

FAQ For Students New To Chemistry at Wake:



I have a score of 4 or 5 on the AP Chemistry Exam (or 7 or 8 on the IB Chemistry Exam) -- what should I do now?

If you have submitted your test scores to the Registrar's Office, then you will receive credit at Wake Forest for CHM 111 (3 hr), CHM 111L (1hr), and CHM 280 (3 hr). You do NOT have to take the Chemistry Exemption Exam on Aug. 19 to receive this credit. You are also invited to register for a special freshmen-only section of Organic Chemistry I in the fall semester of your freshman year. This course is designated "CHM 123 & 123L" and will allow you to get a jump-start on your chemistry studies at Wake. For students who may choose to major in chemistry and/or who want extra scheduling flexibility in the long-run (to study abroad or complete the requirements for a double-major, for example), this invitation-only course is a great option! Please contact Dr. Paul Jones (jonespb@wfu.edu) for more information.



I'm not sure if I want to begin my study of Chemistry in the fall of my freshman year, but I definitely want to take College Chemistry I (CHM 111 & 111L) at some point.... What are my options?

College Chemistry I is designed for students who have learned some of the basics in chemistry and mathematics at some point in high school, and it is the starting point for your study of chemistry at Wake if you do not have AP or IB credit. College Chemistry I is offered only in the fall semester, so if you decide not to take this class during your first semester on campus, then you'll have to wait until the fall of your sophomore year (or later) to take it. But that's okay, depending upon your long-term interests and goals. There have been plenty of successful pre-meds who have taken CHM111 & 111L in their sophomore year, and even some BS chemistry majors! Someone doing this, however, should be sure to make progress with Calculus or Physics, for example, during their freshman year. Be sure to check out the Health Professions website at <http://www.wfu.edu/~lane/hpp/orientation.html>, or talk to your lower division advisor, or contact the Chemistry Department Chair (Prof. Colyer, 758-4936, colyercl@wfu.edu) if you still have questions about this.



I had a late registration time and I am registered for a lecture section of CHM 111 but I could only manage to get waitlisted for a lab section (or vice versa). Now what should I do?

Don't worry - we'll try as hard as possible to accommodate as many students as possible -- but please note that you will have to be flexible - you may have to rearrange your schedule a bit and you may not necessarily get into the section of your first-choice. For any questions about College Chemistry I Lab (CHM111L) enrolments, please be sure to contact Dr. Al Rives (758-4630, rivesab@wfu.edu). And be sure to check on WIN -- sometimes there are still a few seats remaining in the Friday afternoon lab section -- don't be too fussy -- take one of those if you can -- it's better to have a seat in a section that may not be your first choice rather than have no seat at all! And besides, Friday afternoon labs are FUN!



I took an AP Chemistry class in high school but never took the test (or I didn't take AP Chemistry but my high school had a really awesome chemistry program and I think I am pretty well prepared for college chemistry). What options do I have?

You can take the Chemistry Exemption Exam, which is offered from 4:30 - 6:30 PM on Thurs., Aug. 19, 2010 in Salem Hall Rm. 8. If you do well on this exam, then you will automatically receive credit on your WFU transcript for College Chemistry I (CHM 111 (3 hr) & 111L (1hr)) and you will be invited to register for our special freshman-only section of Organic Chemistry I (CHM 123 & 123L) this fall. If you don't do well on the test, then you should begin your study with CHM 111 & 111L, which is offered only in the fall semester.

