Welcome to CH142!

We're excited to meet all of you and to get this semester started. These instructions contain important notes to get you ready for second semester General Chemistry.

Lecture:
The first lecture is the first day of classes in Keyes 105. 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 February 8th). Information for the first day of lab will be available on the lab website.

Calculator:
You will need a calculator for General Chemistry. On exams you may not use calculators that have graphing capability or programmable memory. You may not use the calculator function of any phone or device with cellular or wifi capability. We require using a Sharp EL-501XB calculator, which is available for purchase at the bookstore.

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 Sapling or a used book dealer as well (see the note below). You can purchase access to the e-text and the on-line homework 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](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 142 – Spring16 - CONRY/SHATTUCK" under "General Chemistry-Semester 2" in the list of courses. 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 (see the note below), which we encourage but don’t require, use this link: http://www.saplingplusbooks.com/#/general-chemistry/c1vhd and select Olmstead and Williams 5E (Print Only). (Windows Internet Explorer users—you may need to use Firefox for this site)

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.

A useful alternative to purchasing the hard-copy version of the text from Sapling is to get a hard-bound copy of the previous edition, the 4th edition, from Amazon.com or other used book seller. The hard-bound 4th edition is a traditional text that contains many photos and other illustrations that are not in the Sapling version. Students found this version very helpful during the first semester.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Prof. Conry (rrconry@colby.edu) or Prof. Shattuck (twshattu@colby.edu). If you have questions about your lab section, email Lisa Miller (lmmiller@colby.edu).

We look forward to a great semester! Best, Rebecca, Tom, Lisa, and Vicky