

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) or stop by the Discord server (<https://discord.gg/XrumtbY>). I try to respond to student inquiries within 24 hours.
- There are **three sections of CH 221** this quarter, namely **section 01** (which meets three times a week on campus), **section H1** (which meets only once a week) and **section W1** (which is completely online). Sections 01 and H1 will have similar schedules, but section W1 will exhibit some differences. Your experience in this class will depend on which section you are in, so email the instructor (mike.russell@mhcc.edu) if you have any questions about anything, ok?
- **Purchase the Chemistry 221 Companion from the MHCC Bookstore.** The MHCC Bookstore (<http://mhcc.edu/bookstore>) will ship you a printed copy of this necessary information; alternatively, you can print the document (on our website), but I do not recommend it due to the size of the Companion. You will need access to printed materials this quarter!
- 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.... follow it closely and you will do well in CH 221!
- **Check your email often during Chemistry 221.** I will be sending weekly reminders as to "what is due this week" in CH 221 closely as well as returning some assignments, etc. If you would prefer that I use a non-saints email address to communicate with you, let me know - this is easy to set up!
- 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**. Depending on your section, you will be creating a five minute face to face or video 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, email the instructor or 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.

- The **Chemistry 221 Textbook** is **free and legal to download** from our website: <http://mhchem.org/text/OpenStaxChem.pdf>
- Section W1 students: I highly recommend you check out the **CamScanner** app (<http://camscanner.com>) in order to send your work to me as a PDF file over email. CamScanner is free and easy to use.... but there are other options besides CamScanner, use the method best for you. Section 01 and H1 students must submit their work on paper for full credit.
- 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)