Chemistry 527: Chemical and Biochemical Characterization Methods
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Text: Spectrometric Identification of Organic Compounds, 6th Edition, Robert M. Silverstein and Francis X. Webster. ISBN: 0-471-13457-0. The 7th edition is the newest edition, but the 6th edition is acceptable.

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the subject of Spectroscopy as it relates to the identification and characterization of organic and biological compounds. This semester we will cover ^{1}H-, ^{13}C-, and variable temperature NMR spectroscopy. We will also cover several advanced NMR techniques like NOE, COSY, HETCOR, and HMQC. We will cover the basic principles of IR, Uv/Vis, mass spectroscopy, CD spectroscopy, fluorescence spectroscopy, and polarimetry.

Grading

There will be several take-home problem sets assigned throughout the semester that will constitute 25% of the grade. You are encouraged to form study groups and to work together on these problems. There will be two exams (25% each) and a final exam (25%) which will be in part take-home (spectroscopy problems) and part in-class. The final letter grade will be based on a standard scale 90-100% A, 80-89% B, 70-79% C, 60-69% D, and below 60% F. The grades may be curved, if warranted.

Friday, March 25, 2014 is the last day to drop the course and receive a drop.

There will be absolutely no make-ups for exams. If you miss an examination, you will be assigned a zero for that assignment. Problem sets not submitted on time may receive a grade of zero.

Tentative Schedule

February 4 – Introduction to spectroscopy, Mass Spectrometry
February 11 – Mass Spectrometry
February 18 – IR Spectroscopy
February 25 – UV/Vis Spectroscopy
March 4 – First ½ of the class: Theory of 1H-NMR spectroscopy – nuclear spin flip, chemical shift, Second ½ of the class: **Exam 1, IR and UV/vis Spectroscopy and Mass Spectrometry**
March 11 – No class – Spring Break
March 18 – Theory of 1H-NMR spectroscopy – correlation tables, integration, spin-spin splitting, coupling constants
March 25 – Theory of 1H-NMR spectroscopy – alcohols and related, Theory of ^{13}C-NMR Spectroscopy, DEPT
April 1 –Correlation NMR, 2D-NMR (COSY, HETCOR, HMQC)
April 8 – NMR of 19F, 31P, 15N
April 15 – Polarimetry, Chirality, NMR of chiral compounds

April 22 –**Exam 2, NMR spectroscopy**
April 29 – Fluorescence spectroscopy, Circular Dichroism spectroscopy
May 6 – Final examination

Course Objectives

By the end of the semester I intend for my students to have realized a number of objectives.

1. Know how to determine the structure of an organic molecule using spectroscopic techniques such as NMR, IR, UV/vis and MS.
2. Know how to interpret NMR, IR, Uv/Vis and MS data.
3. Understand the theory behind several spectroscopic techniques such as NMR, IR, UV/vis and MS.

CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICY: All students are expected to attend classes on a regular basis and attendance will be recorded. Being late by more than 10 minutes is equivalent to missing a lecture. Excessive absence is defined as missing more than 10% of the lectures without excusable reasons. Excessive absence will be reported to the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. In addition, according to the TAMU-Commerce Procedure A13.02., good class attendance will be necessary in order to pass the course.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR: Disorderly conduct which interferes with the normal classroom atmosphere will not be tolerated. The classroom instructor is the judge of such behavior and may instruct a disorderly student to leave the room with an unexcused absence or in more serious situations a student may be removed from the class with a failing grade.

CHEATING AND OTHER BREACHES OF ACADEMIC CONDUCT: Academic cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic misconduct may result in removal of the student from class with a failing grade or may in extreme cases result in suspension or expulsion from the University as described in the "Code of Student Conduct" section of the " Student's Guidebook".

ADA ELIGIBLE STUDENTS: ADA eligible students should make arrangements with the instructor in the first week of the semester about special arrangements needed for classroom or testing facilities and procedures to accommodate the disability.