

Chemistry 4632
Spring 2026

Laboratory: M or W 1:30 – 5:20 pm CHEM 280, 283 Chemistry and M 5:30 – 9:20 pm CHEM 280.

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Course Material: Laboratory Manual (handouts). The labs will cover spectroscopy, electrochemistry, and chromatography. A pen, calculator, goggles, ruler, flash drive, and bound lab notebook are required for every lab. All notations, calculations and results are to be included in this lab book for each experiment. The TA must sign your notebook at the end of each lab.

Lab Reports: A formal lab report will be due at the next class period for every lab. This report must include: introduction and theory, experimental section, results, discussion, calculations, graphs, answers to questions, etc. The student will not only be graded on content but also neatness and readability. No late reports will be accepted. All Instrument diagrams must be drawn by hand.

Exams: Lab practicum will be given periodically through semester.

Grading: The final lab grade will be calculated using the following: 10% lab book, 10% lab technique, and 80% lab reports.

*Absolutely no make-up labs will be given without a signed physician's note.

A – 90% B – 80% C – 70% D – 60% F < 60%

According to University policy, the grade of I (incomplete) cannot be given as a substitute for a failing grade in a course.

Additional Information:

UNT makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the ODA website at <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/office-disability-access>.

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Course Outline[‡]

<u>Week</u>	<u>Lab Assignment[*]</u>
1	Laboratory Practicum: Solution Preparation & Proper Lab Techniques, QA/QC, Assign Drawers
2	No Labs
3 & 4	UV Spectroscopy: Mole-ratio and Slope-ratio Method
3 & 4	UV Spectroscopy: Electronic Transitions in Organic Molecules
5 & 6	Polarimeter Spectroscopy: Determination of Limonene in Citrus Fruits
5 & 6	Fluorescence Spectroscopy: Determination of Fluorescein in Antifreeze
7 & 8	Infrared Spectroscopy: Spectra of Aldehydes and Ketones
7 & 8	Raman Spectroscopy: Spectroscopy of Common Organic Solvents
9	Spring Break
10 & 11	AAS/ICP OES: Determination of Fe in Food
10 & 11	Voltammetry: CV of Vitamin C w/ Graphite Electrodes
12 & 13	GC-FID: Hydrocarbons & Gasoline
12 & 13	GC-MS: Organic Isotopes
14 & 15	HPLC-UV-vis: Caffeine Analysis
14 & 15	HPLC-UV-MS: Compound Analysis
16	Final Exam: Laboratory Practicum, QA/QC, check-out

[‡]Any student arriving more than 15 minutes after lab start time will not be allowed in the lab and will receive a zero for that lab.

***The above schedule is tentative and labs may be switched or replaced depending on availability of instrumentation. Students may not be assigned labs in the order above.**

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Laboratory Write-up Procedure

I. Title Page

Contains name, title of experiment, date of experiment, date due.

II. Introduction (3 to 8 pages) (30 pts)

An explanation of the experiment, including the purpose of the experiment, the general procedure, and a discussion of the basic principles involved in the instrument used (consult your book or other books in the library over the topic).

III. Instrumentation (30 pts)

Drawing of the instrumentation, or experimental set-up, label all major components. Instrument schematics must be done by hand in pen, additional cut and paste figures can be included but cannot be substituted for the instrument schematic. This is a schematic of the inside of the instrument, such as light path, cell design, etc. Also must include a box diagram (by hand) of the instrument used with all components labeled correctly (i.e. source- xenon lamp, focusing lens, quartz sample cell, slit, PMT detector, readout, computer, etc.) and a working description.

IV. Results and Discussion (40 pts)

Results section should include all data presented in tables or graphs, at least one sample calculation of each type involved, and discussion of their accuracy, meaning, and value. All results must have units, and should be shown with their uncertainty when applicable, standard deviation being the most common. All graphs must be done in either Excel or Origin software. A least squares fit (linear regression analysis) or statistical analysis must be included. Any curve fitting analysis must be listed and explained. Discussion section should include a detailed analysis of the laboratory results and answers to lab questions.

All lab reports are due one week from the date performed and must be turned in to the TA at the beginning of lab. No late reports will be accepted.