

Greetings,

It's just a few weeks before the Fall 2013 semester starts, and I wanted to make sure that when you show up for the first day you're prepared. Let me tell you what that means:

1. You've met both of the prerequisites. As stated in the online course schedule, these are:

*Prerequisite: CHEM 300 with a grade of "C" or better completed within one year prior to enrollment in CHEM 400 or placement through the assessment process (ACS California Chemistry Diagnostic Exam) completed within one year prior to enrollment in CHEM 400 (students having taken CHEM 310, CHEM 305 or another chemistry course must complete the assessment process within one year prior to enrollment in CHEM 400) **AND** MATH 120 or MATH 124 with a grade of "C" or better, or placement through the assessment process.*

If you don't meet these prereqs and have proof of meeting these prerequisites on the first day you will be DROPPED IMMEDIATELY to make room for students that do have the prereqs met. The good news is that you'll know the first day whether you're in the class or not. The bad news is that if you don't have the prereqs met exactly when I call your name the first day, you won't be in the class.

Meeting the prereqs MAY include taking one or two assessment exams – either the Chemistry Placement Exam and/or the Math Placement Exam (See the SCC website for information and testing calendar at the Assessment Center). Taking CHEM 310 at ARC or CHEM 305 at SCC or a version of CHEM 300 outside of the Los Rios Community College District DOES NOT meet the prereq, and requires passing the Chemistry placement exam. Notice that there is a recency requirement on CHEM 300 and the placement exam. **If you have taken your math course outside of the Los Rios District, you will need to get your transcript assessed by the Math department/counseling OR you can take the Math Placement Exam at the SCC Assessment Center.**

2. You are ready to spend 8 hours in class (3 hours of lecture, 4 hours of lab and 1 hour of discussion) PLUS 15 – 20 hours outside of class to complete homework, study, finish lab write-ups, prepare for labs, etc. This class does will require a considerable amount of your time. I hope you'll learn a lot this coming semester.

I hope that you take all of this info in the best light. I do think we will have a great semester including as much fun as you can have while learning chemistry!

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

Best Regards,
Professor Roper