

Spring 2025, Chem 5730 Syllabus, Nanochemistry, 2 credits

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Meets: Mon & Wed 11-11:50 am, 1801 Gilman (tentative).

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**Suggested textbooks:** (none of this is required)

- Owens & Poole (O&P), *The Physics and Chemistry of Solids*, Wiley, 2008
- Hornyak, Dutta *et al.*, *Introduction to Nanoscience*, CRC, 2008
- Kuno, *Introductory Nanoscience*, Garland Science, 2012
- Cao & Wang, *Nanostructures and Nanomaterials*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., World Scientific, 2011
- Lindsey, *Introduction to Nanoscience*, Oxford, 2010

"(2-0) Cr. 2. Alt. S., offered odd-numbered years. Prereq: CHEM 3010, CHEM 3240

Synthesis, characterization, properties and applications of nanoscale materials ( $\approx$  0.5-500 nm), relationship with molecular, meso and bulk compounds. Chemistry of solid surfaces, zero-, one- and two-dimensional nanostructures (0D, 1D, 2D), semiconductor quantum dots, plasmonic nanoparticles, carbon nanomaterials, porous nanomaterials, potential health and safety impacts."

Class structure: Lecture plus in-class discussion and presentations. You are expected to read appropriate textbook content and any assigned papers in advance of class. Must attend the seminars below.

<u>Week(s)*</u>	<u>Subject*</u> (* = <u>very tentative</u> )	
Week 1	Course Intro & Syllabus, Nanosolids: Structures (O&P Ch 1)	
Week 2	Polytypism, lattice mismatch	
Week 3	Epitaxy, gdots & blinking, cation exchange	
Week 4	Nanosolids: Surfaces (O&P Ch 1)	
Week 5	Owen/Green nomenclature	
Week 6	Characterization (O&P Ch 2), Bragg, Scherrer, PLE	
Week 7	Nano vs. bulk (O&P Ch 3)	
Week 8	Synthesis and reactivity (O&P Ch 4)	
Week 9	Nucleation theory, La Mer, ripening, molecular tuning, single source precursors, ligand removal	
Week 10	Molecular tuning, single source precursors, ligand removal	
Week 11	Morphology, Nanocarbons	
Week 12	Nano bonding (O&P Ch 6)	
Week 13	Transport (O&P Ch 8), photovoltaics	

	Nanostructuring (O&P Ch 11), porosity/porous materials, sol-gel, surface area/BET	
Week 14	Review	
Week 15	Final exams - <u>date/time tbd</u>	

**Grading composition (out of 100):**

Exams (80): One midterm (40), one final (40) (dates tbd). All exams are open book(s)/open resource(s).

Problem sets: 20 (2 random end-of-chapter from O&P upon completion of each chapter).

Optional project, worth up to a maximum of 10 extra points, for either:

- Development of a nanochemistry lab demonstration based on a 573-related topic, or creation of a Wikipedia article on a 573-related topic (to be pre-approved by me, must explain a concept or idea to the general public/lay audience).

Grading scale: A=100-95%, A<sup>-</sup>=94-90%, B<sup>+</sup>=89-86%, B=85-83%, B<sup>-</sup>=82-80%, C<sup>+</sup>=79-76%, C=75-73%, C<sup>-</sup>=72-70%, D<sup>+</sup>=69-66%, D=65-63%, D<sup>-</sup>=62-60%, F=59-0%

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