**Rowan College of Burlington County**

**Division of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics**

**CHE-241-201 Organic Chemistry I Laboratory**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Summer 2017**: 5/24/18-7/26/18 **Instructor:** John Fulmer

Mount Laurel; Science Bldg 212 **Office Hours:** By appointment

Thursday 1:00 – 5:00 PM **Email:** [jfulmer@rcbc.edu](mailto:jfulmer@rcbc.edu) \*

**Credits:** 1

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*\*I will respond to all student emails within 48 hours*

**Course Description:**  This is the first semester of a two-semester Organic Chemistry laboratory course, providing laboratory experiences that apply to the topics and concepts covered in the Organic Chemistry I lecture. The primary objective of the course is the hands-on synthesis, purification and characterization of organic compounds.

**Prerequisite:** CHE 240 **Corequisite:** CHE 240

**Required Material:** CHEM 241 Syllabus & Instructional Supplements Manual

(available on Blackboard)

**Recommended Text:** Organic Laboratory Techniques, 3rd Edition

Fessenden, Ralph J., Fessenden, Joan S. and Feist, Patty

ISBN 978-0-534-37981-0

**Mandatory Student Supplies:**

Lab Coat (available in bookstore)

Three (3) College Ruled Composition Notebooks (any color)

**\***Supplements & additional resources can be found at: **http://www.chemistry-solutions.com/**

**Course Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate safe and effective work habits in the laboratory
2. Synthesize and purify organic compounds
3. Operate laboratory equipment with proper technique
4. Construct laboratory reports of their experiments

**Core Course Content:**

* Boiling Points and Distillation
* Purification of a Solid
* Preparation of Cyclohexanol
* Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis of an Unknown
* Nucleophilic Substitution Reactions

**General Education Outcomes:**

Written and Oral Communication

* Students will conduct investigative research, which demonstrates academic integrity, originality, depth of thought and mastery of an approved style of source documentation.

Scientific Knowledge and Reasoning

* Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills in the analysis of scientific data.

**Evaluation:** 100% of the total grade will be based on:

Laboratory Notebook/Reports 90.0%

Laboratory Technique 10.0%

The experiments conducted in this course will be worth 100 points each (prelab and postlab combined). The laboratory technique grade includes proper use of laboratory equipment, preparedness & participation, appropriate laboratory behavior and adherence to safety regulations.

Grading: A = 90-100

B+ = 85-89

B = 80-84

C+ = 75-79

C = 70-74

D = 60-69

F = <60

**Grading Rubric:**

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**Forensic Experiment: Proposal: 30 %, Final Report: 70%**

**Course Policies:**

Attendance: Attendance at all laboratory classes is mandatory and will be recorded. If you are unable to attend class, please contact me ahead of time. Grade penalties for absences will be imposed when a student exceeds a 10% absence rate, not to exceed 10% of the final grade. Class participation is considered a separate grading component (see additional rules below).

Students will not be penalized if absent due to religious holidays, legal reasons (e.g., jury duty), required military duty, and personal illness/injury, bereavement due to the loss of a family member or to attend to the medical needs of a family member. **Proper documentation is required in the above cases.**

`Lateness Policy:

Students are expected to arrive on time for class. **Chronic lateness will result in a point deduction equivalent to a missed lab period (10%).** While I do understand that sometimes circumstances occur which are beyond our control, do not abuse this. Laboratory doors will be closed and locked when class begins, according to school safety regulations.

Assignments are due at the beginning of the lab period. **Failure to hand in an assignment on time will result in a 10% deduction for that assignment.** **Assignments more than 2 weeks late will not be accepted.**

Preparedness:

**It’s important that you come prepared for every experiment.** Prepared means you’ve completed the required sections of your journal (physical constants sheet, CHP, preliminary calculations) before you enter the lab. The instructor will check your lab notebook prior to beginning class. **Incomplete work will result in a 5% deduction from your report grade.** Students who are unprepared will be prohibited from beginning the lab until they complete the required notebook sections.

Laboratory Make-ups:

If you miss a lab period, it’s essential that you contact me immediately to arrange a make-up. **Failure to make up a lab will result in a zero (0) for that portion of the experiment. If you miss a lab and make it up in another section, you will still receive a 10% grade deduction for the experiment. If you fail to make up a lab, and as a result require instructor data to complete the experiment, you will receive a 15% grade penalty for the experiment.**

Proper Attire: Open-toed shoes and bare back/midriff clothing is prohibited in the laboratory. These requirements are outlined in the laboratory safety contract and are mandatory. Because we will be working with hazardous chemicals, a ¾ length lab coat is required for this course. Splash goggles must be worn at all times during every experiment. No ‘glasses’ style goggles are allowed.

Food and Drink: There is absolutely no food or drink allowed in the lab. This includes chewing gum. Any food items must be left in the cubbies by the door and consumed in the hallway if necessary.

Group Work and Participation: You will be working together in groups/pairs during this class, however each individual is expected to fully participate or points will be deducted from his/her laboratory technique grade. All work should be in the student’s own words, not verbatim from the text, a website or another student’s work. **If notebooks or assignments are identical, they will receive a grade of zero (0)**. This is considered a violation of the academic integrity code and further disciplinary action may be taken.

Cell Phones: All phones/electronics must be silenced or turned off during class. Any cell phone use – including texting – is restricted to the hallway. The instructor reserves the right to dismiss a student from the lab for inappropriate cell phone use.

Laboratory Clean-up: Every student is responsible for the proper cleaning of his/her work area and glassware. The instructor will give directions regarding the appropriate disposal of waste products. Proper clean-up of shared work zones (such as the sinks and perimeter of laboratory) will be the responsibility of all students, collectively. **The instructor reserves the right to deduct technique points for items not cleaned & put away.**

Laboratory Equipment: All laboratory equipment is expensive and delicate. The proper use and care of our equipment and supplies is essential, so please treat everything in the laboratory with care and follow all care instructions. Acidic, basic & corrosive compounds will ruin the instruments!!

**College Policies**

In order for students to know their rights and responsibilities, all students are expected to review and adhere to all regulations and policies as listed in the College Catalog and Handbook. These documents can be accessed at [rcbc.edu/publications](http://www.rcbc.edu/publications). Important policies and regulations include, but are not limited, to the following:

* College Attendance Policy
* Grading Standards
* Withdraw (W) and Incomplete Grades (I & X)
* Withdrawal date for this semester **(6/29/18)**
* Student Code of Conduct
* Academic Dishonesty/Plagiarism and Civility
* Use of Communication and Information Technology

Office of Student Support and Disability ServicesRCBC welcomes students with disabilities into the college’s educational programs. Access to accommodations and support services for students with learning and other disabilities is facilitated by staff in the Office of Student Support (OSS).  To receive accommodations, a student must contact the OSS, self-identify as having a disability, provide appropriate documentation, and participate in an intake appointment. If the documentation supports the request for reasonable accommodations, the OSS will provide the student with an Accommodation Plan to give to instructors.  For additional information, please contact the Office of Student Support at 609-894-9311, ext. 1208, disabilityservices@bcc.edu, or [rcbc.edu/studentsupport](http://www.rcbc.edu/studentsupport).

Educational Technology Statement

Rowan College at Burlington County (RCBC) advocates the use of technology to enhance instruction. Students should assume that classroom and online technology will be used throughout their coursework at RCBC, as it will most certainly be used in their future education and careers.  The College provides on-campus facilities for the convenience of the RCBC community.  Various college departments, including the Office of Information Technology and the Office of Distance Education, provide technology training and assistance to faculty and students.

Student Success Services

RCBC offers a variety of free services for its students including those listed below. Descriptions of these services, as well as many others, can be found in the College Catalog and Handbook and on the RCBC website at [rcbc.edu/publications](http://www.rcbc.edu/publications).

* Academic Advisement ( [rcbc.edu/advising](http://www.rcbc.edu/advising) )
* Career Services ( [rcbc.edu/careers](http://www.rcbc.edu/careers) )
* Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) ( [rcbc.edu/eof](http://www.rcbc.eof) )
* Financial Aid ( [rcbc.edu/financialaid](http://www.rcbc.edu/financialaid) )
* International Students Office ( [rcbc.edu/international](http://www.rcbc.edu/international) )
* Library/Integrated Learning Resource Center (ILRC) ( [rcbc.edu/library](http://www.rcbc.edu/library) )
* Office of Veteran Services ( [rcbc.edu/vets](http://www.rcbc.edu/vets) )
* Student Support Counseling (<http://www.bcc.edu/counseling>)
* Tutoring Center ( [rcbc.edu/tutoring](http://www.bcc.edu/tutoring) )
* Test Center ( [rcbc.edu/testcenter](http://www.bcc.edu/testcenter) )
* Transfer Services ( [rcbc.edu/transfer](http://www.rcbc.edu/transfer) )