

Faculty of Science Course Syllabus
Department of Chemistry
Organotransition Metal Chemistry - 5102
Fall 2018

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Lectures: MWF 11:35am - 12:25pm Chemistry 540

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Tutorials: NA

Course Description

Various themes of modern transition metal chemistry are examined, including but not restricted to: fundamental structure and bonding; spectroscopic characterization methods; as well as reactivity and reaction mechanisms.

Course Prerequisites

CHEM 3103.03 (grade of C- or better, or equivalent)

Course Anti-requisites

CHEM 4102.03

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes

Students, upon completion of the course, should demonstrate working knowledge pertaining to:

- basic organometallic structure and bonding*
- fundamental reaction classes involving organometallic complexes*
- mechanistic organometallic chemistry and catalysis as per the material covered in the course*

Course Materials

- Provided by the instructor

Course Assessment

Tests 20% each: Three term tests (in class) on 28 Sept 2018, 19 Oct 2018, 07 Nov 2018

Final exam 40% (05 December 2018 – location TBA)

Assignments Self-study problem sets can be found in the course material that will be provided throughout the term. It is strongly recommended that students work through these problems, and related material in the suggested texts, in order to assess their progress in learning the course material. However, none of these problem sets will be graded.

Conversion of numerical grades to Final Letter Grades follows the Dalhousie Common Grade Scale (where a grade of at least B- must be obtained):

A+ (90-100) B+ (77-79) F (< 70)

A (85-89) B (73-76)

A- (80-84) B- (70-72)

Course Content

The impact of organometallic transition metal chemistry on the evolution of modern synthetic chemistry practices has been profound in recent years, as evidenced by the awarding of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 2001, 2005, and 2010 on this topic. This advanced class seeks to develop a fundamental understanding of such chemistry, as well as to highlight fundamental and applied aspects of organometallic reactivity. As such, this advanced class in organometallic chemistry will address a range of topics including structure and bonding models, reactivity and mechanism, and applications in synthetic chemistry. Students are responsible for all material covered in the lectures, including any handouts, as well as the assigned readings. While there is no formal textbook for the course, students are encouraged to consult advanced texts covering the topics of inquiry, as well as to address the self-study problems that will be provided. Students are encouraged to review in detail the material covered in the past inorganic chemistry courses. **Assumed Background for this course includes ALL material covered in Chemistry 2101 and 3103, for example: polyhedral geometries and isomerism; basic molecular orbital theory; symmetry; and the basics of d-block coordination chemistry. Students should also have the main group and transition elements of the periodic table memorized (you will need it for exams, etc.).**

Suggested Texts (especially for background reading):

“The Organometallic Chemistry of the Transition Metals” by R. H. Crabtree.

“Inorganic Chemistry (Third Edition)” by G. L. Miessler and D. A. Tarr.

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Dalhousie Libraries	Help to find books and articles for assignments Help with citing sources in the text of your paper and preparation of bibliography	Killam Library Ground floor Librarian offices	In person: Service Point (Ground floor) By appointment: Identify your subject librarian (URL below) and contact by email or phone to arrange a time: http://dal.beta.libguides.com/sb.php?subject_id=34328
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Writing Centre	Meet with a tutor to discuss writing assignments (lab report, research paper, thesis, poster) - Learn to integrate source material into your own work appropriately - Learn about disciplinary writing from a peer or staff member in your field	Killam Library Ground floor Learning Commons & Rm G25	To make an appointment: - Visit the Writing Centre in the Killam Learning Commons (Rm G40) and book an appointment - Call (902) 494-1963 - e-mail writingcentre@dal.ca - Book online through MyDal We are open six days a week See our website: writingcentre.dal.ca