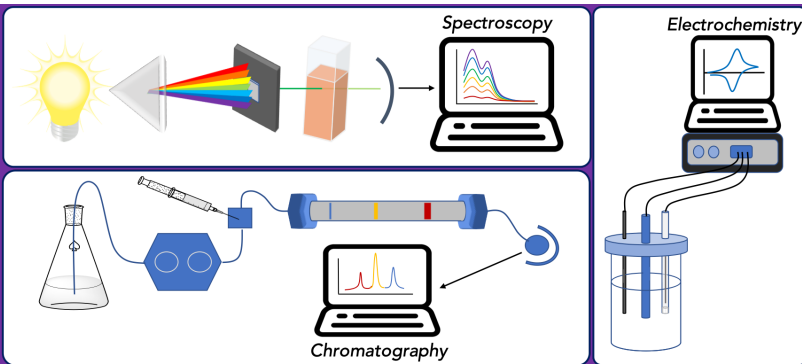


## Course Syllabus

### CHEMISTRY 446 - INSTRUMENTAL ANALYSIS

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CBB265  
**LAB:** M/W 11:00 AM -1:50 PM  
CBB476



#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

What do Martian soils, bodily fluids of racehorses and Olympic athletes, commercial and military jet aircraft oil, and the Vinland Map have in common? They all depend on the use of instrumental techniques for analysis, verification, and authenticity. Instrumental analysis has become an important part of everyday life due to the rising concern for our environment and our well-being. Instrumental methods can be used to validate and enforce quality control in consumables, analyze new products for the pharmaceutical industry, detect hazardous materials, and analyze tissue samples critical for diagnosing diseases. This course is intended to provide you with the basic principles of chemical instrumentation through hands-on experimentation and discussion. Through a combination of lectures, laboratory experiments, and assignments, you will learn how to apply foundational knowledge of chemical instrumentation to designing and conducting experiments that address scientific questions. Specifically, we will address: 1) instrument components and design, 2) understanding and interpret instrumental data and 3) applications of instrumental analysis. As the senior capstone experience for chemistry majors and an integral part of the communication in the major, students will document, evaluate, and communicate experimental results of an inquiry-based experiment through written and oral presentations.

#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this course, a successful student will be able to:

- **APPLY** foundational chemical instrument knowledge to operate chemical instrumentation and solve problems.
- **ANALYZE** data to optimize chemical instrumentation.
- **EVALUATE**, document, and **communicate** experimental data according to accepted scientific standards
- **DESIGN** and construct experiments to address scientific questions using appropriate methods, techniques, and modern chemical instrumentation.

#### REQUIRED MATERIALS

- **Course text:** *Principles of Instrumental Analysis, 6<sup>th</sup> Ed.* Skoog, Holler, Crouch
- **Laboratory notebook:** Permanently bound notebook(s), preferably quadrille ruled.
- **Calculator:** Any scientific calculator that can perform logarithms and exponentials.
- **Safety goggles**

## COURSE COMPONENTS

**Lecture** is focused on the discussion of many different techniques in instrumental analysis and their application to modern society. The format will range from instructor led “chalk-talks” to informal discussions with active student participation. In order to actively participate in the instrument discussion, students should come to class knowing:

- 1) Name of the technique
- 2) Schematic diagram of instrument
- 3) Source of analytical signal
- 4) Detector(s) used
- 5) Types of samples that can be analyzed

**Lab** is the “hands-on” experience essential to learning chemistry and critical to your success in this course. It gives you the experience of putting the key concepts you covered in lecture into practice, teaches you experimental techniques, and helps you better learn how to problem solve. Students should come to lab prepared—reading the experimental procedure and preparing your notebook—as there will only be two lab periods allotted for each experiment. Knowing which experiments you will be working on in advance will help you stay on track. Finally, use lab time for experimental work only.

## GRADING

The grade you receive for the course will be based on the following:

|                         | <i>Point breakdown</i>         | <i>Total Points</i>          | <i>%</i>  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Lecture</b>          |                                | <b>500</b>                   | <b>50</b> |
|                         | Exams                          | 4 @ 50 pts each              |           |
|                         | Mini Quizzes                   | 5 @ 6 pts each               |           |
|                         | Assignments                    | 8 Problem Sets @ 20 pts each |           |
|                         |                                | 6 Articles @15 pts each      |           |
|                         | Seminar                        | 20                           | <b>25</b> |
| <b>Lab</b>              |                                |                              |           |
|                         | Lab Reports                    | 8 @ 25 pts each              |           |
|                         | Lab Notebook                   | 2 @ 25 pts each              | <b>25</b> |
| <b>Research Project</b> |                                |                              |           |
|                         | Research Topic                 | 10                           |           |
|                         | Proposal-1 <sup>st</sup> Draft | 30                           |           |
|                         | Peer Review                    | 20                           |           |
|                         | Proposal Presentation          | 30                           |           |
|                         | Final Proposal                 | 50                           |           |
|                         | Final Paper                    | 60                           |           |
|                         | Poster                         | 50                           |           |

Tentative grading scale cut-offs:

| <b>Grade</b> | <b>Point Range</b> | <b>Grade</b> | <b>Point Range</b> |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| <b>A</b>     | 1000 – 930         | <b>C+</b>    | 760 – 799          |
| <b>A-</b>    | 900 – 929          | <b>C</b>     | 730 – 759          |
| <b>B+</b>    | 860 – 899          | <b>C-</b>    | 700 – 729          |
| <b>B</b>     | 830 – 859          | <b>D+</b>    | 660 – 699          |
| <b>B-</b>    | 800 – 829          | <b>D</b>     | 600 – 659          |
|              |                    | <b>F</b>     | 0-629              |

## ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Your progress in this course will be assessed through exams, assignments laboratory exercises, and an independent research project.

**Mini Quizzes** assess your preparation for class discussions, and will be given at the start of certain lecture topics. **Exams** are designed for you to demonstrate what you have learned in lecture and lab. The exams will cover material discussed in lecture AND lab. Quiz dates are tentative depending on the pace of lecture. Exam dates will NOT change.

**Assignments** are designed to help you learn and apply material covered in lecture and lab, as well as aid in group discussions. Assignments will include traditional problem sets, journal article assignments, and in-class activities. Details regarding assignment type and due dates will be provided throughout the semester.

**Lab Reports** will be submitted by each student. Details regarding what is to be included in each lab report can be found at the end of the procedure for each experiment. Lab reports must be typed and are due one week after completion of the lab.

**Lab Notebooks** should be used at all times in the lab to record data as it is collected. Notebooks will be checked at random several times during the semester and graded twice during these random checks. Failure to record data as it is collected will result in a score of zero during a notebook check.

**Independent Research Projects** allow students to explore their curiosity about a particular scientific question and demonstrate their ability to propose and design experiments to provide new knowledge about that research topic. During the semester, you will plan and execute an independent research project. The proposal, execution, and presentation will take place in several stages over the course of the semester. Details for each component are provided below.

**Seminar** is a great opportunity to learn about different areas of research, hear about what it is like to work at a particular company or industry, and broaden your scientific background. Attendance at all Friday 2:00 PM department seminars is expected. A speaker critique form will be developed in class and must be submitted to receive credit for attendance.

## INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROJECT

**Project proposal** The project proposal will be spit up into multiple parts: 1) submission of research topic, 2) 1<sup>st</sup> draft of research proposal, 3) peer review, 4) oral presentation of research proposal, and 5) final draft of research proposal.

- 1) *Research Topic*: You will submit a brief (one page maximum) summary of your research project, which is due **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** by the end of the day. Your research project should use at least two instruments and you must include those in your research summary. If you have questions or concerns about your research project, or are not sure where to start, speak with me prior to the due date. You may also wish to discuss your research topic with other chemistry faculty. If you are conducting undergraduate research with a chemistry faculty, you may be able to incorporate that research as a part of your independent research project upon consulting me first. Final approval of your research project will depend on instrument availability and whether the scope of the research project is appropriate.
- 2) *1<sup>st</sup> Draft of Research Proposal*: Upon approval of your research project, a more detailed description of your research is required. The 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the research proposal is due **Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**, and should include the following:

- a. Introduction The introduction should provide a concise description of the proposed research and define the project objective. It should also clearly and convincingly demonstrate the significance of the research project and what new knowledge you hope to discover. This should be supported by literature citations.
  - b. Experimental Approach Clearly describe how your research will be conducted by answering the questions below. This should be written in paragraph form and avoid using first person voice.
    - i. What are the objectives of the research project?
    - ii. How will the sample(s) be collected, synthesized, or obtained?
    - iii. How will the sample(s) be prepared for analysis?
    - iv. Which instruments will be used for analysis?
    - v. Is there precedence for the analysis? If so, provide references.
    - vi. How will the data be validated?
    - vii. How will the data be communicated?
      1. What format will the final paper be written in (journal article, technical report, or laboratory experiment)?
      2. If the final paper will be written in the form of a journal article, include the journal it will be submitted to along with any restrictions on number of words/figures.
  - c. Timeline Outline how you will use the time allotted in lab to complete your project.
  - d. Budget You must list any and all materials needed to complete the project and their approximate costs. You must meet with Brent Speetzen in the stockroom in order to obtain final approval of your budget.
  - e. References You must include appropriate references as noted above. Citations should be formatted according to the journal you are submitting to or using ACS standards. In-text citations and an annotated bibliography are required. Your proposal should include at least five (5) articles or other works directly related to your project.
  - f. Curriculum Vitae/Resume Provide an updated resume or vita with your proposal. It is highly advised that you meet with an academic & career advisor in the Academic & Career Advising Center to have your resume checked.
- 3) *Peer Review*: Each research proposal will be peer reviewed by me and one of your peers. You will be required to review another student's proposal. The reviews will be a 'double blind' peer review, with the name of the proposer and reviewer omitted. The peer review should be conducted in a confidential and professional manner, meaning you should not discuss the proposal you are reviewing with anyone except me, nor should you communicate with the person whose work you are reviewing. Peer reviews are due **Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**.
- 4) *Oral Presentation*: You will prepare a short talk, 10-15 minutes, about your research proposal. The audience for this presentation is your fellow students. The presentation should follow a similar format as the research proposal and include appropriate graphics to illustrate the main points in your project. Your score on this will be split: 15 points awarded for the presentation and 15 points awarded for providing feedback to other presenters. Presentations will be given during lecture on **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

- 5) *Final Draft*: The final draft of your proposal is due **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**. It must address the comments of both of the reviewers (peer and instructor).

**Project Execution** You may begin obtaining your sample(s) once final approval of your research project has been given. Instruments will be available during lab time during the week of March 30<sup>th</sup> and you will have the remaining weeks in the semester to complete your experimental work. All work must be completed and you must be checked out by your last scheduled lab period.

**Final Project Report** You will communicate the results of your project in two formats: 1) written report, and 2) poster presentation.

- 1) *Written Report*: Each student will write a paper on their research project. The format of the paper must adhere to the requirements of the journal chosen in the research proposal, in the case of a journal article, or the requirements of a technical report or laboratory experiment as discussed. It is expected that in the introduction of the paper, a complete background of the instrumental methods chosen for this project, the theory of their operation, and why they were the best methods for this project are included. Readability, errors in content, use of footnotes, grammar, etc. will be assessed and affect the overall grade. You are strongly encouraged to have your peers review your work prior to submission. If time permits, I will, at your request, read and comment on the content of the paper prior to the final submission date. The paper is due **Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**.
- 2) *Poster Presentation*: Each student will present a poster on their independent research project on **Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00 PM**. The posters must be prepared according to ACS guidelines. More details on how the posters should be prepared will be given later in the semester.

## HELP & RESOURCES

- **Canvas.** Course information, including the syllabus, lecture materials, lab experiments, due dates, study guides, and other supporting material will be posted on the course Canvas page. You can also find a running total of your points for the course.
- **Come see me.** I am dedicated to help you learn. You can e-mail me to set up an appointment. Don't ever feel like you are bothering me when you come see me—you are the reason I am here 😊!
- **Disability Services.** UWSP is committed to providing students with disabilities the academic accommodations and auxiliary aids necessary to ensure access to all university services, programs, and activities. Disability and Assistive Technology Center (DATC) is responsible for determining these accommodations. Visit the DATC website to find out more:  
<http://www.uwsp.edu/disability/Pages/default.aspx>

## THE FINE PRINT

- **Instrument Use Policy (20% deduction if not followed).** After an experiment is completed, the instrument must be returned to its rest state (either turned off or placed in standby as necessary), and the laboratory area surrounding the instrument should be cleaned and returned to an orderly state. Failure to abide by this policy will result in a 20% deduction from your lab report per incident.

- **Late Work:** Meeting deadlines and staying on track with your work are not only useful life and career skills, but also help reduce stress. For this course, you are expected to complete assignments, reports, and research project components on schedule. If you have a personal situation that prevents you from completing your work on time, you will need to discuss this with me before the due date. Extensions are granted at my discretion.
  - **Late Assignments:** A 10% point deduction will be assessed each day the assignment is late.
  - **Late Reports:** Late lab reports will incur a 5-point penalty for each lab period it is late if an extension is not discussed in advance.
  - **Research Project:** Late work for any part of the research project will incur a 10% deduction for each day it is late.
  
- **Attendance, Absences and Make-ups**
  - Attendance at lecture is expected, and hopefully will be highly informative. You are responsible for all material discussed or assigned during lecture. Laboratory attendance and participation is mandatory. Missed labs may be made up only when a legitimate excuse for the absence is provided. Assigned experiments are to be conducted during lab time unless prior arrangements are made with me. Failure to make up or complete all labs or failure to submit one or more reports will result in a maximum grade of a D for the course.
  
- **Etiquette.** Be respectful of your fellow classmates!
  - Students in my classroom may have diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds, sexual orientations and gender identities. Each and every voice in the classroom brings with it a wealth of experiences, values, and beliefs. Please respect your fellow classmates and refrain from personal attacks or demeaning comments of any kind.
  - Participation in class is highly encouraged but please be mindful of those around you. Dominating class discussions and restricting others' participation, disrupting others, making negative, offensive, and/or disrespectful comments will not be tolerated.
  - Cell phones must be turned off and put away during class unless instructed otherwise.
  - No iPods, radios, MP3 players or other recording and transmitting devices may be used during exams. Hats with bills must be turned backwards during an exam.
  - It is your responsibility to check Canvas for the points you have earned in the class. If you find that an error has been made, you must inform me within *one week* of the posting grade for it to be considered.
  
- **Academic Misconduct.** As stated in the Student Academic Standards and Disciplinary Procedures:
 

"The Board of Regents, administrators, faculty, academic staff and students of the University of Wisconsin System believe that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental to the mission of higher education and of the university of Wisconsin system. The university has a responsibility to promote academic honesty and integrity and to develop procedures to deal effectively with instances of academic dishonesty."

Therefore, students caught cheating on quizzes/exams or in the laboratory are subject to a grade of F for the course and a report being placed in their judicial file. More information can be found at:  
<http://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/Academic-Misconduct.aspx>

## SCHEDULES

### Tentative Lecture Schedule

- Please note that this is a *tentative* schedule and may be adjusted depending on the pace of the class. The exam dates, however, will not change.

| Week      | Date   | Topic(s)                         | Chapter(s) | Events/Due Dates                                     |
|-----------|--------|----------------------------------|------------|--|
| 1         | 20-Jan | No lecture                       |            | MLK Day  |
|           | 22-Jan | Review of stats and measurements | 1          |  |
| 2         | 27-Jan | EM Radiation and Spectroscopy    | 6          |  |
|           | 29-Jan | Optical Instrument Components    | 7          |  |
| 3         | 3-Feb  | UV-vis-NIR spectroscopy          | 13, 14     | Mini Quiz #1   |
|           | 5-Feb  | Fluorescence Spectroscopy        | 15         | Seminar & Research topic due <b>2/7</b>              |
| 4         | 10-Feb | IR Spectroscopy                  | 16, 17     |  |
|           | 12-Feb | <b>EXAM 1</b>                    |            |  |
| 5         | 17-Feb | Raman Spectroscopy               | 18         |  |
|           | 19-Feb | AA Spectroscopy                  | 8, 9       | Mini Quiz #2 / 1 <sup>st</sup> draft due <b>2/21</b> |
| 6         | 24-Feb | AA/AE Spectroscopy               | 9, 10      |  |
|           | 26-Feb | AE Spectroscopy                  | 10         |  |
| 7         | 2-Mar  | Mass Spectrometry-Atomic         | 11         | Mini Quiz #3 / Peer review due <b>3/2</b>            |
|           | 4-Mar  | Mass Spectrometry-Molecular      | 20         | Seminar <b>3/6</b>                                   |
| 8         | 9-Mar  | X-ray Spectrometry (XRF, XRD)    | 12         |  |
|           | 11-Mar | <b>EXAM 2</b>                    |            | Final draft due <b>3/13</b>                          |
|           | 16-Mar | Spring Break                     |            |  |
|           | 18-Mar |                                  |            |  |
| 9         | 23-Mar | Presentation - Research project  |            | Presentation in lecture                              |
|           | 25-Mar | Surface Analysis-Spectroscopy    | 21         |  |
| 10        | 30-Mar | Surface Analysis-Microscopy      | 22         | Begin project  |
|           | 1-Apr  | Electroanalytical Chemistry      | 23         | Mini Quiz #4 / Seminar <b>4/3</b>                    |
| 11        | 6-Apr  | Potentiometry                    | 24         |  |
|           | 8-Apr  | Chronoamperometry                | 25         |  |
| 12        | 13-Apr | Voltammetry                      | 21         |  |
|           | 15-Apr | <b>EXAM 3</b>                    |            |  |
| 13        | 20-Apr | Chromatography                   | 26         | Mini Quiz #5   |
|           | 22-Apr | GC                               | 27         |  |
| 14        | 27-Apr | GC/LC                            | 27, 28     |  |
|           | 29-Apr | LC                               | 28         | COLS URS <b>5/1</b>                                  |
| 15        | 4-May  | Thermoanalytical techniques      | 31         |  |
|           | 6-May  | Review and catch-up              |            | Final Paper and posters due <b>5/8</b>               |
| Exam Week | 14-May | <b>EXAM 4 (10:15-12:15 PM)</b>   |            | Commencement <b>5/16</b>                             |

### Lab Schedule

| Week      | Dates            | Activity  |
|-----------|------------------|---|
| 1         | Jan. 20 – 22     | Check in  |
| 2         | Jan. 27 – 30     | Exp 1. Analysis of Analgesics using UV Spectroscopy                       |
| 3         | Feb. 3 – 6       | Exp 2. Analysis of Quinine in Tonic Water by Fluorescence Spectroscopy    |
| 4         | Feb. 10 – 13     | Exp 3. Optimizing Parameters for AA Spectroscopy                          |
| 5         | Feb. 17 – 20     | Exp 4. Determination of Metals in Pet Food by ICP-OES                     |
| 6         | Feb. 24 – 27     | Exp 5. Potentiometric Determination of F <sup>-</sup> and Cl <sup>-</sup> |
| 7         | Mar. 2 – 5       | Exp 6. Quantitative Determination of Ions by Stripping Analysis           |
| 8         | Mar. 9 – 12      | Exp 7. Identification of chlorinated and brominated compounds by GC-MS    |
|           | Mar. 16 – 19     | SPRING BREAK  |
| 9         | Mar. 23 – 26     | Exp 8. Separation of Structurally Similar Compounds by HPLC               |
| 10        | Mar. 30 – Apr. 2 | Begin Independent Project   |
| 11        | Apr. 6 – 9       | Independent Project   |
| 12        | Apr. 13 – 16     | Independent Project   |
| 13        | Apr. 20 – 23     | Independent Project   |
| 14        | Apr. 27 – 30     | Independent Project   |
| 15        | May 4 – 7        | Independent Project/Check out   |
| Exam Week | May 11-14        |   |

\*\*\* All laboratory work must be complete before your check-out day. \*\*\*

### My Spring 2020 Schedule

|       | Monday                | Tuesday           | Wednesday             | Thursday          | Friday                        |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8:00  |                       |                   |                       | 106 Lab<br>CBB230 |                               |
| 9:00  | Class prep            | R, P, G           | Class prep            |                   | R, P, G                       |
| 10:00 | 446 Lecture<br>CBB265 |                   | 446 Lecture<br>CBB265 |                   |                               |
| 11:00 | 446 Lab<br>CBB476     | 101 Lab<br>CBB220 | 446 Lab<br>CBB476     | R, P, G           | Meeting                       |
| 12:00 |                       |                   |                       |                   | R, P, G                       |
| 1:00  |                       |                   |                       |                   |                               |
| 2:00  |                       |                   |                       | Meeting           | Department<br>Seminar/Meeting |
| 3:00  | Meeting               | R, P, G           | R, P, G               |                   |                               |
| 4:00  |                       |                   |                       |                   |                               |