Brooklyn College  
Department of Chemistry  
Quantitative Chemical Analysis, CHEM 3415W (old Chem 41W)  
Syllabus; Fall 2010

Required Texts:  
• *Quantitative Chemical Analysis*, Daniel C. Harris, 7th Edition;  
• Some useful resources for students may be found at the publisher’s website:  
  http://bcs.whfreeman.com/qca/

Required Items:  
• Scientific calculator,  
• Locks for lab drawers × 2  
• Dish detergent, roll of paper towels  
• Small bound notebook for lab.

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Office Hours:  
Tuesday, 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM  
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Instructions for all experiments are available on Blackboard

Copies of Lecture Notes are available on Blackboard

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Learning Objectives: At the end of this course you should have acquired a solid background in  
the principles of Quantitative Analysis and should have learned the basics of a range of analytical  
methods and techniques commonly applied in analytical settings. A further objective is that you  
learn to evaluate the accuracy and precision of experimental data and use simple statistical methods  
to assist you in the assessment of analytical problems. While this course will not cover all the  
material appearing in the recommended textbook, the content of the chapters that have been  
selected (see below) is largely all exam material unless indicated otherwise.
Homework: It is recommended that you do all Problems and Exercises from your Textbook. Your homework is not collected or graded. However, you are strongly advised to do your homework timely. The homework problems closely resemble the problems given on exams. You are encouraged to do as many problems as you possibly can. Problems marked with an asterisk at the end of each chapter can be found at the back of the textbook. It is a good idea to use a separate homework notebook for all your homework.

Writing Exercises: There will be several lab reports with an extensive writing component. These writing exercises are intended to integrate writing and critical thinking as a tool that should benefit your learning.

CUNY policy on Academic Integrity: The faculty and administration of Brooklyn College support an environment free from cheating and plagiarism. Each student is responsible for being aware of what constitutes cheating and plagiarism and for avoiding both. The complete text of the CUNY Academic Integrity Policy and the Brooklyn College procedure for implementing that policy can be found at this site: [http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/bc/policies](http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/bc/policies). If a faculty member suspects a violation of academic integrity and, upon investigation, confirms that violation, or if the student admits the violation, the faculty member MUST report the violation.

Grading:
Your final grade will be determined as follows:

- 35% 3 lecture exams out of 4 exams (the lowest result is dropped)
- 35% Laboratory reports (including writing components) and performance
- 30% Final Exam

Lecture Exams:

- **FIRST** Lecture Exam: September 16 (Thursday), Coverage TBA
- **SECOND** Lecture Exam: October 12 (Tuesday), Coverage TBA
- **THIRD** Lecture Exam: November 4 (Thursday), Coverage TBA
- **FORTH** Lecture Exam: November 30 (Tuesday), Coverage TBA

NOTE: NO MAKEUP EXAMS ARE GIVEN FOR LECTURE EXAMS.

FINAL EXAM: December 16, 2010 (Thursday), 3:30–5:30 PM, room TBA

Lab Exemptions: Students who are repeating the course may be able to obtain laboratory exemptions. Please fill out a Laboratory Exemption Request form in the Chemistry Department office, 359 NE.
### Chemistry 3415W Lecture Schedule

*Unless specific sections are indicated, you are responsible for the entire chapter.*

For best results, read the assigned material before lecture.

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Chemistry 3415 Laboratory

SAFETY GOGGLES MUST BE WORN IN THE LABORATORY! The goggles must be indirectly-vented to offer splash protection; direct vented goggles are not suitable. If your instructor observes you violating eye protection or other safety policies, you can be removed from the laboratory and/or given a 10% (or higher) penalty on your laboratory report grade.

Scientific data requires special treatment. It must be recorded in non-erasable ink your lab book immediately after a measurement is taken; partners cannot copy each others’ data at a later time. Altering or copying data outside of the laboratory represents academic dishonesty and will be prosecuted as such if observed. Further, you will receive no credit for any lab report that includes data that are not your own. If your data are messy, you may copy them over onto a final report, but you must include your original data when you turn in your report.

Lab reports are due in lab the week after the experiment was concluded unless you obtain permission from your instructor. All lab reports not handed in will receive a grade of zero.

Schedule of Lab Experiments in Chemistry 3415

All experimental manuals are (or will be) posted on the Blackboard. You have to print them yourself.

Meeting | Laboratory Assignment
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Part I: | 
1 | Exp. 1 Check in. Introduction to Analytical Measurements: Weighing, Calibration and Statistical Approach Using Microsoft Excel
2, 3 | Exp. 2 Determination of Chloride by the Mohr Method
4, 5 | Exp. 3 Determination of Phosphoric Acid Level in Soft Drinks by Potentiometric Titration and Computer Data Analysis
6 | Exp. 4 Determination of Zn in a Cold-Relief Lozenge Medication by EDTA Complexometric Titration
7 | Exp. 5 Spectrophotometric Determination of Iron
8, 9 | Exp. 6 Determination of Iron in an Ore Sample by Oxidation-Reduction Titration

Part II: experiments are performed in groups
10 | Flame Photometry: Determination of Sodium and Potassium in an Unknown Sample
11 | Gas Chromatography: Analysis of a Mixture of Organic Compounds
12 | Cyclic Voltammetry: Dependence on the Concentration of an Analyte; Determination of the Concentration of an Iron Complex
13 | UV-vis Spectroscopy: Determination of a Composition of Two-Component Mixture
14 | Check out. NO WORK PERMITTED