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Prerequisite: Advanced Organic Chemistry (4:172) or equivalent.

Class Time: This course is scheduled for 8:30 MWF in E203 CB.

Textbook: A series of review articles and original research papers will be employed in place of a specific textbook. Students should have access to a reasonable set of molecular models.

Office Hours: Questions will be entertained during class as time permits, immediately after class, or by appointment. E-Mail may be used for brief questions or to make appointments.

Examinations: All examinations will be closed book. All extraneous materials (e.g. books, notebooks, summary sheets, computers, backpacks, purses, etc.) must be left at home or brought to the front of the room before the exam begins. Tests will be of an essay type, where your answers are written in an exam booklet. Exam booklets will be provided.

Three two-hour exams will be scheduled, two during the semester and one during final exam week. These are now arranged for about:

Week of October 1st (an evening, 7:00 – 9:00 PM?)
Week of November 5th (an evening, 7:00 – 9:00 PM?)
Week of December 10th (to be announced about Oct. 1st)

Under the new UI policies, the final examination date and time will be announced during the first half of the semester by the Registrar. I will announce the final examination date and time for this course once it is known. Do not make your end of the semester travel plans until the final exam schedule is made public.
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACT INFORMATION:  Mark Arnold, DEO, E331 CB; Bettie Baumert, Secretary to the Chair, E331 CB, 319-335-0200.

REGRADING OF EXAMS:  If you believe a mistake has been made in grading your exam, you may turn this in for reconsideration. Write on the cover the question to be regraded, with a one sentence explanation of what you believe was incorrectly graded. Exams for regrading must be turned in within one week of the time they are first returned to you.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES:  A student seeking academic accommodations should first register with Student Disability Services and then meet privately with the course instructor to make particular arrangements. See www.uiowa.edu/~sds/ for more information.

ADMINISTRATIVE HOME:  The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is the administrative home of this course and governs matters such as the add/drop deadlines and other issues. Different colleges may have different policies. Questions may be addressed to 120 Schaeffer Hall, or see the CLAS Student Academic Handbook.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION:  University policy specifies that students are responsible for all official correspondences sent to their standard University of Iowa e-mail address (your-name@uiowa.edu). Faculty and students should use this account for correspondences. (Operations Manual, III.15.2. Scroll down to k.11.)

ACADEMIC FRAUD:  Plagiarism and any other activities when students present work that is not their own are academic fraud. Academic fraud is a serious matter and is reported to the departmental DEO and to the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs and Curriculum. Instructors and DEOs decide on appropriate consequences at the departmental level while the Associate Dean enforces additional consequences at the collegiate level. See the CLAS Academic Fraud section of the Student Academic Handbook.

MAKING A SUGGESTION OR A COMPLAINT:  Students with a suggestion or complaint should first visit the instructor, then the course supervisor, and then the departmental DEO. Complaints must be made within six months of the incident. See the CLAS Student Academic Handbook.

UNDERSTANDING SEXUAL HARRASMENT:  Sexual harassment subverts the mission of the University and threatens the well-being of students, faculty, and staff. All members of the UI community have a responsibility to uphold this mission and to contribute to a safe environment that enhances learning. Incidents of sexual harassment should be reported immediately. See the UI Comprehensive Guide on Sexual Harassment for assistance, definitions, and the full University policy.

REACTING SAFELY TO SEVERE WEATHER:  In severe weather, class members should seek appropriate shelter immediately, leaving the classroom if necessary. The class will continue if possible when the event is over. For more information on Hawk Alert and the siren warning system, visit the Public Safety web site.