

Day and time:	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:50 – 9:40 am
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Textbook: This course will not follow any textbook closely. For supplementary reading, you may consider *March's Advanced Organic Chemistry* by Michael B. Smith and Jerry March, *Advanced Organic Chemistry Part B: Reactions and Synthesis* by Francis A. Carey and Richard J. Sundberg, and *Heterocyclic Chemistry* by John A. Joule and Keith Mills.

Electronic resource: Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis (open access online).

Canvas: Lecture notes, problem sets, grades, and class announcements will be posted on Canvas.

Grading and exams:

4 problem sets (class participation)	80 points
2 mid-term exams	100 points
1 Final exam	150 points
Total	330 points

Important note about exams: *All exams are cumulative. You are allowed handwritten A4- or letter-sized pages of notes. Exam details will be given during the semester. You must write your own notes – photocopies are not allowed.*

Learning Objectives: The purpose of this course is to be a resource for students conducting organic synthesis, and to provide a foundation for understanding modern literature in organic synthesis. Do not use Scifinder or other reaction databases (e.g. Reaxys) to complete problem sets.

Course Expectations: This course will be challenging, and students are highly encouraged to clear gaps in understanding by making use of office hours. Don't fall behind - keep up with the lectures!

Academic Dishonesty: Academic Misconduct in any form is in violation of Iowa State University Student Disciplinary Regulations and will not be tolerated.

This includes, but is not limited to: copying or sharing answers on tests or assignments, plagiarism, using Scifinder and other reaction databases to complete problem sets, and having someone else do your academic work.

Depending on the act, a student could receive an F grade on the test/assignment, F grade for the course, and could be suspended or expelled from the University. See the Conduct Code at www.dso.iastate.edu/ja for more details and a full explanation of the Academic Misconduct policies.

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Prep week: This class follows the Iowa State University Prep Week policy as noted the ISU Policy Library; as well as section 10.6.4 of the Faculty Handbook. Visit the [ISU Policy Library website](http://www.policy.iastate.edu/) (<http://www.policy.iastate.edu/>) for policy wording.

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Contact Information for Academic Issues: If you are experiencing, or have experienced, a problem with any of the above statements, email academicissues@iastate.edu.

Tentative schedule for Fall 2023 CHEM 531

Week	Date	Key Topics
1	Week of Aug 21	Course details, introductory concepts on bonding, reactivity and stereochemistry
2	Week of Aug 28	Activation of OH and COOH
3	Week of Sep 4	Labor Day (no class on Monday) Protecting groups
4	Week of Sep 11	Protecting groups Problem set 1 Exam 1
5	Week of Sep 18	Oxidation
6	Week of Sep 25	Oxidation Catalytic hydrogenation Reduction with hydrides
7	Week of Oct 2	Organolithium, organomagnesium, and organozinc chemistry Organocopper chemistry Problem set 2
8	Week of Oct 9	Transition-metal catalyzed cross-coupling reactions Arene and heteroarene chemistry
9	Week of Oct 16	Arene and heteroarene chemistry
10	Week of Oct 23 Oct 27 (Friday)	Arene and heteroarene chemistry Problem set 3 Exam 2
11	Week of Oct 30	Alkene formation Alkynes
12	Week of Nov 6	Organoboron chemistry Organosilicon chemistry
13	Week of Nov 13	Problem set 4 Asymmetric synthesis and enolate chemistry
14	Week of Nov 20	Thanksgiving break (no classes)
15	Week of Nov 27	Enolate chemistry
16	Week of Dec 4	Prep week
17	Week of Dec 11	Final exam