

**CHEMISTRY 163B Winter 2020**  
**Arrangements During Suspension of In-Person UCSC Classes and Exams**

Chem 163B people:

OK here's what I just received from UCSC administration:

- Beginning Wednesday, March 11, lecture courses (including discussion sections) and seminars will be offered through alternative modalities (e.g., Zoom) to reduce face-to-face interactions as much as possible.
- In-person winter quarter final exams will be conducted via alternate means - not in person. Instructors will be communicating with their students this week about alternative plans for assessment on a course-by-course basis.
- If a student is not able to complete the option(s) provided by the instructor, the student may be given an incomplete (I) at the student's request if their work was of passing quality but incomplete. Instructors should be clear as to what needs to be done within the next quarter to remove the incomplete

**SOOO for the rest of this week (11-13 March):**

1. I will be in CL1 to give Wednesday and Friday lectures. I will give ZOOM a try, but your better bet is Webcast
2. I will try to have Zoom for my Friday (13 March) office hours 9:30-10:30. Three students did make (useful) Zoom contact with me this past Monday, did anyone else try?
3. **The famous HW#7 should be turned in** to the CHEM 163B HW lockbox (in the mailroom between 230-240 PSB) by 5PM Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March. The solutions for HW#7 and HW#8 will be on CANVAS.

**AND FOR FINALS WEEK:**

**I will be giving you an on-line final via the class CANVAS account.** *I have never used CANVAS for exam so there might be some 'glitches' but below is what 'I plan' as of now.*

1. The exam will be open notes (and open class WWW site) but no other books or 'searches' and **CERTAINLY NO COLLABORATION WITH ANYONE ELSE.**
2. The exam can only be done between 4:00PM-7:00PM on 19<sup>th</sup> March (remotely or on-campus computer links). It should NOT take you anywhere near the allotted 3 hours. I will consult DRC on how to extend time for those students who take the exam with DRC.
3. The exam will have 'problems' on material similar to HW#7 and HW#8 and other types of questions to cover conceptual material from throughout the quarter.
4. However, by the nature of an on-line exam, the responses will be limited to entering numbers (results of problems) and various types of 'objective' question formats.
5. During the exam, I will be available by e-mail (and can respond to the whole class by CANVAS announcement).
6. On the CANVAS final you will be asked to indicate that the work you are submitting is your own, and not done by interacting with another

### IN PREPARATION FOR THE EXAM:

1. There are many review resources [on our web site including CANVAS](#).
2. The 'SAMPLE FINAL' covers the same range of material and types of questions as our W2020 final, but the format of the questions is "written" as opposed to our "on-line". This shouldn't be a problem.
3. All in-person review sessions and office hours are cancelled but we WILL TRY:
  - a. Switkes office hours 13<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30-10:30AM **ZOOM**
  - b. Vickers office hours 16<sup>th</sup> March, 9:00-10:00AM **ZOOM** (hopefully)
  - c. Switkes informal Review Session 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2:00-3:00PM **ZOOM**
  - d. Switkes Review Session 17<sup>th</sup> March, 4:00-5:30PM **ZOOM**
  - e. Schleissner office hours 18<sup>th</sup> March 2:30-3:30PM **ZOOM** (hopefully)
  - f. FINAL EXAM 19<sup>th</sup> March 4:00-7:00PM **CANVAS**
4. You may be getting request for CANVAS 'trial' exam. This is to help us and you try to make sure that we know how to submit an exam and how to grade your responses (as I said I'm new to exams on CANVAS). PLEASE respond to trial exam.

take care,  
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