College of the Canyons General Chemistry 151 Sections 12629 & 12632

Fall 2014

Introduction

Hello, my name is Dr. Kathy Flynn. Welcome to Preparatory General Chemistry 151, a one semester preparatory course for CHEM 201. CHEM 151 offers you an intensive foundation in problem solving, basic atomic theory, stoichiometry, nomenclature, states of matter, and solution chemistry. Laboratory experiences will reinforce principles and concepts learned online. You will learn how to work with glassware, equipment, and software found in modern chemistry labs. Students that need a non-majors general education course should take CHEM 110.

4 units: UC:CSU  transferable  UC credit limitation: CHEM 110 and 151 combined, maximum credit, one course  Grading: Letter Grade  Prerequisite: Math 060, or its equivalent as determined by COC Assessment Center

This section of CHEM 151 is a hybrid class, lecture online and tests and lab on-ground. Read this orientation letter carefully to decide whether the CHEM 151 Hybrid is the best format for you. You will come to the Valencia campus once per week, on Tuesday for Section 12629 or on Thursday for Section 12632, from 5:15 pm to 8:20 pm. The lecture will be online using the course management system Blackboard (Bb). Before the first day of class, login to our Blackboard site https://bb9.canyons.edu/webapps/login/ Our site will be available by August 18th.

Consistent attendance to all on-ground meetings and constant use of the Bb website will be critical to your success in CHEM 151.

A Typical Week

- Log on at least twice per week to Bb. I suggest every Sunday and Tuesday or Thursday prior to our on-ground lab class meeting. From our Bb site you will find the weekly assignments, including readings, PowerPoint lecture slides, and discussions of various topics on Bb’s discussion board.
- Read the assigned chapter.
- Complete the assigned online homework (Mastering Chemistry website). Your Bb site will have a link to Mastering Chemistry, in various locations.
- Read the upcoming lab assignment and do the pre-lab questions prior to our Tuesday or Thursday meeting. I will have an office hour in MESA (ALLB-114) from 4-5 pm on Tuesday and Thursday before lab.
- Attend every lab meeting.
- Be prepared for in-class work on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Worksheets will be made available both online and in-class. All exams will be on-ground.

Is A Hybrid Course Right for You?
Before you take this class, you need to decide whether a hybrid class is right for you. Many students are under the mistaken impression that this type of course will be easier than a traditional in-class course. In fact, the opposite is usually true. This type of class requires self-discipline, excellent organizational skills, good computer skills, and a high degree of independence. **You cannot expect to start your work Tuesday or Thursday morning to prepare for that evening’s in-class meeting!**

In addition you will need a reliable internet connection, read your COC email consistently, and basic computer skills including familiarity with basic windows formats, opening and closing files, sizing windows, starting programs, sending emails, attaching and downloading documents, and basic file management skills.

You are responsible for maintaining your own active COC e-mail account and keeping me informed of any changes in your e-mail address for the duration of the course. **This is absolutely critical!** Otherwise, you will miss important course information.

**Required Texts/Materials/Software**

The following required books are available in the College of the Canyons bookstore and online:


  The **MasteringChemistry** access code is for the online homework (this is included with new textbook book package). You can purchase the MasteringChemistry access code as a stand-alone item or purchase the code along with the etext. For more information, go to the [Mastering Chemistry website.](#)

  **Used books will not have the MasteringChemistry access code (and you cannot re-use an “old” code).** If you buy a used textbook you will have to purchase the access code for MasteringChemistry separately from the publisher online. Have a credit card available, my name (Flynn), our course number, CHEM 151 – xxxxx (section number), and the zipcode for the College of the Canyons (91355). The cost for MasteringChemistry is approximately $60. Make sure you register for the correct edition of the textbook.

- *Chemistry 151 Laboratory Manual* available at COC Bookstore only

- safety goggles, scientific calculator, close-toed shoes (no shoes, no goggles, no lab)

**Course Expectations**
You will need to login to Bb anywhere from two to four times per week. Students who do not login and complete the orientation Quiz by Friday, August 29th will be dropped from the course. Students that miss more than two lab meetings before the last drop date will be dropped for excessive absences. Please be respectful and professional in all your online and on-ground interactions with your classmates and instructor. Address others properly, do not post inappropriate materials, and read and re-read your postings before hitting send.

I look forward to working with you this Fall 2014 semester. I will send updated course information prior to the start of classes. If you have any questions regarding the course please contact me at Kathy.flynn@canyons.edu

Good luck on your future success in CHEM 151 – Professor Flynn
CHEM151 etext & MasteringChemistry Registration Instructions

Our class will be using a custom-built online educational resource. Once you register, you will have easy access to all your materials with just a few clicks!

To register for our course (CHEM151-12629 or CHEM151-12632), you will need:
- A Student Access Code (This code will be purchased online. It will look like: SIMPLE-FRILL-TONLE-WEIRS-CHOIR-FLEES)
- College of the Canyons’s zip code (91355)
- A valid email address

How to Register for and Access Your Course

1) Enter the URL for our custom course into your web browser:
   http://www.pearsoncustom.com/ca/coc_chemistry
2) Click “Purchase here.” You will need to have a credit card to complete the purchase.
3) Read the License Agreement and Privacy Policy and click I Accept.
4) Type in your Student Access Code in the fields provided and click Next.
5) Fill out the fields on the Account Information screen and click Next.
6) When successful, you will see a Confirmation & Summary page with your account information. This information will also be emailed to you – be sure to keep this email for future reference.
8) Click the Log In Now button on the Confirmation & Summary page to view your course.
9) You will be prompted for a Course ID.
   The Course ID for the Tuesday night class is FLYNN12629
   The Course ID for the Thursday night class is FLYNN12632

Important Note: Each time you access your course, you will need to log in with your Login Name and Password.

You now have access to MasteringChemistry online homework, tutorials, and practices quizzes. You also have access to the full etext for the complete price of $55. Your access to the online text and MasteringChemistry is good for 6 months from purchase date.

Need Help?

Further assistance is available at: http://www.pearsoncustom.com/247pearsoned or call 1(800) 677-6337.

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