

Getting Started in Chemistry 223

Welcome to Chemistry 223! I am glad to have you enrolled in CH 223 this term. This document will offer hints on how to get started in the class:

- First, **know that I am here to help you succeed in this class.** If you have any questions, please email me (mike.russell@mhcc.edu), give me a call (503.491.7348) or stop by my office (AC 2568) during office hours. I normally respond to student inquiries within 24 hours on email, and I return calls the next time I am in my office.
- All relevant assignments (problem sets, papers, etc.) as well as assessments (quizzes, exams, etc.) will occur during recitation (the beginning of your lab period.) If this is a **hybrid** or **web-based (WB)** class, we will only meet "face to face" during the lab period. All other students will meet "face to face" during both the lab period and during the lecture periods.
- The "**What's Due This Week**" **Schedule for CH 223** located on page 2 of your syllabus **lists all the problem set due dates, assignment deadlines, labs performed, exam/quiz dates, and related information for this term.** You can plan your term by referencing this handout.
- Next, **join the mhchem mailing list** if you are not already a member. **mhchem** is a mailing list for students in CH 221, CH 222 and CH 223 at Mt. Hood Community College. Over the course of the year, you will receive various pieces of information, events, announcements, and more via mhchem. If you joined mhchem previously, you do not have to re-subscribe.

To join mhchem, send your Web browser to the following address:

<http://mhchem.org/mhchem>

and select **Join mhchem** by clicking the button with your mouse. Next, enter your **email address** in the appropriate place and leave all the other options blank. Press the **Save** button at the bottom; you should now be a part of mhchem.

- Now it is time to **explore the Chemistry 223 website.** The Chemistry 223 website has a host of learning opportunities waiting for you. You can download and/or print copies of the syllabus, PowerPoint notes, labs, quiz answers, and more; plus there are opportunities for extra credit available on the website.

To get started, send your web browser to

<http://mhchem.org/223>

and select "Enter the CH 223 Classroom" with your mouse. You should see the CH 223 website on your screen! If you do not see it, contact the instructor.

- Once you are in the Chemistry 223 website, check out the **Chemistry 223 Chapter Guides** by selecting "Chapter Guides" from the upper left hand corner of the screen. The Chapter Guides offer a detailed approach for studying the course material through a series of lessons. **Read Lesson Zero**, the "**Intro to the Chapter Guides System**" to understand how the chapter guides work.
- Now would be a great time to start thinking about a **Class Presentation Topic.** You will be giving a five minute presentation this term on a **topic in science that interests you**, and you must reserve your topic choice with me. A written paper also accompanies the presentation on your compound. To reserve your topic, send your web browser here:

<http://mhchem.org/cp223>

See the "**Class Presentations FAQ**" handout (available in the syllabus or here: **<http://mhchem.org/cp223info>**) for more information; this document can also be found on the CH 223 website under "Class Information."

- Finally, you should **join the Discus Chemistry Board** to start participating in the discussions for Chemistry 223. Instructions on how to join Discus are provided in the **Joining Online Discussions with Discus** guide that accompanies this handout, or you can find it online at **<http://mhchem.org/discus>**

Again, welcome to Chemistry 223! Let me know if I can make your learning experience better in any way, and I look forward to working with you this term!

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