

University of Rhode Island; Department of Chemistry
CHM 291: Organic Chemistry 1
Fall 2014; MWF 10-10:50am, Pastore 234

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Office Hours	Wed and Thurs 12:30-1:30 pm and by appointment
Textbook	(suggested) McMurry, <i>Organic Chemistry with Biological Applications</i> , 2 nd Ed (ISBN 978-0495391449) (optional) McMurry and McMurry, <i>Study Guide and Student Solutions Manual for McMurry's Organic Chemistry: with Biological Applications</i> , 2 nd Ed (ISBN 978-0495391456)
Course Goals	CHM 291 gives an introduction to the field of organic chemistry. The course covers the topics of chemical structure and bonding, acid/base chemistry, chemical nomenclature, stereochemistry, chemical reaction energetics, reaction mechanisms and the chemistry of unsaturated compounds. Successful completion of this course requires the understanding of these concepts and others.
Course Policies	Daily attendance will not be taken but is strongly encouraged. A missed exam or quiz will be scored as zero, no exceptions. No makeup quizzes or exams are given for any reason. All graded work should be performed individually. Cheating or plagiarism on a graded assignment will result in a zero for that evaluation and possible referral the Dean and failure of the course. Students are expected to follow the University policy of ACADEMIC HONESTY and all other University policies.
Grading	Grades will be based on 3 in-class quizzes (35 pts each), 3 in-class exams (100 pts each) and a final exam (200 pts). A quiz score will be replaced by a higher score on the immediate subsequent exam, if applicable. The lowest exam score will be automatically dropped, this can include the final exam as long as the student scores >50% on the final. Final grades will be determined by a scale no stricter than >90% A, >80% B, >70% C, >60% D. A course grade may be displayed in Sakai; this grade, if present, is based on a tentative grade scale. No course grade scale is guaranteed (except that given above) until final course grades are posted. Students may request a re-grade on any assignment for up to 48 hours from when the graded assignments are returned in class; the whole exam/quiz is subject to regrading. Regrade requests must be made in writing and will not be accepted after 48 hours.
Quizzes	Quizzes will be given the first 15 minutes of the class period on these dates: Quiz 1: 9/25/15; Quiz 2: 10/28/15; Quiz 3: 11/23/15
In-class Exams	Exam 1 10/9/15 Exam 2 11/4/15 Exam 3 12/9/15 Final Sat. 12/19/15 11:30-2:30
Calendar	Last day to drop classes w/o transcript designation: 9/30 Last day to drop: 10/21 No class held: 11/11 (Veterans Day); 11/27 (Thanksgiving) Last day of classes: 12/11