

Extra-Credit Guide

There are a variety of extra-credit options open to you this term. "Individual" implies that a single person can obtain the extra-credit; "Group" means that the extra-credit can be awarded to a group of people. Note that *none of these need be done to pass this course*; extra-credit is never mandatory!

- **iClicker Lecture Participation** - 5 points per participant, Individual only

Participate in at least fifteen lectures using an iClicker and receive extra credit! Purchase an iClicker 2, then respond to lecture questions as they are presented... your responses do not have to be "correct", just participate! **You must participate in at least 15 different lecture periods to receive extra credit.** You **must** register your device at iclicker.com to receive credit. Points will be added at the end of the term. Participation in at least 15 lectures is mandatory; no partial credit shall be assigned for less than 15 participated lectures.

- **Online Extra-credit** - 1 point per problem, Individual only, Up to 15 points total

Go to the Homepage for your class and select the "Online Extra-credit" link; you should see a list of problems separated by chapter. For extra credit, complete at least ten exercises from any one of the problems you have not already completed and get a score of 90% or higher. Submit your name to me (the instructor) and you will receive 1 extra-credit point. Limit of 15 extra-credit points per term; points will be added at the end of the term.

- **Discus** - 1 point per posting, Individual only, Up to 10 points total

Select the "Discus" link on your class homepage and then read the question for the current week. Answer the question and submit it to receive one extra-credit point. Answers which do not respond to each part of the question or which contain scientific errors will be deleted without notice. Discussion questions change weekly, and once the question is posted you have one week to respond. Points will be added at the end of the term.

- **Chemical of the Week** - 1 point per week, Individual only, Up to 10 points total

Select the "Chemical of the Week" link from your class homepage; you should see a list of chemicals and their weeks. Read the information on the chemical, then complete the problem at the bottom of the page. Submit the answer to the instructor by the posted date on paper or through email. Correct answers receive one extra credit point per week submitted.

- **Class Presentation** - 5 points per participant, Group or Individual

You or your study group can prepare an extra credit presentation. The extra credit presentation must have a different topic focus from the individual required class presentations. Only **one** class presentation can be made per term. **You must tell the instructor in writing that you plan on giving an extra credit Class Presentation by the Friday of the 7th week to receive credit.**

Topics and dates to present must be approved and reserved with Professor Russell. The presentation should be no more than ten minutes in length and must be provided during a lecture period (not in front of one of the lab sections.) This extra credit option applies to Section H1/H2 students - they are welcome to present a class presentation, but they must do so during one of the "normal" lecture periods.

- **Web Quest** - 5 points per participant, Group only

Select "Web Quests" from your class homepage to view the Web Quest topics. A group of students may agree to complete a Web Quest by forming a Web Quest Team of between 2 and 4 people, depending on the Web Quest. Web Quests are real-life scenarios whereby students in the group take different roles and then interpret relevant information from that role's perspective. Relevant information on the subject can be found using the World Wide Web or other printed materials.

To complete the project, please see the instructions found within the Web Quest section on the class website. A printed Web Quest must be turned in to receive credit; no online submissions will be accepted. The instructor reserves the right to keep the completed Web Quest as an example for future classes. One Web Quest can be completed per term, and no Web Quest can be repeated in subsequent chemistry quarters. **You must begin a Web Quest by the Friday of the 7th week, and you must let the instructor know in writing that you are starting a Web Quest by the Friday of the seventh week to receive credit.**

- **Service Learning** - 5 points per participant, Group or Individual

Perhaps you wish to make a difference in your community or in the life of someone you know. Chemistry can be your medium to make the difference between apathy and caring. The Service Learning extra-credit option is a 15-hour minimum commitment per term that entails you (and/or your group) being ambassadors from Mt. Hood Community College to the community. The goal is to use your chemistry knowledge in a manner that will benefit the community. **The instructor must approve Service Learning projects by the third week of class to receive credit.** Once a goal has been agreed upon, you will start keeping a **journal** of your activities relating to this project and how much time it takes to do them. At the end of the Service Learning commitment, a **paper** must be submitted outlining the progress and insights made during the Service Learning experience. Note that no payment can be awarded for any work provided under the Service Learning program; this is a volunteer / academic program exclusively.

- **...and who knows what else!?**

There may be other opportunities available for extra-credit throughout the term... keep your eyes open as they appear!