

Chemistry 2 Grading Policy

The following grading scheme will be used for determining the grades in Chemistry 2.

		Points
10 Laboratory Reports	5 points/lab quiz, 15 points/lab report	200
2 Extended Laboratory Reports	5 points/lab quiz, 45 points/lab report	100
Mid-term Examination		200
Final Examination		<u>200</u>
Total Points		700

Mid-term and final grades will be based both on the overall performance of the various sections of Chemistry 2 and the relative standing of an individual student.

In general one would expect that the grade point average of all the Chemistry 2 sections should be approximately the same. However, because of the different level of grading standards used by different teaching assistants and/or paper graders, these average grade point averages sometimes vary substantially. Thus the posted mid-term and final grades for each section will be adjusted to give approximately the same grade point average for each section. If the Chemistry 2 students, as a group, do very well the grade point average for all sections will be higher. In contrast, if the Chemistry 2 students, as a group, do poorly the grade point average for all sections will be lower.

Please note that 4/7 or 57 % of your grade in Chemistry 2 is determined by your performance on the mid-term and final examinations. If you do poorly on these two examinations you will do poorly in the course and may well fail Chemistry 2.

Chemistry 2 Attendance

You must perform all Chemistry 2 laboratory work and take both examinations. If you fail to perform Chemistry 2 labs, to turn in laboratory reports on time, or to take the lab quizzes and examinations as scheduled you will receive a zero for that lab quiz, lab report, or exam. ***There are no "make-up" labs or exams*** – so please do not request one. If you are ill at the time of a laboratory session or examination you ***must*** report to the UMR student infirmary. In this case the infirmary will later confirm your illness and the missed laboratory or examination will not count against your final grade. But you must inform your teaching assistant that you were ill so that he or she can confirm this with the infirmary. In some cases it may be possible for your teaching assistant to arrange for you to do the missed laboratory later the same week.

If you must be absent from UMR on an officially sanctioned university trip – often an athletic competition – you will know at least two weeks in advance of your absence. In this case you ***must*** contact your teaching assistant at least ***two weeks in advance***. When possible the teaching assistant will try to make alternative arrangements for you to take the lab or examination. But this can only be arranged with at least two weeks advanced notice. If alternate arrangements are not possible the missed laboratory or examination will not count against your final grade.

A pre-laboratory quiz will be administered at 2 p.m. before each pre-laboratory lecture. If you miss this quiz you will receive a zero on the quiz. If you arrive late for the pre-laboratory lecture or sleep through the lecture, a lecture which often covers essential safety concerns, you will not be permitted to carry out that laboratory and will receive a zero for that laboratory report.

Chemistry 2 Laboratory Safety and Laboratory Reports

Before you are allowed to do most of the laboratories, you will be required to sign a form indicating that you have read and understood the *Materials Safety Data Sheets* for each of the hazardous materials involved in that laboratory. You can determine what hazardous materials are involved in a given laboratory on the Chemistry 2 web site, <http://web.umn.edu/~tbone/Subjects/TBone/Chem2.html> where copies of the *Materials Safety Data Sheets* may also be found. Thus you ***must*** read these sheets before coming to the laboratory.

Unless announced differently, laboratory reports are due at 2 p.m. on the week following the laboratory. Late lab reports will be penalized.