

Welcome to CH145!

We're excited to meet all of you and to get this semester started. This email contains important notes and instructions as you get ready for Honors General Chemistry.

Lecture:

The first lecture is the first day of classes in Olin 1 at 10am. You'll get an introduction to the course, the syllabus, and the link to the course website.

Lab:

The first lab sections meet the second week of classes (the week of September 8th). Information for the first day of lab will be distributed in a separate email.

Textbook/Homework:

We'll be using an online textbook and homework app published by Sapling Learning. We strongly encourage (but don't require) you to purchase a hard copy of the textbook from the publisher as well. You can purchase access directly from the Sapling Web site or from the bookstore. Directly using the Sapling Web site is probably easier. The following instructions from Sapling walk you through how to create an online homework account and purchase the course and textbook if you have not yet done so:

1. Go to <http://saplinglearning.com> and click on "US Higher Ed" at the top right.
2. If you already have a Sapling Learning account, log in and skip to step 3. Otherwise there are two options to create an account:
Option 1: Click "Create an Account". Supply the requested information and click "Create My Account". Check your email (and spam filter) for a message from Sapling Learning and click on the link provided in that email.
Option 2: Click "Create my account through Facebook". You will be prompted to log into Facebook if you aren't already. Choose a username and password and click "Link Account".
3. Find our course in the list of courses: "Colby College - CHEM 145 - Fall14 - SHATTUCK" under "General Chemistry-Semester 1" in the list of courses. The cost is \$55. Click the link.
4. If you haven't done so, you will need to pay for access to the homework app and the e-text. There are three options:
Option 1: If you have already purchased an access code from the bookstore. Enter the code where prompted.
Option 2: If you have not purchased an access code, you should purchase "One Semester" access.

To purchase a hard copy of the textbook, which we strongly encourage but don't require, use this link: [http://www.saplingplusbooks.com/#!/product/prd1/2168868815/olmsted-%252526-williams-chemistry-5e-\(print-only\)](http://www.saplingplusbooks.com/#!/product/prd1/2168868815/olmsted-%252526-williams-chemistry-5e-(print-only)).

Once you have registered and enrolled, you can log in at any time to complete or review your homework assignments. There is a Practice Assignment available and a video tutorial. You can get more help at the student FAQs: <http://www2.saplinglearning.com/help/student-faq>.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me (twshattu@colby.edu). If you have questions about your lab section, email Brenda Fekete (blfekete@colby.edu).
We look forward to a great semester! Best, Tom and Brenda