## Chemistry 2273a 2021: Organic Chemistry I: STRUCTURE AND SPECTROSCOPY

**Instructor:** Dr. James A. Wisner  
Class B 215

**Class Times**  
Mon., Wed., Fri. 11:30-12:20 NCB-114

**Office Hours:** After each lecture and open door policy (but email to be sure I am available)

**Course Web-Page:**  [https://owl.uwo.ca/portal](https://owl.uwo.ca/portal)

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When sending email to this account use “2273” to start the subject line. Emails from registered students emanating from @uwo.ca accounts will be answered as soon as possible, in class, or something will be posted on OWL.

### Required Materials, Text and other Purchases:

- **TEXT:** “Organic Chemistry” by David Klein 3rd Edition Binder Ready Version with Student Study Guide (e-version) and WileyPLUS LMS Card  
  ISBN 9781119453819
- **This is a binder ready version with electronic resources that also gives access to the electronic version of the text.**

**Note:** This text will be used for Chem 2283g and as a text/resource in Chem 3373

Chemistry 2273a will cover approximately chapters 1-7, 14, 15 and smattering from a couple of other chapters. Chemistry 2283g covers material from the rest of the text.

- Recommended: Darling Molecular Model Set
- Hayden-McNeil Student Lab Notebook. We will discuss how best to use this book. This book may be shared with other lab courses- like 2283G.
- Safety Glasses with side-panels and laboratory coat. (required, but you should already have them!)
- Fall 2021 Laboratory Manual. To be purchased separately.

### Evaluation:
The final grade for the course will be determined by the following:

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<td>Laboratory Mark</td>
<td>(6 In-person Labs (#1, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4) + #5 (Online))</td>
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<td>Term Test of Knowledge 1</td>
<td>Saturday October 16th 12 – 1:30pm</td>
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<td>Saturday, November 13th 12 – 1:30pm</td>
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<td>Final Test of Knowledge</td>
<td>cumulative; 3 hours, time and location set by Registrar</td>
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No electronic devices besides calculators will be allowed on tests or exams.

You must:  
1) achieve a passing grade in the labs (7.5/15)  
2) complete at least 5 of 7 labs (6 In-person Labs (#1, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4) + #5 (Online)) including reports  
3) achieve a grade of 42.5/85 on the total of three Test of Knowledge assessments to pass the course.

If these conditions are NOT met a final grade of 40% (or lower) will be assigned.

### Accessibility Statement

Please contact the instructor if you require information in an alternate format, or if any other arrangements are needed to make this class accessible to you. Advance notice of planned interruptions will be made in class and by e-mail to @uwo.ca accounts. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.
Rough Lecture Topic Outline:

Material to be included on Term Test of Knowledge 1: Chapters 1-5

Material to be included on Term Test of Knowledge 2: Chapters 14, 15

Material to be included on the Final Test of Knowledge: All of above + Chapters 6 and 7 (not including Eliminations)

Learning Outcomes. Develop an understanding of organic chemical structure and stereochemistry. Relate the structure of organic compounds to stability, acidity, and basicity. Begin to develop the ability to use spectroscopic techniques (IR and NMR spectroscopy) and Mass Spectrometry to elucidate the structure of organic compounds from spectra. Begin to understand how to show electron movement and arrow pushing to predict the reactions of organic compounds by looking at nucleophilic and elimination reactions. In the laboratory you will learn techniques for chemical separation and purification, how to set up and monitor a simple chemical reaction chemically and with spectroscopy. You will develop the skills to keep proper records in a lab book.

Laboratory Schedule

All Labs are carried out in the Chemistry Building Room ChB 074 (lower ground floor). You must attend the laboratory section to which you are registered. If you miss a laboratory, you must see your TA or Prof. Wisner for alternative arrangements as soon as possible after missing the lab.

Laboratory Director: Dr. Chris Levy ChB 117

Laboratory Teaching Assistants (TAs) for Chem 2273

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To reach your TA by email, please indicate 2273 in the subject line.

NOTE: If you go looking for your TA, you are not permitted to enter research labs unless you are masked, properly attired and are wearing safety glasses. These are working labs and with hazardous environments, use caution!

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<td>Oct. 11</td>
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<td>Oct. 18</td>
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<td>Nov. 29</td>
<td>Exp. 5: Spectroscopic Identification. ONLINE</td>
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All lab reports are submitted electronically.

Please use the Hayden-McNeil Organic Chemistry Laboratory Notebook for in-lab experiments.
Important Notes Regarding Your Evaluation and Your Responsibilities in this Course:

1) Prerequisite:  A Mandatory Notice from the Registrar:

"Unless you have either the prerequisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites."

Prerequisites: Chem 1301A and 1302B (or equivalent) with a minimum mark of 60%.

2) Missed Work: Midterm Test or Exam

Failure to write a midterm test or final exam will result in a zero grade in that assessment, unless a valid excuse has been filed with the Dean’s Office. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that medical slips, etc. are filed with the Dean’s Office and that a copy is sent to your instructor (not your laboratory demonstrator).

Note 1: If a midterm test is missed for valid reasons, the % will be transferred to the final examination. There are NO alternate midterm tests.

Note 2: If the final exam is missed for valid reasons, a Special Exam (SPC) may be requested through the Dean’s Office. By University regulation, the SPC will be written on the University approved day.

Note 3: You must write the final exam as a minimum requirement to be awarded a passing grade in the course.

If you are unable to meet a course requirement due to illness or other serious circumstances, you must seek approval for the absence as soon as possible. Approval can be granted either through a self-reporting of absence or via the Dean’s Office/Academic Counselling unit of your Home Faculty. If you are a Science student, the Academic Counselling Office of the Faculty of Science is located in NCB 280, and can be contacted at scibmsac@uwo.ca. For further information, please consult the university’s policy on academic consideration for student absences: https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic_Consideration_for_absences.pdf. It is the student's responsibility to make alternative arrangements with their instructor once the accommodation has been approved and the instructor has been informed. In the event of a missed final exam, a “Recommendation of Special Examination” form must be obtained from the Dean’s Office immediately. For further information please see: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medical.pdf

Students wishing accommodation for religious, athletic or other special circumstances should consult with the Instructor well in advance of the date in question.

3) It is the policy of this department that when a student takes a test or examination, they have deemed themselves fit to do so. Claims of distress or medical issues after the fact will not be considered for the basis of a grade appeal.

4) Missed Work: Laboratory

Failure to complete a laboratory experiment, including the report, will result in a zero grade for the laboratory and potentially jeopardize completion of the course, unless a valid excuse has been filed with the Dean’s Office. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that medical slips, etc. are filed with the Dean’s Office and that a copy is sent to your instructor (not your laboratory demonstrator). Once notified by the Dean’s office the instructor will make the appropriate accommodation, such accommodation must be sought in a timely manner by the student.

The weight of the missed laboratory will be distributed among the remaining laboratory evaluations.

You must complete 5 of 7 laboratory sections (of 6 In-person Labs (#1, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4) + #5 (Online)) to pass the course.

5) Policy on late work: Laboratory reports have set due dates. A piece of work will not be accepted (that is, it will be given a grade of zero) if it is more than one week late or if graded work has already been returned to the class, whichever is first. Otherwise, laboratory reports will lose 5% per day past the due time/date.
7) **Plagiarism and Cheating:** Chemistry 2273a has a ZERO tolerance for plagiarism and cheating. Cases of cheating or plagiarism may result in a zero grade for Chemistry 2273a and the individual will be reported to the Chair and the Dean who may administer further sanctions.

Plagiarism is a major academic offence. Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf.

Students must write their laboratory reports and tests on their own and in their own words and without collaboration unless explicitly allowed by the Instructor. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author or student, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations.

*Whenever possible, tests and exams may be checked with software that checks for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.*

8) **Attendance:** Students are expected to attend course lectures and participation in the class is considered to be an integral and essential component of the course. Poor attendance can result in a student being barred from writing the exam following procedures provided in the academic calendar.

A complete listing of your Academic rights and responsibilities may be found on the Registrar's and associated websites, starting at:

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/

**Masking Guidelines**

Students will be expected to wear triple layer, non-medical, paper masks at all times in the classroom as per University policy and public health directives. Students who are unable to wear a mask must seek formal accommodation through Western Accessible Education, and present medical documentation. Students are not permitted to eat or drink while in class to ensure masks stay in place. Students will be able to eat and drink outside of the classroom during scheduled breaks. Students unwilling to wear a mask as stipulated by Western policy and public health directives will be referred to the Dean, and such actions will be considered a violation of the student Code of Conduct. Course Absences due to Daily COVID Screening Questionnaire Missed assessments (e.g., presentations, essays, quizzes, tests, midterms, etc.) require formal academic considerations (typically self-reported absences and/or academic counselling).

Methods for dealing with missed work and course content are at the discretion of the instructor(s). Students should be aware that some learning outcomes cannot be easily made up and may need to be completed in a subsequent year. Your instructor will provide you with further information as to how this applies within this course. Students who demonstrate a pattern of routinely missing coursework due to self-reported COVID symptoms, and therefore do not demonstrate mastery of the learning outcomes of the course, will not receive credit for the course.

**Contingency plan for an in-person class pivoting to 100% online learning**

In the event of a COVID-19 resurgence during the course that necessitates the course delivery moving away from face-to-face interaction, all remaining course content will be delivered entirely online, either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). The grading scheme will not change. Any remaining assessments will also be conducted online as determined by the course instructor. In the event that online learning is required, a stable v1 (2021.09.03) internet connection with working microphone and webcam will be required. As has been the case in the past, the decision to pivot to online learning will be made by Western, and not individual instructors or departments (excepting temporary online instruction in the event of instructor illness).
General Information

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western (http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Additional student-run support services are offered by the USC, http://westernusc.ca/services.

This course is supported by the Science Student Donation Fund. If you are a BSc or BMSc student registered in the Faculty of Science or Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, you pay the Science Student Donation Fee. This fee contributes to the Science Student Donation Fund, which is administered by the Science Students’ Council (SSC). One or more grants from the Fund have allowed for the purchase of equipment integral to teaching this course. You may opt out of the Fee by the end of September of each academic year by completing the online form linked from the Faculty of Science’s Academic Counselling site. For further information on the process of awarding grants from the Fund or how these grants have benefitted undergraduate education in this course, consult the chair of the department or email the Science Students’ Council at ssc@uwo.ca.