

“Introduce Yourself” Lab for Chemistry 221 Section W1

Create a video, sign the form below and turn in via email to mike.russell@mhcc.edu by 9 AM, Friday, September 24.

Remember to turn in the video link to me as well!

Note: This is the lab for section W1 of CH 221 only.

- *If you are taking section 01 or section H1 of CH 221, please use this link:*

<http://mhchem.org/s/1a.htm>

Welcome to Chemistry 221! I am glad you enrolled in CH 221 this quarter, and I look forward to an exciting term with you!

This class will be quite different from previous Chemistry 221 classes taught at Mt. Hood Community College... it will be taught exclusively online; there will be no “face to face” lectures, labs, office hours, exams, etc. So.... let’s make the best of it, ok? :)

The goal of this “lab” is to “meet you.” I want to know a bit about you, so **I want you to make a short (about 3 minutes or so) video (preferably on YouTube or Vimeo) about yourself.** Show yourself talking (no pictures, etc. - just show you!) and tell me a bit about yourself. Maybe you could tell me about your college goals - why are you taking CH 221? Or maybe you could tell me about a cool movie you watched, or a book you read, or a music band you’re enjoying.... it’s totally up to you, but it will help me get a better idea as to “who you are”, and this is important to me! **Email me a link to the video.**

I also want you to read the “Memorandum” page (which is found below), then **initial, sign and return the “Memorandum” page to me electronically** (i.e. email to mike.russell@mhcc.edu).

I have suggestions for completing both assignments on the next several pages.

How to Create a Video for this Assignment:

Making a video should not be a difficult assignment for you. I do not expect a “Hollywood quality” video; instead, I just want to see YOU and hear some of your stories. ***This MUST be an original and current video - do not re-use a video made from a previous class.***

To create the video, I recommend creating a video on your phone, then using the YouTube app to upload the video. Connect your gmail/Google account in YouTube, select the “plus” symbol (which is at the bottom middle of the screen) to start uploading the video (and make sure you set the video to “**unlisted**”, *not* “private”). Once ready, email me a link (use the “Share” - “Copy Link” function)... and then you’re done!

You do not have to edit your video - it can be pretty rough! And if you don't like your video, record a new version and start again.

Vimeo (and other related sites) works just as well for this assignment. Do not send me huge data files, just a link!

How to Fill Ou the “Memorandum” for this Assignment:

The final page of this assignment has the “Memorandum” which I also want you to submit to me via email. **All assignments must be submitted to the instructor via email** (mike.russell@mhcc.edu) this quarter, and **only in one file** (i.e. if the assignment is five pages, submit all five pages as one file and not five individual files.)

How you do this depends on you... here are some suggestions:

1 - If you have a printer and wish to complete the work "by hand".

- print the assignment and fill out as usual. You cannot print at MHCC currently (hopefully this will change soon) so this must be done on your own.
- On your **phone** (Android or iPhone), use a free program like **CamScammer** to make pdf scans and combine into one file. Alternatively you can use **CombinePDF** (<https://combinepdf.com>) to automatically convert multiple picture (.jpg or .png) files into a single PDF file. These services should be free - do not pay for any upgrades or extras!
- Email the PDF to the instructor! done! (and again, I *really* like CamScanner!)

2 - If you have a tablet (iPad, Surface, etc.) and can write directly on the screen:

- Download the PDF file (to the desktop, Google Drive, etc.)
- Use a program which allows you to import the PDF and write directly on the tablet. Examples include (but are not limited to): GoodNotes (my current favorite), Notability, Apple Notes, Evernote, Google Keep, Typora or Microsoft OneNote Some of these programs might have a cost associated with them.
- Email the completed PDF assignment to the instructor... you're done!

3 - If you wish to complete assignments in Microsoft Word: (*Note: as a MHCC student, you can access Microsoft Office for free on both Windows and Mac platforms. More info: <https://mhcc.edu/OfficeInstall/>*)

- Open the PDF file in Word. Modern versions of Word will convert the file for you so you can complete the work within the Word program.
- To Save your work as a PDF:
 - On Mac: File -> Print -> PDF -> Save as PDF
 - In Windows (Windows 10): File -> Print -> Microsoft Print to PDF (More info for Windows users: <https://www.howtogeek.com/361612/how-to-create-a-pdf-file-in-windows/>)

- Email the completed PDF assignment to the instructor... you're done!

Please note that the formatting of the original PDF file does not have to be maintained. Using Word files can alter the formatting... but as long as the question order is maintained, and I can see which question you're answering, etc. all will be well.

4 - If you wish to complete assignments in Google Documents:

- Save the assignment to your Google Drive.
- Right click/Control click on the PDF file, then Open with Google Docs
- Complete the assignment
- To Save your work as a PDF file:
 - On Mac: File -> Print -> Print from my Computer, then File -> Print -> PDF -> Save as PDF
 - In Windows: File -> Download -> PDF Document (.pdf)
- Email the completed PDF assignment to the instructor... you're done!

Please note that the formatting of the original PDF file does not have to be maintained. Using Google Doc files can alter the formatting... but as long as the question order is maintained, and I can see which question you're answering, etc. all will be well.

Again, you pick which of these methods works well for you, and use it complete all assignments in CH 221 this quarter.

And if you have questions on anything, please email me (mike.russell@mhcc.edu) - I'm happy to help!

Good luck, and I look forward to having you in my classroom this quarter!

Peace, Michael

p.s. Want to know more about me? <https://mhchem.org/221/russellm/index.htm>

Memorandum for Chemistry 221

*Create a video, sign the form below and turn in everything via email to mike.russell@mhcc.edu
by 9 AM, Friday, September 24.*

Also remember to turn in the video link to me as well!

- * **I, the undersigned, agree to turn in all assignments via email only using PDF, Word/Excel files, and Google shared documents.** All assignments will be **submitted as a single file** (do not submit one assignment as multiple files.) This class will be taught exclusively online, and there will be no face-to-face office hours, labs, lectures, quizzes, exams, etc.
- * **I understand that all assignments are due on Friday at 9 AM via email only, and late assignments (even due to technology reasons) will incur a point penalty. Quizzes and exams will be worth zero points if turned in late.** Email assignments early if you worry about the quality of your internet connection.
- * **I understand that all assignments will be returned via email to the email address listed below.** This address will be used to discuss items related to our class during the term and it will be added to the MhChem email list (<http://mhchem.org/mhchem>). **The email address I include below can be shown to other students** in a public CH 221 email message.
- * **I will try to have a sense of humor** as the instructor frantically tries to keep up with the changes of this class :). **I will email the instructor** if I have any questions!
- * **I have read this document and will stay informed with the class through the instructor's email.**

Signature

Printed name

Date

Your email address

*The instructor will return corrected assignments to you using the email address listed above.
The instructor can also send messages to this address where it will be observable to other CH 221 students (but not any corrected assignments.... these will be sent separately.)*