



**BAKER COLLEGE**  
**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**CHM2460 General Chemistry**  
**4 Semester Hours**

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**Student Learning Outcomes & Enabling Objectives**

1. Use the principles of scientific investigation within the context of a physical or natural science.
  - a. Identify the steps of the scientific process.
  - b. Differentiate between hypothesis, theory, and law.
2. Describe chemical and physical properties using the metric system.
  - a. Calculate density, mass, and volume.
  - b. Convert units of measurement using correct significant figures.
3. Explain the structure of atoms.
  - a. Identify the mass number and atomic number when given the standard isotopic notation.
  - b. Determine the number and properties of protons, neutrons, and electrons in an atom.
  - c. Classify the major groups of elements.
  - d. Describe the quantum model of the atom using the four quantum numbers.
  - e. Apply the Pauli Exclusion Principle and the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle.
  - f. Predict trends for atomic radius, ionization potential, electron affinity, and electronegativity.
4. Describe chemical reactions.
  - a. Explain the laws of Conservation of Mass and Energy.
  - b. Explain the laws of Definite Proportions and Multiple Proportions.
  - c. Explain the mole and its importance to understanding chemical reactions.
  - d. Calculate the concentrations of solutions in percent mass-volume, molarity, and molality, and calculate how these change upon dilution.
  - e. Construct the molecular equation, complete ionic equation, and net ionic equation for chemical reactions.
5. Identify the structure of ionic and covalent compounds.
  - a. Classify molecular geometry using the five basic shapes of linear, trigonal planar, tetrahedral, trigonal bipyramidal, and octahedral (with the variant molecular shapes derived from the five basics).
  - b. Explain valence bond theory.
  - c. Write the Lewis electron-dot structures of compounds and ions with emphasis upon resonance, incomplete octets, expanded octets, and the concept of formal charge.
6. Evaluate the physical states of matter.

- a. Assess the properties that distinguish gases, liquids, and solids from one another.
  - b. Describe phase changes.
  - c. Differentiate between physical and chemical properties.
  - d. State the gas laws and perform calculations illustrating them.
  - e. Assess the solubility of gases and solids.
  - f. Describe how the presence of dissolved substances influences the freezing and boiling points of water.
7. Evaluate chemical formulas.
- a. Classify chemical bonds as covalent, polar covalent, or ionic when provided with the electronegativities of the bonded atoms.
  - b. Identify the names and formulas of ionic and covalent compounds.
  - c. Determine the empirical formula, molecular formula, and molar mass of a compound.
  - d. Classify chemical reactions.
  - e. Relate electron configuration to the properties of elements.
  - f. Construct chemical equations from word equations.
  - g. Explain the molecular equation, complete ionic equation, and net ionic equation
8. Perform problems related to stoichiometry.
- a. Practice concepts of limiting reagents percent yield, theoretical yield, and actual yield.
  - b. Perform stoichiometric problems involving molarity.
9. Apply thermochemistry to chemical systems.
- a. Describe the first law of thermodynamics.
    - i. Quantify heat and work.
    - ii. Describe enthalpy and how it applies to chemical systems.
10. Apply the principles of chemical kinetics.
- a. Describe the laws that determine the rate of reactions.
    - i. The effect of concentration.
    - ii. Dependence of concentration on time.
    - iii. Effect of temperature.
    - iv. The role of catalysis.
11. Solve chemical equilibrium problems.
- a. Explain dynamic equilibrium.
  - b. Explain chemical equilibrium constants.
  - c. Explain Le Chatelier's Principle.
12. Interpret properties of acids, bases, and buffers.
- a. Identify the characteristics of acids and bases according to both the Bronsted-Lowry and Arrhenius definitions.
  - b. Convert between the pH or pOH of a solution and its hydrogen-ion or hydroxide-ion concentration.
  - c. Perform problems dealing with the Ionization Constant of a weak acid ( $K_a$ ) and/or weak base ( $K_b$ ), and also, the solubility product constant ( $K_{sp}$ ).
13. Interpret redox reactions.

- a. Define oxidation and reduction.
  - b. Identify oxidation states.
  - c. Balance redox equations.
  - d. Evaluate redox reactions and their practical applications.
    - i. Combustion
    - ii. Batteries
    - iii. Electrolysis
    - iv. Corrosion
14. Laboratory Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives
- a. Conduct experimental laboratories applying concepts from lecture:
  - b. Collect experimental data by observing lab safety and proper procedures.
  - c. Analyze data, perform calculations, and interpret the results of the experiments.
  - d. Create well-formatted and -labelled graphs and diagrams.
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