Professor Christine Hrycyna

CHM333
Principles of Biochemistry
Fall 2009

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LECTURE TIME AND PLACE: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:30 am – 11:20 am, WTHR 104

COURSE WEBSITE: http://www.chem.purdue.edu/courses/chm333
See this site for lecture notes, quizzes, exams and problem sets from previous semesters, and other information relevant to the course. Please check often as it is updated regularly.

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OFFICE HOURS: 5 Office hours will be held each week, one by Professor Hrycyna, four by the TAs and TIs. The times will be tailored to maximize class availability and will be announced during the first week of class.
Office hours will take place in either BRWN 3130 or WTHR 116C (next to the Chemistry Resource Room). Check in BRWN 3130 first.
Dr. Hrycyna’s office hour is in BRWN 3130D.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: One year of general chemistry and one semester of organic chemistry.


WEBSITE ASSOCIATED WITH THE TEXTBOOK: http://www.wiley.com/college/boyer (Student Companion Site) and http://www.boyerbiochem.com (older animations)
**Grading:** Final grades will be based on the following scale:

- 97-100%   A+
- 90-96%     A
- 87-89%     B+
- 80-86%     B
- 77-79%     C+
- 70-76%     C
- 65-69%     D+
- 55-64%     D
- 0-54%      F

Three Problem Sets (30 points each)  90 pts
Three Semester Exams (100 points each)  300 pts
Four Fifteen minute quizzes (25 points each)  100 pts
Cumulative Final Exam (score divided by two and counts as 2-100 point exams)  200 pts
Pre-drop Total  690 pts

You are allowed to drop **ONE** quiz  – 30 pts
You are allowed to drop **ONE** exam score (including half of the final)  – 100 pts
**TOTAL**  560 pts

Grades will be posted on WebCT. Please check regularly as other information will also be available on WebCT.

**Quizzes** will be held during the first or last 15 minutes of class and will be on lecture material covered since the last quiz or exam only.

Quiz dates are: **September 11, October 9, November 9 and November 20.**

**Exams:** There are **three** evening exams to be given from **8 – 10pm** on the following dates and places: The date of the final exam will be announced when scheduled. There is NO class on exam days. These periods will serve as **OPTIONAL** review sessions for the exam. Other evening review sessions may be arranged prior to each exam.

**September 21, October 29 and December 2 (PHYS 112)**

**Missed Exams and Quizzes:** There are absolutely **NO** make-ups allowed. For quizzes or exams, use your allowed drop. If you miss a second exam or quiz, it will be recorded as a zero. You cannot drop any part of the final exam, only one of the three exams during the semester.

**Problem Sets:** There will be **three** problem sets due **NO LATER THAN 5pm** on the following days: **September 14, October 21 and November 18.** The problem set will be handed out one week or more ahead of the due date. You may and are encouraged to discuss the take-home problem sets freely with other students. However, you must compose and write your own independent answers. **Any papers with identical or nearly identical answers will be given an automatic zero.** Late papers will automatically lose 30% of the points and will not be accepted once the Answer Key has been posted. You will get a key the Wednesday after the due date and your papers back the following Monday so you will have them to prepare for the exams.
Re-Grading Policy: After receiving back an exam, quiz or problem set, you have ONE WEEK from the day it is handed back (not the day you pick it up) to submit it for a re-grade or recount. It must be done in ink to be eligible for a re-grade. Be advised that your entire assignment will be re-graded. Therefore, your score may go up, stay the same or go down. If you find an addition error, you will NOT be subjected to re-grading and your work will simply be recounted. There are NO exceptions to this policy. You certainly may come and ask what you did wrong, but no points will be added unless submitted for a re-grade.

Academic Integrity:
It is expected that all students will uphold the highest standards of academic integrity. The expectations are as follows:
1. All graded material must be your own independent effort. Plagiarism in any form – cheating on a test or quiz, copying someone else’s written assignment – is unacceptable. You may not allow your work to be copied by other students.
2. You may discuss the take-home problem sets freely with other students. However, you must compose and write your own independent answers.
3. Turning in an altered quiz, exam or problem set for re-grading is a violation of academic integrity.
4. The minimum penalty for academic dishonesty of any sort is a score of 0 on the exam, quiz or assignment in question. Depending on the situation, the penalty may be a grade of “F” for the course and possible action by the Dean of Students.

Important Dates:

Quizzes
September 11
October 9
November 9
November 20

Exams
September 21
October 29
December 2

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