

Review Sessions: After the exams, students can review the exams during the office hours. However, there will be **NO REVIEW SESSIONS BEFORE EXAMS**. This class is a college 3000 level course and the materials of the class are extensive, which require students to study before and after each lecture. Each lecture will be a review one to highlight important concept and resolve common mis-concepts assuming students have already learned the material before the lecture. Questions should be addressed in class or office hours routinely, not before each exam.

Quizzes, PLA & Exams: There will be quizzes, PLAs and exams, all contribute to the final grade.
Quizzes: There will be a quiz given at every lecture that will also serve as a record of attendance. Quiz questions will be given at the very beginning of class. **PLEASE ARRIVE IN CLASS ON TIME AND REVIEW THE PREVIOUS LECTURE**. Furthermore, there will be several quiz questions during the lecture. Bonus points will be given for quizzes (see below in section of **Bonus Points**).

PLAs: There will be weekly PLAs that require students to read the materials **IN ADVANCE**. The PLAs are reviewed by the instructor but prepared, given, and graded by *Sapling Learning* Teaching Assistant.

Exams: There will be four exams. Each exam covers $\frac{1}{4}$ (three chapters) of the materials.

Course Grading: Final grades in the course will be determined using scores on quizzes, PLAs and exams.

1. The quiz average score (70%) and PLA average score (30%) will be combined to contribute for one score as Q&P score. Q&P scores for the first two weeks will not be counted into final Q&P score, however, they can serve as bonus points (see below in section of **Bonus Points**).
2. The lowest score in Q&P and four exam scores can be dropped and the remaining 4 scores will each contribute 25% of the final score. Letter grades will not be assigned for score of Q&P and individual exams. The actual score of Q&P and individual exam will be converted to number of points for the final score. Students are highly encouraged to attend the class, take the quizzes, and do the PLAs to obtain their Q&P average scores, which normally are their highest scores in all five scores. Students who choose not to attend the class, not to take the quizzes, and not to do the PLAs cannot drop any of the four exams and must take all of them.
3. Depending on the overall performance of the class, letter grade will be assigned based on the final score. After the second exams, the criteria for assigning the letter grade will be set and announced in the middle of the semester before the class-withdraw deadline. The criteria will not be changed till the end of the semester. All the daily quiz scores, Q&P average score, exam scores and current rank of the student in the class will be posted on Blackboard anonymously. Individual PLA scores will be available on *Sapling Learning* website (www.saplinglearning.com).

Class Attendance: **CLASS ATTENDANCE IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED:** Attendance will be taken at each class using **the daily i>Clicker quizzes, filling handouts, and randomly-called questions**. Students are responsible for attending lecture regularly and knowing what takes place during classes. This includes not only the material covered in the class, but also all announcements, such as changes of the syllabus, change of exam dates, etc.

Attendance will be routinely taken in the form of the daily quiz and questions asked during the lecture*. Students will be called by name randomly to answer questions. If the student is absence when he or she is called but his or her student ID and quiz voting appears in the collected data, the student will be considered as suspected cheating and will be reported accordingly (see **Academic Integrity Policy** section below).

* Due to the shutdown of the campus because of COVID-19, we will use on-line quiz combined with the hand-out as assignments to encourage your studies after spring break.

IF student **MUST** miss a class, he or she need to make a special effort to learn what occurred during his or her absence. If the student choose to do the Q&P, in order to minimize the effects of the absence to his or her quiz average and semester attendance bonus points, student needs to submit verifiable documents to be approved by the instructor for the absence to get documented absences (DAs). Letters or emails from the student who will be absence cannot serve as valid document for the absence. Without approved documents, zero score will be included in the quiz average and the student will lose his or her semester attendance bonus. Absence documents that are submitted two weeks later than the absence date will **NOT** be accepted. Student's first absence will be automatically waived (waived absence, WA) without counting its zero score in

the quiz average. However, the student does lose points for semester attendant bonus (see below in section of **Bonus Points**).

Quiz, PLA and Exam Policy:

1. *Quiz Rules:* Students are allowed to look their textbook. Instructor may encourage discussion for certain questions before the quiz. However, during the quiz, students are not allowed to talk to their classmates. Asking classmates to take the quiz will be treated as cheating.
2. *PLA Rules:* Students will have several days (normally one week in advance) to finish the PLAs. The PLA will be due in Monday evening except special announcements. NO EXTENSION OF DEADLINE will be given individually after the due time because the correct answers will be available to all students after the deadline. It will be unfair to other students who finished the PLA before the deadline.
3. *Exam Rules:* Students should wait outside the exam room before instructor finish preparing the room. Students will be **assigned** to their seats by the proctors. **Remove baseball caps.** Do not look around. No talking, no joking, no sharing of pencils and erasers. All belongs except pencil, eraser, Scantron sheet, and the photo ID must be put on the floor on the side or in front of the classroom, away and out of sight. **NO calculators or other electronic devices including cell phones or other electronic communication devices or methods (wrist watches, earbuds, etc.) are allowed. No wristwatch or other electronic device may be worn.** Cellular phone and all other electronic devices must be turned off and put away. Only pencil, eraser, and Scantron sheet are allowed to be used during the exam. **Keep a photo ID visible on the desk at all times.** Students are highly suggested to go to the restroom before the exam. During exams, students will not be allowed to leave the examination room until they complete the exam. This includes restroom breaks. If student arrives late, he or she will only have the remaining time to finish the exam. If student arrives more than 20 minutes late to an exam, she or he will not be allowed to enter the examination room unless prior arrangements are made with the instructor. Do not disrupt students around if the student finishes the exam earlier. Once the exam is handed out, the student must leave the exam room and is not permitted to come back to continue the exam. Suspicious activity will be dealt with accordingly (see **Academic Integrity Policy** section below). Proctors have the rights to re-seat the students. Instructors and/or proctors may record and/or use their personal cell phones to document activity during the exam. Recording devices may also be located at various locations in the room and may be out of sight of the students. These recordings will be managed according to the UTEP approved regulations for such media.
4. To drop an exam, the student must have taken the exam or prepare documents before the exam to state his or her dropping. NO ZEROS WILL BE DROPPED!
5. THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP TESTS/EXAMS IN THIS COURSE! The missed exam will be the one the student drops if the student has a DOCUMENTED EXCUSED ABSENCE. The documents must submit and approved **BEFORE** the exam. This rule has been followed for 11 years with more than 2,500 students without any exception. Please do not ask for MAKE-UP TESTS/EXAMS.
6. ONLY ONE score in Q&P average and four exams can be dropped.
7. Please go over exams when the students come to review them and check for adding/grading errors. Except for clerical errors, re-grade requests will be a re-evaluation of the entire exam. Be aware that returned Scantrons have been photocopied prior to handing back!

Academic Integrity Policy:

As a part of the zero-tolerance policy, suspected cases or acts of alleged scholastic dishonesty (CHEATING) in quizzes, PLAs or exams will be dealt with University regulations. This means automatic referral to any adjudication by the Dean of Students. For example, during the exam, if student has a cellphone or other electronic device capable of communication that on the student and does not put away; or if any instructor or proctor sees or hears any electronic device during the exam or if student share his or her work with someone else, the student will be reported to the proper authorities and the student may receive a zero on the exam/quiz and an F in the class. If the student is suspected of scholastic dishonesty, the student may not be directly confronted about his or her conduct by the instructor or by the proctors. However, the student will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR) and his or her exam will not be admissible. The student's grade in the class may not be available until OSCCR makes a final ruling, this may adversely impact the student's ability to enroll in other classes. Other actions including suspension may also be perused following University regulation.

Bonus points: Every student can earn bonus points as shown below. **NO EXTRA CREDITS** will be given.

1. *Daily quiz bonus:* Bonus points equal to one question will be given for each lecture to who answer all the questions (*lecture attendance bonus*). Additional bonus points equal to one question will be given for each lecture to who answers all quiz questions correctly (*lecture champion bonus*).
2. *Semester attendant bonus points:* Bonus points will be given to students' Q&P average score:
5 points if the student attends all the classes;
4 points if the student attends all the classes except documented absence (DA); or
2 points if the student attends all but one class (one waived absence but no other missing class except document absence).
3. Before calculating the quiz average score, the lowest quiz score will be dropped if the student does not have any WAs or DAs.
4. The lowest PLA score will be dropped before calculating the average. Missing PLA (zero scores) will not be treated as lowest score.
5. The scores of PLA and quizzes for the first two weeks will be added to the student's average score calculation only if they are higher than the student's semester average.
6. If time allow, we will do a Co-generated dialogue around spring break using the no class session. It is for teaching feedback to improve the teaching. It will be voluntary but participants will get 0.5 bonus point to their final score.

Disability: If student has a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at <https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/cass/>. As per UT System policy, CASS staff are the only individuals who can validate and if need be, authorize accommodations for students with disabilities. Please ensure the instructor receive the letters of accommodation at the beginning of the semester. The student also needs to arrange a meeting with the instructor no later than the first two weeks of the semester to discuss the reasonable accommodation. Accommodation must be coordinated in advance with the instructor.

**Academic
Dispute**

When dispute between a student and the instructor happens, the student is referred to university policies: <http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/academic-regulations/student-life-policies-and-procedures/>. For complaints solely involving a grade dispute that doesn't require referral to University's Equal Opportunity office, the recommended process in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry is as follow:

1. The student must first discuss the issue with the instructor to seek a satisfactory resolution.
2. Having failed to resolve the matter after consultation with the instructor in Step (1), the student can bring the dispute to the attention of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Chair, who will:
 - a. Verify that the student has already sought resolution in Step (1) above. If the student has not taken Step (1), the Department Chair will refer the student to the instructor before proceeding further.
 - b. Discuss with both the instructor and student, try to resolve the dispute.
3. If a satisfactory resolution was not achieved in Step (1) and (2) above, the student can bring the matter to the attention of the College of Science, following all guidelines of the COS student academic complaint process.
4. If a satisfactory resolution was not achieved in all steps above, the student should bring the complaint to the Student Grievance Committee of the Faculty Senate no later than one (1) year after the official grade has been released to the student, or in the case of a student who has graduated, no later than three (3) months after the degree has been conferred.

Withdrawal Policy:

There is a deadline (Apr. 10th) after the Exam 2 for student to withdraw from any course with an automatic "W"*. Please note that it is the students' responsibility to officially withdraw from the course. The College of Science (CoS) aligns with UTEP with respect to the drop date and will not approve any course withdrawals after that date. There are always extenuating circumstances such as a death in the family or an illness; therefore, CoS will approval a complete withdrawal of all courses – not just one course in these cases. Biochemistry I (CHEM 3332) is a 3000-level course that is very demanding and challenging. Students need to spend a lot of time to study the material outside the classroom. Please consider withdraw before the deadline seriously when students cannot improve their scores because they cannot afford enough time to study. The grades of Incomplete "I" must be accompanied by an Incomplete Contract that has been signed by the instructor, student, departmental chair, and the dean. The CoS requests the contract be limited to one month based upon completion data. A grade of "I" is only used in extraordinary circumstances confined to a limited event. If the student has missed a significant amount of work (e.g. multiple assignments or tasks), a grade of Incomplete is not appropriate or warranted.

* Due to the shutdown of the campus because of COVID-19, college of science will allow late drops by emails. Contact college of science about the latest rules of dropping.

COVID-19 Statements:

The COVID-19 has changed our semester significantly. The second half of the semester will be changed to on-line teaching which will be new to both the instructor and the students. The instructor and the students need to work together to finish the semester as normal as possible so the students' education will not be interrupted. Communication and mutual understanding will be the key. Students need to be a self-initiated active learner and contact the instructor as soon as possible when encountering any difficulties.

If you have difficulties of get on-line or get a working PC for on-line teaching, Below are some resources.

For wifi or hotspots: It seems some companies have been putting out offers for free internet for students.

<https://corporate.charter.com/newsroom/charter-to-offer-free-access-to-spectrum-broadband-and-wifi-for-60-days-for-new-K12-and-college-student-households-and-more>

<https://www.spectrum.net/support/internet/coronavirus-internet-offer-students/>

For PC:

UTEP is still trying to keep computer labs open with regular cleaning.

Student Technology Funding

If you are a student who received financial aid for either the fall 2019 or spring 2020 semester(s) and do not currently own a computer, there may be grant assistance that will help you purchase a computer, internet hot spot, or tablet so that you can access your classes and course materials. Please email a request for this grant support to: studentfinancialaid@utep.edu. Be sure to include your full name, UTEP ID#, and a reliable phone number. We will contact you regarding your eligibility for grant assistance.

If you are not currently receiving financial aid, but still need assistance to purchase a computer, the Paydirt Emergency Loan Program is available to assist students. Maximum loan amount is \$500. You can apply for this loan by emailing gchairez@utep.edu.

If you have any questions, please call the Office of Student Financial Aid at 915-747-5204.

Tentative Schedule for material to be covered*

Events	Date	Assignment
Introduction	January 21 st	First day of classes, Review syllabus, Intro to i>clicker, Study Strategy
Lecture 1	23 rd	Part II Introduction (page 7e491-494), Chapter 13.1 (page 7e495-501);
PLA 1	27 th	Lecture 1 to 3**;
Lecture 2	28 th	Chapter 13.2, 13.3, 13.4 (page 7e501-527);
Lecture 3	30 th	Chapter 14.1 (page 7e533-541);
PLA 2	February 3 rd	Lecture 4 to 5**;
Lecture 4	4 th	Chapter 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4 (page 7e541-565);
Lecture 5	6 th	Chapter 14.5 (page 7e565-570); Chapter 15.1, 15.2, 15.3 (page 7e575-594);
PLA 3	10 th	Lecture 6 to 8**;
Lecture 6	11 th	Chapter 15.3, 15.4, 15.5 (page 7e594-614); Chapter 16.1 (page 7e619-621)
Lecture 7	13 th	Chapter 16.1,16.2 (page 7e622-633);
Exam 1	18 th	Exam 1 12:00pm-1:20pm @ CCSB 1.0202
Lecture 8	20 th	Chapter 16.1, 16.2, 16.3, 16.4 (page 7e628-29, 631, 634-643); Chapter 17.1 (page 7e649-656);
PLA 4	24 th	Lecture 9 to 10**;
Lecture 9	25 th	Chapter 17.1, 17.2, 17.3 (page 7e656-670);
Lecture 10	27 th	Chapter 18.1, 18.3 (page 7e675-684;690-705);
PLA 5	March 2 nd	Lecture 11 to 12**;
Lecture 11	3 rd	Chapter 18.2, 18.3 (page 7e685-705);
Lecture 12	5 th	Chapter 19.1 (page 7e711-722);
Exam 2	10 th	Exam 2 12:00pm-1:20pm @ CCSB 1.0202
CoGen	12 th	Co-generated dialogue
Break	17 th	Spring Break, no classes
Break	19 th	Spring Break, no classes
Break	24 th	Spring Break, no classes
Break	26 th	Spring Break, no classes
PLA 6	30 th	Lecture 13 to 14**;
Lecture 13	31 st	Chapter 19.1, 19.2, 19.3, 19.4, 19.5, 19.6 (page 7e723-750); Chapter 20.1 (page 7e755-756)
Lecture 14	April 2 nd	Chapter 20.1, 20.2, 20.3, 20.4 (page 7e757-779);
Drop Day	3 rd	* Course Drop Deadline *
PLA 7	6 th	Lecture 15 to 16**;
Lecture 15	7 th	Chapter 20.5, 20.6 (page 7e780-798);
Lecture 16	9 th	Chapter 20.7, 20.8(page 7e798-806); Chapter 21.1 (page 7e811-814);
Drop Day	10 th	* Course Drop Deadline *
PLA 8	13 th	Lecture 17 to 19**;
Lecture 17	14 th	Chapter 21.1, 21.2, 21.3 (page 7e814-837);
Lecture 18	16 th	Chapter 21.4 (page 7e837-854); Chapter 22.1 (page 7e859-863);
PLA 9	20 th	Lecture 20 to 21**;
Lecture 19	21 st	Chapter 22.1, 22.2 (page 7e863-876);
Lecture 20	23 rd	Chapter 22.2, 22.3, 22.4 (page 7e876-898);
PLA 10	27 th	Lecture 22 to 24**;
Lecture 21	28 th	Chapter 22.4 (page 7e898-903); Chapter 23.1, 23.2 (page 7e907-924);
Lecture 22	30 th	Chapter 23.2, 23.3 (page 7e925-939);
Lecture 23	May 5 th	Chapter 23.4 (page 7e939-949);
Lecture 24	7 th	Chapter 23.5 (page 7e949-952);
Exam 3&4	12 th	Exam 4 1:00pm-3:45pm @ online

* We may end up going slower or faster depending on how the class is doing or unpredictable events. The exam dates might also be affected and changed.

** PLAs are designed for you to study ahead of lectures. The lecture coverage listed in the table will be approximate which might be off because of balance between different PLAs and depending on the lecture progress.