

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2025	Instructor Name:	Dr. Behrang Madani
Course Title & #:	Chemistry 100 Introduction to Chemistry	Email:	behrang.madani@imperial.edu
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Classroom:	2717 Lecture & Lab	Office #:	2773
Class Dates:	Aug 11 to Dec 6	Office Hours:	MW: 10:00am – 11:00 am online Zoom T: 11:30am – 12:30pm online Zoom R: 6:pm – 7:00pm at my office (room 2773) https://imperial-edu.zoom.us/j/81368360342
Class Days:	TR (Lec & Lab)	Office Phone #:	(760) 355-6477
Class Times: Units:	2:40 pm-5:50 pm (Lec) 2:40 pm-5:50 pm (Lab) 4	Office contact if student will be out or emergency	Department Secretary (760) 355-6155

Course Description

Elementary principles of general inorganic chemistry, a preparatory course for CHEM 200. Previous science background is recommended but not required. This course is designed for non-science majors and students who need only a one-semester general chemistry course, and also for students entering a paramedical and allied health fields, and industrial applications such as power plants. This course will satisfy the prerequisite for CHEM 200.(C-ID: CHEM 101) (CSU, UC credit limited. See a counselor.)

Prerequisite: Intermediate Algebra or appropriate placement as defined by AB 705 with a grade of "C" or better.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Solve chemical problems using modern atomic theory. (ILO2, ILO4)
2. Perform chemical experiments in a scientific manner using proper techniques, data analysis, and safety equipment. (ILO2, ILO3, ILO4)

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Calculate English and metric unit conversions and measurements using dimensional analysis.
2. Write symbols for elements and know common ionic charges.
3. Derive and write formulas and names for chemical compounds.
4. Write and balance common chemical equations and identify reaction types.
5. Solve stoichiometric problems, including their solutions using dimensional analysis.
6. Describe atomic structure including isotopes, periodicity and molecular structure in terms of subatomic particles.
7. Identify types of energy and calculate specific heat; identify energy involved in change of state including heat of vaporization and predict behaviors in cooling curves; calculate caloric and nutritional values of various foods.

8. Describe gas behavior and solve problems involving the various gas laws.
9. Identify the type of intermolecular forces existing between molecules, and its effect on macroscopic property of the substance.
10. Calculate solution concentration of various types including dilutions.
11. Define the three basic concepts (Arrhenius, Bronsted-Lowry and Lewis) of acids and bases and perform titration experiments and calculate pH.
12. Use Le Chatelier's Principle to predict the shift in the direction of the reactants/products
13. Determine the oxidant/reductant and balance redox equations.
14. Describe nuclear processes and write nuclear equations using the subatomic particles involved and identify health factors and risks involved.

Textbooks & Other Required Material

1. [Introductory to Chemistry \(Links to an external site.\)](#), ISBN 13: 9781453311073

You have several options to obtain this book:

(Preferred) [The book on Libretexts \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

- For the textbook: click on (in above link)
 - [View online \(Links to an external site.\)](#) (Links to an external site.)
 - [Download a PDF \(Links to an external site.\)](#) (Links to an external site.)
 - [Order a print copy \(Links to an external site.\)](#)(Links to an external site.)
2. Chemistry 100 Laboratory Manual available at **IVC STEM/CHEM Club** (\$15)
 3. Safety goggles (\$5 - \$10; needed on second class day). The goggles must completely enclose the area around the eyes.
 4. Non-programmable scientific calculator (\$15 - \$25): Ti-30X IIB or Ti-30X IIS are recommended. You will need to use logarithms, functions, exponents, scientific notation, etc. **Bring this to all lecture and lab meetings.**
 5. Seven (7) Scantron Sheets Form No. 882-E for exams and final.
 6. Close-toed shoes for labs
 7. Registration with Achieve via Canvas to do your homework (\$40) – requires credit/debit card.
 8. iClicker Remote (you do not need to buy)
 9. Problem set packet (optional)

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

1. You have 7 exams including the final exam and lab final exam (see your course schedule). Some practice exams will be made available before each exam.
2. There are no make-up exams or lab classes.
3. Your lowest test grade, excluding the final test grade, will be dropped. If you are absent for a test, then the missed test will be test dropped.
4. **Homework:** Each homework has a due date and always finishes at 11:59pm. The goal is to give you sufficient practice to enable you to be successful on the examinations. Homework problems are found online using Canvas. The lowest homework scores will be dropped. You have 3 attempts per question to answer correctly. There will be no penalty for correctly answering on the first, second, or third attempt. There is no penalty for viewing the hint. In order to grade your answer and find out if you answered correctly, you should press "CHECK ANSWER." If you wish to switch to another question without checking the answer for the current question, you can press "NEXT" or use the map at the top right corner of the question. After the due

date, the homework assignment cannot be worked on but can be viewed. Late homework, lab reports, projects, etc will not be accepted and you will have earned zero for that work.

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6. iClicker remotes must be purchased or reused from a previous class. Students will register their iClicker remote during lecture near the beginning of the semester under the guidance of the professor. **iClicker questions are used in every lecture.** There is no make-up for iClicker questions.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Homework & problem sets	15%
Laboratory experiments and Lab exam	23% + 5%
iClicker Questions	12%
Exams	30%
Final exam	15%

Your final grade will be assigned based on following manner:

90 – 100 %	A
80 – 89 %	B
70 – 79 %	C
60 – 69 %	D
Below 59 %	F

Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.
- Absences during Lab Classes, or leaving during Lab Classes automatically result in a grade of zero (0) for the Lab Experiment.

Laboratory safety rules and grading

- 1) Lab reports will have a value of 25 points and each will be graded. Group reports will be turned in at the beginning of the next lab session after it was started. No late work is accepted – except for absences. Use a non-erasable ink to prepare your lab report.
- 2) Safety rules: At all times, of ANY experimentation, ALL students must wear safety goggles and enclosed shoes.
 - Failure to wear goggles over the eyes – 2 points deducted from your lab report for each infraction
 - Failure to wear enclosed shoes – you will be asked to leave (note that there are no lab make ups)

3) In addition to the department safety rules, we, your instructors, have some of our own.

- **Do not leave a Bunsen burner lit and unattended.** Five points will be deducted from all partner's report.
- **Do not wear tank tops or sleeveless tops.** You will be asked to leave. You may however, wear a lab coat to protect yourself.

Classroom Etiquette

- Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.
- Arriving late is disruptive for other students and will count as ½ hour absent for lecture and 1 hour absent for lab. This means every 3 lecture or 3 lab late equals 1 absence.
- Add/Drop: it is the responsibility of the student to take the necessary steps to add and/or drop the class by the university deadlines.
- Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by the instructor.
- Leaving during lecture or lab is considered an unexcused absence. If you have to leave anytime during class, other than established break times, you must inform your instructor.
- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).
- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, only students enrolled in the class may attend; children are not allowed.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the importance of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the [Campus Disciplinary Officer](#), who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- **CANVAS LMS.** Canvas is Imperial Valley College's main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- **Learning Services.** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- **Library Services.** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills Center](#), study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services](#) (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 1200, telephone 760-355-6434. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- **[Student Health Center:](#)** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.
- **[Mental Health Counseling Services:](#)** Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information.

Veteran's Center

The mission of the [IVC Military and Veteran Success Center](#) is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, personal/academic counseling, tutoring, book vouchers, and community referrals to qualifying low-income students. EOPS is composed of a group of professionals ready to assist you with the resolution of both academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population.

Also under the umbrella of EOPS our CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program for single parents is specifically designed to provide support services and assist with the resolution of issues that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program, for additional information on CARE please contact Lourdes Mercado, 760-355- 6448, lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu.

EOPS provides additional support and services that may identify with one of the following experiences:

- Current and former foster youth students that were in the foster care system at any point in their lives

- Students experiencing homelessness
- Formerly incarcerated students

To apply for EOPS and for additional information on EOPS services, please contact Alexis Ayala, 760-355-5713, alexis.ayala@imperial.edu.

Student Equity Program

- The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College's success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students' access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.
- The Student Equity Program also houses IVC's Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

Important Dates

FALL SEMESTER 2025 IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

NOTE: The deadlines below are for full-term classes. Deadlines for short-term and non-credit classes vary by the class.

June 30 Priority registration begins. Students may register up to 19 units at their assigned time.

July 14 Open Registration

July 16 Registration begins for students concurrently enrolled in grades K-12

August 10 Residency determination date.

August 11 Semester begins. Beginning on the first day each class meets, add authorization codes from the instructor are required to register for that class, filled or open.

August 11 – August 23 Late Registration. Beginning on first day each class meets, add authorization code from instructor required to register for that class, filled or open.

August 24 Last day to drop and receive a refund for full-term classes and not receive a "W".

August 25 Census

August 25 Ticketing for parking violations in student spaces on main campus begins.
Note: Tickets are issued for reserved (Faculty/Staff), disabled, time limit parking and no-parking spaces year around.

September 1 Holiday – Labor day. No classes.

September 5 Financial Aid Freeze Date – Units enrolled as of this date will be used to determine enrollment status for financial aid payment.

October 16 Return to Title IV Drop Date – Complete withdrawal before this date will require financial aid eligibility recalculation and funds may be owed.

**** November 1**** Deadline to drop full-term classes.

November 10 Holiday – Veterans Day. No classes.

November 24 – 25 No classes (Campus Open)

November 26 – 28 Holiday – Thanksgiving. No classes.

December 5 Deadline to submit *Petition for Graduation* for degree to be awarded for Fall 2025. Completed petition must be received in Admissions & Records Office by this date. Students must meet with a Counselor to petition by this date.

December 1 – 6 Final Exams.

December 8 – 12 No classes (Campus open)

December 15 – January 1 Winter Recess (Campus closed)

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Wk	Date	Lecture (Tuesday: Room 2717)	Lab (Thursday: Room 2717)
1	Aug 12 - Aug 14	Ch 1 & 2: Chemical World, Measurement	Syllabus, Safety, Lab Check in, Ch 2: Measurement, Problem Set 1
2	Aug 19 - Aug 21	Ch 3: Matter and Energy Problem Set 1	Lab 1: Measurement and Density Problem Set 1
3	Aug 26 - Aug 28	Ch 4: Atoms and Elements	Lab 2: Heat and Specific Heat Problem Set 2
4	Sep 2 - Sep 4	Ch 5: Molecules and Compounds Problem Set 3	Lecture Exam 1 (Chap. 1-4)
5	Sep 9 - Sep 11	Ch 6: Chemical Composition Problem Set 4	Lab 3: Determining the percent water in a hydrated metal salt
6	Sep 16 - Sep 18	Ch 7: Chemical Reactions Problem Set 5	Problem Set 4 and 5
7	Sep 23 - Sep 25	Ch 8: Quantities in Chemical Reactions Problem set 6	Lecture Exam 2 (Chap. 5-6)
8	Sep 30 - Oct 2	Ch 9: Electrons in Atoms and the Periodic Table Problem Set 7	Lab 4: Chemical Reaction and Net Ionic Equation
9	Oct 7 - Oct 9	Ch 10: Chemical Bonding Problem Set 8	Lab 5: Lewis Structure, Molecular's Shape and Polarity
10	Oct 14 - Oct 16	Ch 11: Gases Problem Set 9	Lecture Exam 3 (Chap. 7-8)
11	Oct 21 - Oct 23	Ch 12: Liquid, Solids, and Intermolecular Forces	Lab 6: Molar Volume of Gas
12	Oct 28 - Oct 30	Ch 13: Solutions Problem Set 10	Lab 7: Le Chatelier's Principle in Chemical Equilibrium
13	Nov 4 - Nov 6	Ch 14: Acids and Bases Problem Set 11	Lecture Exam 4 (Chap. 9-12)
14	Nov 11 - Nov 13	Ch 15: Chemical Equilibrium-Problem Set 12	Lab 8: Titration of Vinegar
15	Nov 18 - Nov 20	Ch 16: Redox Reactions Problem Set 12	Lecture Exam 5 (Chap. 13-15)
16	Nov 25 - Nov 27	Thanksgiving break – No classes	
17	Dec 2 - Dec 4	Final Exam (All chapters)	Lab Final Exam (all labs) and Check out

Note: The course syllabus is intended to provide students with basic information concerning the course. The syllabus can be viewed as a "blueprint" for the course; **changes in the syllabus can be made and students will be informed** of any substantial changes concerning exams, grading or attendance policy and/or changes to reading or homework assignments.