

## Chemistry and Society

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Lecture Schedule: M W F, 11:00 - 11:50 AM, Wolfe Hall 1205  
Office Hours: M W, 10:00 - 10:50 AM, other times by appointment

Text: "Chemistry in Context", 6th ed. (2009) by American Chemical Society

Course Objective: To provide you with the information needed to critically evaluate the impact of chemistry on your life.

Attendance and Preparation: You are expected to attend every scheduled class meeting and to read the material to be covered BEFORE it is presented in the lectures. The figures for each lecture can be found on my Group website:

[aries.wo.utoledo.edu/viola](http://aries.wo.utoledo.edu/viola)

Once on this site click on the "Chemistry and Society" course button and then on the chapter numbers on the lecture schedule posted on the site. (You will need to use PowerPoint to view the figures)

Examinations: There will be five full period exams and a final exam. THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS. You may drop your lowest period exam grade. A missed exam will be counted as your grade to be dropped. A second missed exam will be counted as a zero. Each exam will cover the material that is presented during the lectures in that portion of the course. The final exam will be comprehensive, but will emphasize the material presented during the last two weeks of the course.

Written Assignment: You are required to write a two page paper on one of the topics that is covered in the course. See the attached sheet for the assignment details.

Grading: Each period exam is worth 100 points and the final is worth 150 points, for a total of 550 exam points. The paper is worth 50 points, for a total of 600 points in the course. Grading will be on absolute scale:  
**(above 540 = A, 480-539 = B, 420-479 = C, 360-419 = D, below 360 = F)**  
Plus and minus grades will be set within these ranges.

Academic Honesty: You are expected to abide by the University policy for academic honesty in coursework, both for your written assignment and during examinations. Be aware of the penalties and consequences of academic dishonesty.

Withdrawal: Course withdrawal is permitted according to University procedures and time schedules. Monday, Sept. 7 at 5 PM is the add/drop deadline and Friday, Oct. 30 at 5 PM is the withdrawal (**W**) deadline.

Classroom Courtesy: Do not sit in the last 4 rows of the lecture hall  
Turn OFF all cell phones and pagers  
Laptop computer can be used only to follow the lecture presentations  
Arrive ON TIME for class – lecture starts PROMPTLY at 11 AM  
NO early departures from lecture (unless arranged in advance)