Course Syllabus
Chemistry 135: Introductory Inorganic and Environmental Chemistry Lecture
Section 01
Spring Semester 2008
Credit 3

Class Instructor: Dr. Sam Perkins
Textbook: General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry: Structures of Life, Karen Timberlake, 2nd edition
Location of Class: Chemical and Forensic Sciences Building (CFS), SHSU Campus, Huntsville TX
Meeting Times: Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.

Course Description
CHM 135 INORGANIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY LECTURE. The elements and their compounds are considered from a non-technical standpoint with emphasis placed on the chemistry of familiar materials. This course will examine the relevancy and importance of chemistry to our daily lives and to relate the discipline of chemistry to other areas of study such as agriculture or nursing. Topics found in the media will be related to subject matter studied in the class. This course is for non-science majors.

Methods of instruction in this class include lecture, in-class exercises, and on-line assignments. Homework assignments will be made throughout the semester. Exams will have both multiple-choice and short-answer questions.

Objectives
• To gain factual knowledge (terminology and techniques) associated with the study of chemistry
• To explore the history of scientific discovery
• To learn to apply course materials in the decisions and opinions encountered in the student’s life
• To become informed about the scientists that have contributed to our knowledge of chemistry

Course Requirements
Supplies
It is the student’s responsibility to obtain course materials at the beginning of the semester. The textbook is required for this course. The student will also need to provide scantrons (Form 882-E) for the exams and a TI 30Xa hand-held calculator. An Interwrite PRS-rf is also required.

Exams
Four exams worth 100 points each will be given at announced times. These exams will have both multiple-choice and short-answer questions.

The final exam is comprehensive and is scheduled for Thursday, May 15th at 8:00 a.m. in room 121 CFS. Your final exam grade will be used to replace your lowest exam grade.

Missed Exams
If you miss an exam, your grade is a zero. Your grade on the final exam will replace the missing exam grade.

Assignments
Homework, in-class exercises, and on-line assignments are used to reinforce lecture material; therefore, they will be assigned as the material is covered in lecture. These assignments will be graded either according to number of correct answers or as a completion grade. I will use data from your response cards to calculate a class participation grade. The average of your class participation grade and your assignment grades will count as one exam grade. This grade cannot be dropped.

Missed Assignments
Missed class assignments result in a zero (0) for that assignment. In-class exercises and on-line assignments cannot be made-up. Homework assignments are due the next class period after the absence. Ten points will be deducted for each week the homework assignment is late.
Dropping a Grade
You will be allowed to miss three assignment grades without any penalties. These grades will be dropped at the end of the semester. Your class participation grade is the exception; it will not be dropped.

Extra Credit
As an extra-credit assignment, you may write a paper on any subject related to global warming. Specific details will be announced and posted on Blackboard.

Posting Grades
After each exam, I will post on Blackboard your assignment average as of that day, your exam grades, and your class grade as of that date. These are estimated grades and will include all grades – no grades will be dropped until the end of the semester.

Grades
Assignment | Maximum Total Points
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Exam One | 100
Exam Two | 100
Exam Three | 100
Exam Four | 100
Average from homework, on-line assignments, in-class exercises, and class participation | 100

Final Grade
Your final grade will be based on your total points.

Total Points | Grade
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500-450 | A
449-400 | B
399-350 | C
349-300 | D
299-0 | F

Attendance
Regular and punctual class attendance is expected of each student at Sam Houston State University. The class roll will be checked each class period, and a written record of each student’s attendance will be maintained. It is the responsibility of each student who misses class to obtain the class notes from someone who was present during the lecture presentation. You are responsible for material, directions and announcements presented during that class period.

In accordance with University Policy, regular attendance is required, however no points will be awarded or subtracted based on your attendance. Excessive absences will affect your grade in that in-class exercises cannot be made-up.

Tardiness and Leaving Class Early
This starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 9:20 a.m. Announcements and assignments are made at the beginning of class so it is very important for you to be punctual in your attendance.

Student Syllabus Guidelines
You may find a more detailed description of the following policies and specific university policies or procedures at http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/

Success in CHM 135
Chemistry is a fascinating subject, but like all scientific subjects it has its own language and terminology. To be successful in this class you must read the assigned material, answer the assigned review questions, attend class, and study chemistry everyday. Last minute cramming for a chemistry exam is not a successful method for passing a
chemistry course. If you studied and did not do well on an exam, see me as soon as possible. Chemistry builds on previously learned material. The last weeks of the class are too late to realize you need help.

**Student Advising and Mentoring Center (SAM CENTER)**

The SAM Center offers academic counseling and enrichment services to all undergraduate and graduate students. The Center offers advising aid, help with time management and/or study skills, career testing, tutoring and workshops on an array of academic and technological resources. The SAM Center can be contacted by e-mail at SAMCENTER@SHSU.EDU or by telephone, (936) 294-4444.

**Communication**

Announcements will be made during regular class time, through email, and through postings made on Blackboard. It is your responsibility to check for these announcements.

**Test Dates**

This is a tentative schedule that can be changed at the discretion of the instructor.

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**Dropping a Course**

The last day that you can drop a course without the grade of F is the day you take your first final exam. Be aware that some lab courses have early finals.

**Office Hours and Location**

*(Tentative)*

*Location: 317F, Chemical and Forensic Sciences Bldg.*

*Telephone: 979-571-7392*  
*Email: slp018@shsu.edu*

*Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays following my second class (9:30-10:50 a.m.) till noon.*  
*Or by appointment*

My office hours are there for your questions and problems. I welcome your questions before, during, and after class.

**Dates to Remember**

**February 1**

FRIDAY. Twelfth Class Day. Last day to drop without a “Q” and receive 100% refund. Degree Applications to be filed in Registrar's Office by students graduating May 2008.

**March 7**

FRIDAY. Half-semester courses end. Last day to drop a semester course for the Spring Semester without grade of F. Degree applications to be filed in Registrar’s Office by students graduating in August 2008.

**March 10, 11, 12, 13, 14**

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. Spring recess for students and faculty.

**March 21**

FRIDAY. Good Friday. Holiday for Students and Faculty.

**May 8**

THURSDAY. Last Class Day. Last day to resign. Last day to drop a course without the grade of F.

**May 9**

FRIDAY. Final Exam Study Day.

**May 15 Final**