



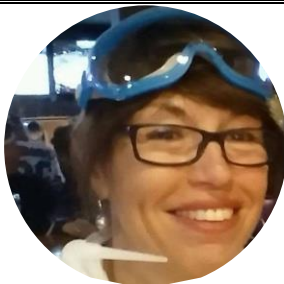

CHM 135H: Chemistry: Physical Principles

Course Syllabus: Winter 2025

I CONTACTS

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TEACHING TEAM

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STUDENT HOURS: Drop-in sessions led by current instructor Wednesdays 12:10-1:00 pm and Fri 1:10 – 2:00 pm in OI 8220.

PRA STUDENT HELP HOURS: details on the Laboratory Information link on CHM 135 Quercus page.

II COURSE OVERVIEW

Welcome to CHM 135H – *Chemistry: Physical Principles*! CHM 135H is designed to provide a foundation in physical chemistry for students who intend to follow a science program, primarily in the Life or Health Sciences. Along with CHM 136H (Introductory Organic Chemistry I), these are also the recommended courses for those applying for entry into professional programs. CHM 135H and CHM 136H are also acceptable for admission to any of the undergraduate programs offered by the Department of Chemistry. High-school level Chemistry SCH4U and Mathematics MHF4U + MCV4U or their equivalents are pre-requisites for CHM 135H, and this course is a pre-requisite for CHM 136H.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of CHM 135H, successful students will be able to

- describe macroscopic properties of chemical substances and explain how atomic or molecular behaviour accounts for those properties, including in everyday situations.

- solve quantitative chemical problems and interpret the solutions in consideration of molecular behaviour
- appreciate the interdisciplinary nature of chemistry and relate chemical concepts to problems in other disciplines
- work safely and confidently in the lab using a variety of glassware and equipment
- collect data using a variety of analytical instrumentation and use Excel to transform and visualize that data

TEXTBOOK:

The required course textbook is "Chemistry: The Molecular Nature of Matter and Change" 10th Edition by Martin Silberberg and Patricia Amateis. The 9th Edition will also be supported. The textbook is available either in [print](#) or [electronically](#) through the [U of T Bookstore](#) at reduced cost. **We will not be using online homework, so you can also purchase a used book without an access code.**

Although we aren't using online homework, we do have a CHM135 ALEKS class that you can join. To do this go to <https://ca.aleks.com/>, select "Sign up" and enter the 10-character ALEKS Class Code: **AVTJ6-YGVUH** and click continue. Once you confirm the class information you can access the online textbook one of three ways: (i) enter your 20-character ALEKS Access Code (from a previous purchase); (ii) purchase access online; or (iii) start a 14-day free trial using the following code: **77D2B-F1709-30AB0-B9ACE**. If you opt for the trial period, you can extend your account with an access code purchased from the bookstore or directly within ALEKS.

III HOW THE COURSE IS ORGANIZED

CHM 135H will cover the physical principles important in chemistry:

Week	Lecture Topics	Guide to Textbook Sections Covered in Lecture	Tutorial Content
Week 1 Jan 6-10	Welcome to CHM135 Quantum Theory and Atomic Structure (part 1)	Highschool review: Ch. 1-4 (parts only, see Tutorial 1 and problem set 1) and ArriveReady high school review Ch. 7 all	No Tutorial
Week 2 Jan 13-17	Quantum Theory and Atomic Structure (part 2) Bonding	Ch. 8 all except 8.4 Ch. 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.5 Ch. 10.2, 10.3	Tutorial 1 Ch. 1-4
Week 3 Jan 20-24	Intermolecular Forces, Gases	Ch. 12.1 (12.3 in the 9 th edition) Ch. 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, parts of 5.4 and 5.5	Tutorial 2 Ch. 7, 8
Week 4 Jan 27-31	States of Matter, Solids, Liquids, Phase Changes, Solutions	Ch. 12.1, parts of 12.2 and 12.3, 12.4, 12.6 (9 th edition: parts of 12.1 and 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.6) Ch. 13.1, 13.4, 13.5 (9 th edition: 13.1, 13.5, 13.6)	Tutorial 3 Ch. 9, 10, 12, 5
Week 5 Feb 3-7	Kinetics	Ch. 16	Tutorial 4 Ch. 12, 13
Week 6 Feb 10-14	Equilibrium	Ch. 17	Tutorial 5 Ch. 16

Term Test 1: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6:30 – 8:00 pm			
Family Day: February 17 (University closed) and Reading Week: February 17-21			
Week 7 Feb 24-28	Acids and Bases	Ch. 18 (no polyprotic acids)	Tutorial 6 Ch. 17
Week 8 Mar 3-7	Buffers, Titrations, Solubility	Ch. 19.1, 19.2, 19.3 (no polyprotic acids), 19.4 (no separation of ions) (9 th edition: 19.1, 19.2, 19.3)	Tutorial 7 Ch. 18
Week 9 Mar 10-14	Thermochemistry	Ch. 6 all	Tutorial 8 Ch. 19
Week 10 Mar 17-21	Thermodynamics (part 1)	Ch. 20.1, 20.2, 20.3	Tutorial 9 Ch. 6
Term Test 2: Wednesday, Mar. 19, 6:30– 8:00 pm			
Week 11 Mar 24-28	Thermodynamics (part 2) Electrochemistry (part 1)	Ch. 20.4 Ch. 4.4, Ch. 21.1, 21.2, 21.3	Tutorial 10 Ch. 20
Week 12 Mar 31-Apr 4	Electrochemistry (part 2)	Ch. 21.4, 21.5, parts of 21.6	Tutorial 11 Ch. 20 Tutorial 12 (video) Ch. 4, 21
Final Exam: (during final assessment period April 9 - 30, 2025, date TBD)			

Note: The above schedule is approximate. The textbook chapters are a **rough guide** to the material. We will not cover all parts of each chapter section, and some material may be covered in class that is not in the textbook.

* **Last class is on Friday, Apr. 4th.**

IMPORTANT WINTER 2025 SESSIONAL DATES:

First day of class: Monday January 6

Last day to enroll in S courses on ROSI: Sunday January 19

Winter Reading Week including Family Day (no classes): February 17-21

Last day to drop S courses: Monday March 10

Classes end: Friday April 4

Study Days: Monday April 7 and Tuesday April 8

Final Assessment Period: April 9-30

CLASS

The first class for CHM135S will take place on Monday, Jan. 6th. The lectures are designed to be attended live – in class, you will be an active participant in your learning through problem-solving, asking and answering questions and discussions with your peers. Brief class notes will be available on the CHM 135H course website on Quercus ahead of each class. Many of the problems will be done as a class and do not appear in the notes. Be prepared to make notes on the material discussed in class as this is a key

component of active learning. To encourage participation, we will be doing in-class problem solving worth 5% of your final mark. **Please bring a phone or tablet to class to participate.**

Class recordings will be provided through Quercus and are intended to help students with unexpected absences – we understand that it may not be possible to attend every class. The recordings are only a partial substitute for the learning that occurs in class, so it is in your best interest to make every effort to attend class. We have found in the past that providing the recordings for the entire semester leads students to procrastinate and fall behind in the course. Based on this and feedback from past CHM 135 students, **we will be offering each recording for 1 week** to support those with unexpected absences while also encouraging all students to keep up with the course material. Please note that watching the recordings multiple times is not a good way to learn chemistry – it is much better to do problems and actively engage with the material.

TUTORIALS

Tutorial sessions will meet each week in person starting on the week of Jan. 13th. **It is essential that you have enrolled in a tutorial section through ACORN.** The location of your tutorial can be found on Acorn.

The objectives of the CHM 135H tutorial are (i) to re-visit the course content seen in class; (ii) to solve problems in smaller groups and with your teaching assistant; and (iii) to give you an opportunity to work in a smaller group environment. These smaller tutorial sessions will also provide a chance to meet your peers and build a community within the larger course. In your CHM 135H course tile in Quercus, you will find the following information:

- 1) Weekly practice problems and solutions to textbook problems
- 2) Links to TeamUp! group quizzes (Tutorial 1 will be a practice TeamUp! to review high school material)
- 3) Content to refresh your high school background

The TeamUp! group quizzes will be completed during tutorial and only your best 7 of 10 TeamUp! scores will count towards your final grade (Tutorial 1 is a practice quiz). There will be no make-up TeamUp! quizzes. Dropping the lowest three scores will account for any necessary absences.

Active student participation in problem solving through completion of homework is linked to success in learning chemistry: the assigned textbook problems will provide you an important opportunity for self-assessment, and help you make sure you are keeping up with the course materials and are essential preparation for tutorial. During your tutorial sessions, your tutorial teaching assistant (TA) will discuss any questions that you may have concerning the assigned exercises and assist you in understanding the important concepts of the course material.

Chemistry is an area of study that relies on problem-solving. To learn chemistry and be successful on the course assessments, you need to **practice**. Remember that you are the best judge of your own learning (if you are honest with yourself!)

PRACTICALS

Every CHM 135H student must be enrolled in a laboratory section through Acorn. There are no labs the first two weeks of classes. Laboratory sessions will take place **the weeks of** January 20th, February 3rd, February 24th, March 10th, and March 24th. Please ensure that the PRA section that you chose fits with your schedule. **If you plan to take both CHM135H1S and BIO130H1S labs on the same day and time, please select BIO130H1S PRA sections that end in 1.**

The CHM135 lab experiments are designed to complement the content discussed in class and teach you important lab skills and techniques that will be useful in subsequent chemistry classes and many other areas of science. To succeed and learn in the lab, good preparation and time management are essential. We hope that you will find the CHM 135H lab an enjoyable learning experience!

Each student will need **CHM135 Laboratory Manual Winter 2025** to complete the laboratory component of the course. **Detailed information regarding each of the five experiments and all lab policies, including preparation, late penalties, lab schedule are in the manual.** It is available from the Chemistry Club office, located in LM 203; a schedule of their sales hours is posted in Lash Miller Labs as well as on the CHM 135H Quercus site. You will also need a lab coat, indirectly vented safety goggles, gloves, and a hard cover lab notebook for your first laboratory class. The lab notebook is required in a particular format. The image of such lab notebook is posted on the Laboratory information page on Quercus. If you do not already have them, these materials can also be purchased from the Chemistry Club store. If you chose to wear a mask, you would need a special flame-resistant mask for lab that can also be purchased from the Chemistry Club office.

The lab manual is ONLY available from Chem Club store, but all other materials can be purchased elsewhere.

You need to come to lab prepared. **If you do not adequately prepare for the experiments, you will not be allowed to stay in the lab and will receive zero for that experiment.** Full details on how to prepare for lab, including a short “how to” video, is available on the Laboratory Information page on Quercus.

Before your first lab period, details, including your lab room, demo group and bench number, will be available on Quercus. This information will tell you exactly where to go for your lab session and how to prepare for it. **Be sure to record your lab room, demo group and bench number at the front cover of your Lab Notebook** in addition to the other required preparations for your lab session.

A lab report for each experiment is due *two weeks* after your lab session and will be submitted online using MarkUs, a software built and maintained by the Department of Computer Science at U of T. Details on how to access MarkUs are available on Quercus. Late reports will be accepted but a penalty of 10% per day will be applied. We know that there are sometimes things beyond your control that make it difficult to get your report in on time and so **you can apply for a 48-hour “Life Happens” extension on your lab report using the MS form available on Quercus.**

If you miss a lab session you cannot complete the subsequent lab report. The only exception to this rule is lab 1, which can be completed even if you miss the in-person lab component for a reason beyond your

control. **If you miss a lab, you should report it to the teaching team using the MS form available on Quercus.** When you fill in and submit the Missed Lab MS form you will receive details on how to complete the lab 1 report or how to request consideration for missing any of labs 2-5 by providing appropriate documentation. Acceptable documents include:

- Acorn absence declaration;
- Verification of illness form;
- Registrar's letter.

This documentation needs to be received as soon as possible and within one week of the missed lab. If you receive consideration for the missed lab, your overall lab grade will be calculated using the grades for the other completed labs. The 25% practical grade requires completion of at least three experiments. If a student couldn't complete three of the lab experiments for reasons beyond their control, a portion of the lab grade will be moved to the final exam.

DISCUSSION BOARD

In addition to tutorial and student hours, we will be using Piazza, a free platform that facilitates online Q&A discussions. Information on Piazza can be found in your CHM 135H Quercus tile. We highly encourage you to ask your content questions on the discussion board where all students can benefit and collaborate on responses to these questions. Let's all learn together! A member of the teaching team will occasionally monitor the discussion board; however, it is considered a student-driven learning tool where students are expected to help one another. If you have in-depth questions about lab or other course material, please attend student hours, so we can assist you!

Note that sharing solutions to report sheet, quiz, and TeamUp! questions (through the discussion board or through other means) is in violation of University of Toronto's Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters (see Academic Integrity section of syllabus.)

IV GRADING SCHEME

In-Class Problem-Solving: 5% (best 9 of 12 weekly participation questions count toward your mark)

Tutorial Quizzes (TeamUp!): 5% (best 7 of 10 count towards your mark)

Practical: 25% (5% per Experiment)

For each experiment: 92% report sheet questions, 5% pre-lab quiz, 3% in-lab safety/cleanliness

Term Tests: 32% (lower test: 12%, higher test: 20%)

Test #1: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Test #2: Wednesday, Mar. 19, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Final Exam: 33% (during final assessment period April 9 - 30, 2025, date TBD)*

*The actual date of the exam will be set by the Faculty of Arts & Science and could occur on the last date mentioned.

Bonus marks:

[Background check](#) 1%

Reflection activities ([start of course](#) and post-Test#1, 0.5% bonus each)

Note: if you have a course conflict with the term tests, you will be given the opportunity to write at a different time.

Tests and exams in CHM 135H will include a mix of multiple-choice and short answer questions.

Students who miss a test must provide documentation (e.g. Acorn absence declaration, verification of illness form, registrar's letter, etc.) using the appropriate MS form on Quercus as soon as possible and within one week of the absence to get consideration for a missed test. Consideration for one missed test will result in the other term test accounting for 22.5% of the final mark and the final exam accounting for 47.5% of the final mark. For students missing both term tests the mark for the missing tests will be replaced by the final exam. **There are no make-up tests in CHM 135S.**

V COURSE POLICIES

Each member of this course is expected to maintain a:

- (i) professional and respectful attitude during all course activities, including classes, laboratories, tutorials, and other activities.
- (ii) personal calendar/schedule/organizer to ensure that all course activities are completed, and due dates are met.
- (iii) collection of notes recorded independently based on concepts covered in course activities (students registered with Accessibility Services requiring a class note-taker will have access to this accommodation)
- (iv) familiarity with the university policy on Academic Integrity

The University of Toronto is committed to equity, human rights and respect for diversity. All members of the learning environment in this course should strive to create an atmosphere of mutual respect where all members of our community can express themselves, engage with each other, and respect one another's differences. The CHM 135 Teaching team will neither condone nor tolerate behaviour that undermines the dignity or self-esteem of any individual in this course, and we wish to be alerted to any attempt to create an intimidating or hostile environment. It is our collective responsibility to create a space that is inclusive and welcomes discussion. Discrimination, harassment, and hate speech will not be tolerated. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, we encourage you to reach out to the staff in our Equity Offices.

E-mail and Getting Help

- For any course-related communication, please only use chm135h@utoronto.ca. Do not send messages through Quercus.
- For course content questions, please ask during your tutorial, during the weekly instructor student hours or post your question on the course discussion board. **Please keep in mind that email is not the mechanism to receive explanations of course material.**

- Any questions on **laboratory** content can be directed to your TA during regular lab time, asked during the PRA help hours, or posted on the discussion board.
- When you e-mail the teaching team at chm135h@utoronto.ca, please include your full name, student number, and UTORID, making sure to use your UTORONTO email address. Keep the language and tone of your email professional. We will forward the e-mail to the correct person if necessary.
- Most emails will receive a reply within 24 hours of being sent (except on weekends) but keep your expectations reasonable as to the degree of detail that an email reply to your enquiry can realistically provide.
- **Note that the tutorial and practical teaching assistants (TAs) cannot provide any assistance via email.**

ABSENCES

If you are absent from your studies due to illness or other reasons and unable to complete graded course work (e.g., tests or labs) then a piece of written documentation is required. The following four items are the recognized forms of documentation:

1. [Absence Declaration via ACORN](#) (please note the Acorn absence declaration can be used for health conditions, personal or family emergencies, or bereavement and can only be used once per semester for a maximum of seven consecutive days – see website for full details)
2. [U of T Verification of Illness or Injury Form](#)
3. College Registrar's letter
4. Letter of Academic Accommodation from Accessibility Services

After obtaining the written documentation, students must additionally contact chm135h@utoronto.ca within 1 week of the missed work for any consideration to be granted.

For extended absences and for absences due to non-medical reasons, make sure to contact your [College Registrar's Office](#). They can help you decide between a request for an extension or other types of academic consideration, as well as help you access resources as needed.

If you suspect or know that you have a disability that is affecting your studies, [learn about the services and supports available through Accessibility Services](#). A disability can be physical disability, sensory disability, a learning disability, mental health disorder or a short-term disability like an injury. If you are not sure whether you have a disability, you can confidentially contact [Accessibility Services](#) with your questions.

VI TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

This course, particularly the lab, requires the use of computers, and technical issues are possible. When working on an assignment, students are responsible for scheduling enough time to allow for reasonable delays due to technical difficulties to be overcome, so such issues will not be acceptable grounds for deadline extension. Particularly, maintaining an up-to-date, independent backup copy of your work is strongly recommended to guard against hard-drive failures, corrupted files, lost computers, etc. We

encourage you to spend a moment at the start of the semester to make a plan for what you would do if you lost access to the computer that you primarily intend to use, which will help ensure that you are prepared for this unlikely possibility. To help you prepare we suggest reading through the [Getting Setup for Success](#) section of the Online Excel Resource used in the CHM135 labs. A link to this resource can be found on the Experiment 1 page of your PRA Quercus shell.

VII INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES AND SUPPORT

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity is essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarship in a university, and to ensuring that a degree from the University of Toronto is a strong signal of each student's individual academic achievement. As a result, the University treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. The University of Toronto's Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters (governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/secretariat/policies/code-behaviour-academic-matters-july-1-2019) outlines the behaviours that constitute academic dishonesty and the processes for addressing academic offences. Potential offences include, but are not limited to:

In laboratory reports:

1. Using someone else's ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgement.
2. Submitting your own work in more than one course without the permission of the instructor.
3. Making up sources or data.
4. Obtaining or providing unauthorized assistance on any report. **Please note that both the use of websites (such as Chegg.com or the course discussion board) to post laboratory report material/questions or to post/access answers to questions and the use of ChatGPT or any other form of generative artificial intelligence tool in the writing of lab report sheet answers is an academic offence under the University of Toronto's Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters. Alleged instances of this nature are forwarded to the Faculty of Arts & Science Student Academic Integrity office.**

On quizzes and term tests:

1. Using or possessing unauthorized aids.
2. Looking at someone else's answers or collaborating/discussing answers during a quiz or term test.
3. Misrepresenting your identity.

In general academic work:

1. Falsifying institutional documents or grades.
2. Falsifying or altering any documentation required by the University.

All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated following procedures outlined in the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters. If you have questions or concerns about what constitutes appropriate academic behaviour or appropriate research and citation methods, you are expected to seek out additional information on academic integrity from your instructor or from other institutional resources (see www.academicintegrity.utoronto.ca/).

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ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS

Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course. The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility: if you require accommodations for a disability, or have any other accessibility concerns about the course, please contact [Accessibility Services](#) as soon as possible.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

Following the University's policies, reasonable accommodations will be made for students who observe religious holy days that coincide with the due date/time of an assignment, tutorial, class or laboratory session. Students must inform the teaching team via email (chm135h@utoronto.ca) **before** the session/assignment date to arrange accommodations.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES & SUPPORT

The following are some important links to help you with academic and/or technical service and support:

- General student services and resources at [Student Life](#)
- Full library service through [University of Toronto Libraries](#)
- Resources on conducting online research through [University Libraries Research](#)
- Resources on academic support from the [Academic Success Centre](#)
- Learner support at the [Writing Centre](#)

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We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca and, most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.