

Advanced Organic Chemistry Part A (Chem 241) – Fall 2013

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Office Hours: For *quick* questions, just drop by. Other times are *by appointment only*.
Class Meetings: 8:30 am – 9:20 am MWF, Angell B203
UVM Holidays: Classes will not be held on: September 2, November 25–29

Recommended Texts: Carey, F. A., and Sundberg, R. J. *Advanced Organic Chemistry, Part A: Structure and Mechanism*, 5th ed.
 Carey, F. A., and Sundberg, R. J. *Advanced Organic Chemistry, Part B: Reactions and Synthesis*, 5th ed.
 Kürti, L. and Czakó, B. *Strategic Applications of Named Reactions in Organic Synthesis: Background and Detailed Mechanisms*, 1st ed.

500-Point Scale:	Content Quizzes	200 points	Sept. 20 th , Oct. 11 th , Nov. 1 st , Nov. 22 nd
	Problem Sets	200 points	4 sets – one before each quiz
	Final Examination	100 points	Monday, December 9 th , 2013 from 7:30 am to 10:15 am in Angell B203

Content Quizzes: A series of four in-class quizzes will be given regularly throughout the semester on the dates listed above. At least one week prior to each of these quizzes you will be given a problem set. These problem sets will be much harder than the quizzes and are designed to aid in your learning of the course material

Course Grading: Course grading will be structured according to the 500-point scale above. Failure to complete an assignment or quiz on the assigned date will result in a numerical score of zero. Proposals for “extra credit” will not be considered.

Academic Conduct: Cheating or plagiarism will be considered grounds for failing the course (a numerical score of zero). All graded assignments must be your own work. Cases of cheating or plagiarism will lead to further disciplinary action, which may include dismissal from the University according to the rules set forth in the University of Vermont’s *Code of Academic Integrity*:

<http://www.uvm.edu/policies/student/acadintegrity.pdf>

Course Topics:	a. Review of bonding and reactivity	h. Pericyclic Reactions
	b. Frontier Molecular Orbital Theory	i. Enolate Chemistry
	c. Principles of Stereochemistry	j. Rearrangements
	d. Conformational analysis	k. Oxidation / Reduction
	e. Stereoelectronic effects	l. Protecting Groups
	f. Transition state theory	m. Organometallics
	g. Functional group manipulations	n. Retrosynthetic Strategy

Please note: This is a very *ambitious* and *tentative* list of topics. Chances are, some of the topics in the right-hand column will have to wait until Chem 242. Lectures and topics will be adjusted according to time considerations.