th that you have read it:**

-Under "Announcements, grading and FAQs" is the grading info. There are no curves. Every student passed this class last semester by doing all the assigned work.

-Under "Course schedule" you'll find the **complete schedule of lectures, exams, reading assignments, my office hours, and homework assignments.**

-Under "Homework info and solutions" you'll find all solutions to homework assignments already posted; you can peek at the solutions if you get stuck on a problem. Homework highlighted in **green** in the course schedule will be collected every Monday via the course Moodle site and graded, but you must do all homework assignments in your own writing; the **TAs will email you info on homework submission using Canvas.**

-Under "Instructor and TAs" you'll find our contact info. TA office hours/locations will be announced first week; you can reach us at those emails anytime.

-Under "Textbook," you'll find all the reading for the class, in 4 sets of lecture notes. There is no expensive text book. The reading averages only about 2 pages per lecture, please do the reading assignment before each lecture so I can focus on the key points in class. **Homework** assignments are given in the reading material as well.

I'll have my office hours on Fridays right after class (12 to 1), in A220 CLSL (Chemical and Life Sciences Building).

Several versions of TA **lecture notes are available online** at "Instructor and TAs" if you miss a class.

Cheers, Martin

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