Organic Chemistry  
CHE 311  

Prerequisite: Grade of “C” or better in CHE 310  
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"Learning does not result from passively sitting in the presence of a teacher who's talking. The student must listen, write, question, discuss, imagine, experiment, construct."

Albert Shanker

What you MUST do in order to have a chance to do well (C or better) in Organic Chemistry.

1. Read the chapter before it is discussed in class.

2. Recopy your notes - critically! Use the left hand side of your notebook to take notes in class and the right hand side for recopying.

3. Do the problems in the book - and understand the solutions. Memorizing the answers to problems will not help you.

4. Participate in class. Ask questions! (see quote above)

Omit the following sections: 13.7A,E; 14.8C, 14.10B; 15.9; 15.10; 16.2, 16.6, 17.6C 18.5B,C,D,E; 20.4D, 20.7; 21.6B; 22.6-8; 23.3B, 23.5D,E, 23.6C, 23.7C, 23.8, 23.9


B) You should understand the following problems from the back of the chapters:  
Ch 12: 22-27, 33, 34.  
Ch 13: 33-41, 44, 46, 48, 52.
Ch 14: 25-29, 31-35, 37, 41, 50, 52.
Ch 15: 40, 42-45, 50, 52, 53, 58, 59, 61.
Ch 16: 22, 24-27, 31, 43.
Ch 17: 28-30, 32, 37, 38, 41, 49, 50.
Ch 18: 17-21, 25, 29.
Ch 20: 22-29, 31.
Ch 22: 31-34, 36, 38, 40.
Ch 23: 38-40, 43, 45.
Ch 19: time permitting

Chapters*

Hour Test 1 12, 13, 14
Hour Test 2 15, 16, 17
Hour Test 3 18, 20, 21
Hour Test 4 22, 23 (19, time permitting)
Final Exam, W, 5/6 @ 10:10 ACS Exam

Important dates: 2/02, Last day to drop with X
3/30, Last day to drop with W, Requests for Late Withdrawal are rarely approved.


Items on Reserve in S. Library:
1. Study Guide to Organic Chemistry
2. Guide to Electron Pushing
3. Molecular Model sets (cannot bring to exams)

Grading: The lowest hour exam will be dropped. The remaining three hour exams plus the final exam will each count 25% of your grade.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY: The exams are given only at the times indicated. There are no make-up exams. If an hour exam is missed for any reason, it will become the dropped exam.

Grading Scale: A (88-100); "Represents exceptionally high achievement..."
B (75-87); "Represents high achievement..."
C (62-74); "Represents average achievement..."
D (50-61); "Represents the minimum passing grade..."
F (Below 50) "Indicates failure in a course."

Note: the above quotes appear in the NKU Catalog.

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