

Chemistry, Semester A

Course Overview

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In Chemistry A, you will learn some of the “basics” of chemistry: the atomic and molecular structures that result in different chemical properties and the concepts and tools that will enable you to predict chemical properties and chemical reactions.

Course Goals

By the end of this course, you will be able to do the following:

- Understand the difference between a chemical change and a physical change and understand the basics of atomic theory, which underlies the study of chemistry.
- Be able to use the periodic table to understand atomic structure and predict the chemical behavior of substances.
- Understand the different types of chemical bonding and how they may result in different molecular structures and different chemical properties.
- Understand how quantitative chemical results in the “real world” are based on reactions that occur on the atomic and molecular scale.
- Carry out activities used in real-world chemistry, including predicting the products of a chemical reaction and predicting the amounts of products you would expect from an initial quantity of chemical substances.
- Investigate the relationships between energy and matter, including phase changes and the effects of changing the volume, pressure, or temperature of a gas.

Math and Science Skills

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In addition, you should have a good working understanding of inquiry science methods, including:

- Experimental design, including the importance of experimental controls.
- Basic data analysis skills, including the ability to interpret mathematical patterns from data tables and graphs.
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Course Pacing Guide

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Unit 1: Matter and Atomic Structure

Summary

In this unit, you will be introduced to the concept of chemical change as opposed to physical change and you will review atomic theory, which underlies the study of chemistry.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
1 day: 1	Syllabus and Plato Student Orientation <i>Review the Plato Student Orientation and Course Syllabus at the beginning of this course.</i>	Course Orientation
2 days: 2–3	Types of Matter <i>Learner will identify different types of matter.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 4–5	Physical Changes Versus Chemical Changes <i>Learner will identify physical and chemical properties and changes.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 6–7	Models of the Atom <i>Learner will describe the experimental basis for the atom and identify the parts of the atom.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 8–9	Isotopes and Atomic Mass <i>Learner will calculate average atomic mass from isotopic information.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 10–11	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 1	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 12	Posttest—Unit 1	Assessment

Unit 2: The Periodic Table

Summary

In this unit, you will explore the periodic table which helps us understand atomic structure and predict the chemical behavior of substances.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
2 days: 13–14	The Periodic Table <i>Learner will use the periodic table to identify information about an element and to predict element properties.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 15–16	Electron Configurations <i>Learner will write electron configurations.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 17–18	Periodic Trends <i>Learner will identify and compare periodic trends from the periodic table.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 19–20	Electromagnetic Radiation <i>Learner will describe electromagnetic radiation and perform appropriate calculations.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 21–22	Spectral Lines <i>Learner will identify spectral lines for elements.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 23–24	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 2	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 25	Posttest—Unit 2	Assessment

Unit 3: Bonding

Summary

In this unit, you will learn about chemical bonding and explore how different types of bonds result in different molecular structures and different chemical properties.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
2 days: 26–27	Ionic, Covalent, and Metallic Bonds <i>Learner will identify ionic, covalent, and metallic substances and describe their bonding.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 28–29	Compound Names <i>Learner will use rules for naming compounds.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 30–31	Lewis Structures <i>Learner will draw Lewis structures.</i>	Lesson

2 days: 32–33	Electronegativity <i>Learner will differentiate between ionic, polar covalent, and nonpolar covalent bonds.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 34–35	Three-Dimensional Molecules <i>Learner will predict the three-dimensional bond shape of a molecule.</i>	Lesson
3 days: 36–37	Molecular Polarity <i>Learner will predict molecular polarity.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 38–39	Intermolecular Forces <i>Learner will identify intermolecular forces.</i>	Lesson
3 days: 40–42	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 3	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 43	Posttest—Unit 3	Assessment

Unit 4: The Mole Concept

Summary

In this unit, you will learn about how quantitative chemical results in the “real world” are based on reactions occurring on the atomic and molecular scale.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
2 days: 44–45	Moles and Molar Mass <i>Learner will identify a mole and calculate molar mass.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 46–47	Mole Calculations <i>Learner will calculate representative particles, mass, volume, and moles from given data.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 48–49	Percent Composition <i>Learner will calculate percent composition.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 50–51	Empirical and Molecular Formulas <i>Learner will determine empirical and molecular formulas.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 52–53	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 4	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 54	Posttest—Unit 4	Assessment

Unit 5: Chemical Reactions

Summary

In this unit, you will carry out activities used in real-world chemistry, including predicting the products of a chemical reaction and predicting the amounts of products you would expect from an initial quantity of chemical substances.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
2 days: 55–56	Balancing Chemical Equations <i>Learner will balance chemical equations.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 57–58	Types of Reactions <i>Learner will identify different types of chemical reactions.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 59–60	Predicting Chemical Products <i>Learner will predict products for simple chemical reactions.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 61–62	Mole Ratios and Stoichiometry <i>Learner will determine mole ratios from balanced chemical equations and perform mole to mole stoichiometry problems.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 63–64	Mass and Volume Stoichiometry <i>Learner will calculate stoichiometry problems involving mass and volume.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 65–66	Percent Yield <i>Learner will calculate percent yield for chemical reactions.</i>	Lesson
3 days: 67–69	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 5	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 70	Posttest—Unit 5	Assessment

Unit 6: Kinetic Molecular Theory and Gas Law

Summary

In this unit, you will investigate the relationships between energy and matter, including phase changes and the effects of changing the volume, pressure, or temperature of a gas.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
2 days: 71–72	Energy and Chemical Reactions <i>Learner will identify different forms of energy and how they relate to chemical reactions.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 73–74	Endothermic and Exothermic Reactions <i>Learner will differentiate between endothermic and exothermic processes.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 75–76	Kinetic Theory <i>Learner will describe the kinetic theory.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 77–78	States of Matter <i>Learner will differentiate between the states of matter.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 79–80	Heating Curves and Phase Changes <i>Learner will understand a heating curve and describe heat changes during phase changes.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 81–82	Gas Law Calculations <i>Calculate problems using gas laws.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 83–84	Ideal Gas Law <i>Learner will identify an ideal gas and use the ideal gas law.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 85–86	Dalton's Law and Graham's Law <i>Learner will use Dalton's law of partial pressures and Graham's law of effusion to describe gases.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 87–88	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 6	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 89	Posttest—Unit 6	Assessment
1 day: 90	End of Semester Test	Assessment

Test and Study References

Periodic Table of the Elements
TESTING AND ASSESSMENT Reference

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Chemistry, Semester B

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In Chemistry B, you will learn about key types of chemical relationships and reactions, including solutions, reversible reactions, acid-base reactions, thermochemical systems, and electrochemical systems. You will use your knowledge to analyze new situations and make qualitative and quantitative predictions. Finally, you will extend your chemical knowledge into the areas of nuclear chemistry, organic chemistry, and biochemistry.

Course Goals

By the end of this course, you will be able to do the following:

- Describe the dissolving process and be able to apply your understanding of the mechanisms, variables, and calculations associated with chemical solutions.
- Describe the variables that affect reaction rates and apply your understanding quantitatively for reactions in one direction as well as reversible reactions and systems in chemical equilibrium.
- Describe acids and bases by their properties and from a theoretical perspective and be able to make quantitative calculations and predictions about acids, bases, and the reactions between them.
- Analyze and use key thermochemical values (heat, entropy, enthalpy, and free energy) to make predictions about chemical interactions.
- Apply your knowledge of oxidation and reduction to analyze and make predictions about potential chemical interactions.
- Apply your knowledge of nuclear reactions and nuclear forces to solve real-world problems. You will also learn to recognize, name, and understand the properties of basic organic and biochemical structures and molecules.

Math and Science Skills

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Successful completion of Chemistry A (or its equivalent) is required for Chemistry B. This includes an understanding of the atomic and molecular structures of matter and the concepts and tools that enable you to predict chemical properties and chemical reactions.

You should also have a good working understanding of inquiry science methods, including:

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Unit 1: Solutions

Summary

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1 day: 1	Syllabus and Plato Student Orientation <i>Review the Plato Student Orientation and Course Syllabus at the beginning of this course.</i>	Course Orientation
2 days: 2–3	The Dissolving Process <i>Learner will Describe the dissolving process.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 4–5	Rate of Dissolution <i>Learner will identify factors that affect rate of dissolution.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 6–7	Degrees of Saturation <i>Learner will identify different types of solutions based on degrees of saturation.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 8–9	Molarity of a Solution <i>Learner will calculate concentrations for solutions in terms of molarity.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 10–11	Dilution and Stoichiometry Calculations <i>Learner will use concentrations to perform dilutions and solution stoichiometry.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 12–13	Colligative Properties of a Solution <i>Learner will identify and describe colligative properties of solutions.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 14–15	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 1	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day:	Posttest—Unit 1	Assessment

Unit 2: Reaction Rates

Summary

In this unit, you will be able to describe the variables that affect reaction rates and apply your understanding quantitatively for reactions in one direction as well as reversible reactions and systems in chemical equilibrium.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
2 days: 17–18	Reaction Rates <i>Learner will describe reaction rates and identify factors that affect them.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 19–20	Activation Energy <i>Learner will understand activation energy and describe how catalysts affect it.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 21–22	Chemical Equilibrium <i>Learner will describe chemical equilibrium.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 23–24	Equilibrium Constants <i>Learner will write and evaluate equilibrium constant expressions.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 25–26	Le Chatelier's Principle <i>Learner will identify Le Chatelier's principle and explain how stressors affect chemical equilibrium.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 27–28	Rate Law for a Reaction <i>Learner will write a rate law for a reaction based on experimental data.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 29–30	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 2	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 31	Posttest—Unit 2	Assessment

Unit 3: Acids and Bases

Summary

In this unit, you will be able to describe acids and bases by their properties and from a theoretical perspective. You will also be able to make quantitative calculations and predictions about acids, bases, and reactions between them.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
2 days: 32–33	Properties of Acids and Bases <i>Learner will identify properties of acids and bases.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 34–35	Types of Acids and Bases <i>Learner will differentiate among the three types of acids and bases.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 36–37	The pH Scale <i>Learner will describe the auto ionization of water and calculate pH.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 38–39	Strong and Weak Acids and Bases <i>Learner will identify strong and weak acids and bases.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 40–41	Neutralization Reactions <i>Learner will identify and describe neutralization reactions.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 42–43	Titration Calculations <i>Learner will use titrations to calculate concentrations.</i>	
2 days: 44–45	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 3	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 46	Posttest—Unit 3	Assessment

Unit 4: Energy

Summary

In this unit, you will learn about key thermochemical values (heat, entropy, enthalpy, and free energy) and use these values to make predictions about chemical interactions.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
2 days: 47–48	Entropy <i>Learner will describe the concept of entropy.</i>	Lesson

2 days: 49–50	Thermochemical Calculations <i>Learner will use calorimetry and thermochemical equations to solve problems involving heat.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 51–52	Energy Diagrams for Reactions <i>Learner will draw an energy profile for a reaction.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 53–54	Hess's Law <i>Learner will calculate enthalpy changes using Hess's law.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 55–56	The Gibbs Free Energy Equation <i>Learner will describe the Gibbs free energy equation.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 57–58	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 4	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 59	Posttest—Unit 4	Assessment

Unit 5: Reduction Reactions Oxidation-

Summary

In this unit, you will use your knowledge of oxidation and reduction to analyze and make predictions about potential chemical interactions.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
2 days: 60–61	Oxidation and Reduction <i>Learner will describe the process of oxidation and reduction.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 62–63	Redox Reactions <i>Learner will identify and describe oxidation-reduction reactions.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 64–65	Standard Reduction Potentials <i>Learner will describe and calculate standard reduction potentials.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 66–67	Voltaic and Electrochemical Cells <i>Learner will describe voltaic and electrochemical cells.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 68–69	Standard Cell Potentials <i>Learner will relate standard cell potentials to Gibbs free energy and equilibrium constants</i>	Lesson
3 days: 70–72	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 5	Unit Activity Discussion

1 day: 73	Posttest—Unit 5	Assessment
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Unit 6: Nuclear Chemistry and Biochemistry

Summary

In this unit, you will apply your knowledge of nuclear reactions and nuclear forces to solve real-world problems. You will also learn to recognize, name, and understand the properties of basic organic and biochemical structures and molecules.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
2 days: 74–75	Nuclear Forces <i>Learner will describe nuclear forces.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 76–77	Radioactive Decay <i>Learner will identify naturally occurring radioactive isotopes and the ways that they decay.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 78–79	Nuclear Fission and Fusion <i>Learner will describe nuclear fission and fusion.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 80–81	Hydrocarbons <i>Learner will use proper nomenclature to name basic hydrocarbons and organic molecules.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 82–83	Organic Functional Groups <i>Learner will identify organic functional groups.</i>	Lesson
2 days: 84–85	Biochemical Molecules <i>Learner will describe and identify basic organic molecules important to life.</i>	Lesson
3 days: 86–88	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 6	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 89	Posttest—Unit 6	Assessment
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