

Organic Synthesis II
CHEM 532, Spring 2024
Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 AM to 10:50 AM, 1801 Gilman Hall

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Communication: Email – I welcome your email with questions about the course. To ensure your email is answered, please follow these guidelines: 1) please include “532” somewhere in the subject line; 2) please send your email from an iastate.edu address; and 3) Please DO NOT use Canvas to send me emails.

Textbook: There will be no required textbook for this course. However, you may find the following texts to be useful resources. *Modern Methods of Organic Synthesis* (4th edition) by William Carruthers and Iain Coldham, *Advanced Organic Chemistry Part B: Reactions and Synthesis* by Francis A. Carey and Richard J. Sundberg, and *Strategic Applications of Named Reactions in Organic Synthesis* by László Kürti and Barbara Czakó.

Canvas: Course information including a course syllabus, supplemental materials, announcements, and grades will be uploaded to Canvas. Please do not use Canvas to contact me. Please use my university email address to contact me.

Exams: There will be two 100-point midterm exams and one 100-point synthesis project. **All exams are cumulative.** Exam dates are as follows:

Exam 1: February 15

Exam 2: April 11

Synthesis Project: May 6-9 Date and Time TBD

Homework: Four homework assignments worth 25 points each and consisting of multiple problems and an in-class exercise will be given during the semester. You may use notes and texts to complete these homework assignments. However, SciFinder and related electronic resources are not allowed.

Grading: The course will be graded out of 400 points. The point breakdown is as follows: 200 points from the midterm exams, 100 points from the synthesis project, and 100 points from homework assignments.

Course Objectives: This course is intended to provide an overview of modern synthetic organic chemistry with an emphasis on radical chemistry, cycloaddition reactions, pericyclic reactions, catalysis, and organometallic chemistry that are central to modern organic synthesis.

Learning Environment: My goal for this course is to create an active learning environment. To accomplish this goal, you as students must be willing to engage in the learning process. Questions from students, answers to my questions, and participation in problem solving activities are expected.

Tentative Schedule (Subject to Change)

Date	Topic
1/16/24	Course Details, Radical Additions to Alkenes
1/18/24	Radical Additions to Alkenes
1/23/24	Introduction to Pericyclic Reactions, Diels-Alder Cycloadditions
1/25/24	Diels-Alder Cycloadditions
1/30/24	Diels-Alder Cycloadditions
2/1/24	Problem Set 1
2/6/24	Hetero-Diels-Alder Cycloadditions
2/8/24	Intramolecular Diels-Alder Cycloadditions
2/13/24	Ene Reactions
2/15/24	Exam 1
2/20/24	[2+2]-Cycloadditions
2/22/24	[3+2]-Cycloadditions
2/27/24	[3+2]-Cycloadditions
2/29/24	[2+1]-Cycloadditions
3/5/24	Problem Set 2
3/7/24	Sigmatropic Rearrangements
3/11/24-3/15/24	No Class – Spring Break
3/19/24	Sigmatropic Rearrangements
3/21/24	Organosulfur and Organoselenium Chemistry
3/26/24	Organometallic Chemistry in Organic Synthesis
3/28/24	Organometallic Chemistry in Organic Synthesis
4/2/24	Problem Set 3
4/4/24	Organometallic Chemistry in Organic Synthesis
4/9/24	Organometallic Chemistry in Organic Synthesis
4/11/24	Exam 2
4/16/24	Total Synthesis
4/18/24	Total Synthesis
4/23/24	Total Synthesis
4/25/24	Problem Set 4
4/30/24	Asymmetric Synthesis and Catalysis
5/2/24	Asymmetric Synthesis and Catalysis
5/6/24-5/9/24	Final Exam – Date and Time TBD

University Policies**Academic Dishonesty**

The class will follow Iowa State University's policy on academic dishonesty. Anyone suspected of academic dishonesty will be reported to the [Dean of Students Office](#).

Accessibility

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Prep Week

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