

Getting Started in Chemistry 221

Welcome to Chemistry 221! I am glad to have you enrolled in CH 221! Here are some hints on how to get started in the class:

- First, **know that I am here to help you succeed in this class.** If you have any questions, please email me (mike.russell@mhcc.edu), give me a call (503.491.7348) or stop by my office (AC 2568) during office hours. I normally respond to student inquiries within 24 hours on email, and I return calls the next time I am in my office.
- All relevant assignments (problem sets, papers, etc.) as well as assessments (quizzes, exams, etc.) will be due / occur during recitation (the beginning of your lab period.) If this is a **hybrid** or **web-based (H1)** class, we will only meet "face to face" during the lab period. All other students will meet "face to face" during both the lab period and during the lecture periods.
- The "**What's Due This Week**" **Schedule for CH 221** located on page 2 of your syllabus **lists all the problem set due dates, assignment deadlines, labs performed, exam/quiz dates, and related information for this term.** You can plan your term by referencing this handout.
- **Join the *mhchem* mailing list** if you are not already a member. *mhchem* is a mailing list for students in CH 221, CH 222 and CH 223 at Mt. Hood Community College. Over the course of the year, you will receive various pieces of information, events, announcements, and more via *mhchem*.

To join *mhchem*, send your Web browser to the following address:

<http://mhchem.org/mhchem>

Enter your **email address** and **name**, and then press the **Subscribe** button; after confirmation, you will be a part of *mhchem*.

- The **Chemistry 221 website** is worth exploring. The Chemistry 221 website has a host of learning opportunities waiting for you. You can download and/or print copies of the syllabus, lecture notes, labs, quiz answers, and more; plus there are opportunities for extra credit available. To get started, send your web browser to

<http://mhchem.org/221>

You should see the CH 221 website on your screen.

- Check out the **Chemistry 221 Chapter Guides** by selecting "**Chapter Guides**" from the upper left hand corner of the CH 221 website. The Chapter Guides offer a detailed approach for studying the course material through a series of lessons. **Read Lesson Zero**, the "Intro to the Chapter Guides System," to understand how they work.
- Start thinking about a **Class Presentation Topic**. You will be giving a five minute presentation this term on an **element**, and you must reserve your element choice with me. A written paper also accompanies the presentation on your element. To reserve your element, send your web browser here:

<http://mhchem.org/cp221>

The "**Class Presentations FAQ**" (available in the syllabus or here: **<http://mhchem.org/cp221info>**) has more information.

- Obtain the **Chemistry 221 Companion** from the **MHCC Bookstore** (<http://www.bookstore.mhcc.edu/>) *or* from the **CH 221 website**. The "Companion" contains all the problem sets, labs, lecture notes, and more that you will need this term.
- The **Chemistry 221 Textbook** is **free** and **legal to download** from our website: **<http://mhchem.org/text/OpenStaxChem.pdf>**
- Many opportunities for **extra credit** exist in this class.... see the Extra Credit Guide for more information: **<http://mhchem.org/xc>**
- You can **download** the entire **Microsoft Office** suite of programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.) **for free**... see this link for information: **<https://mhcc.edu/OfficeInstall/>**

Again, welcome to Chemistry 221! Let me know if I can make your learning experience better in any way, and I look forward to working with you this term! Peace, Dr. Michael Russell (mike.russell@mhcc.edu, 503.491.7348, AC 2568)