

# ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I – CHM 1321 WINTER 2020



## Organic Chemistry I

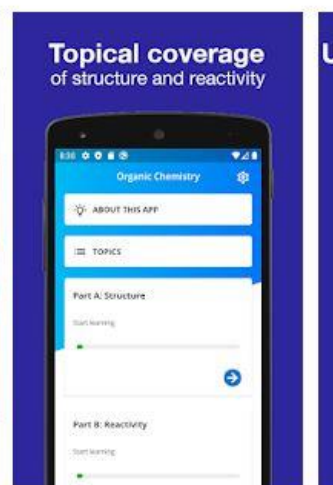
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# TOPICS

## Part A: Structure

- 1) Organic molecular structure
  - a) "Organic" periodic table
  - b) Electronegativity and periodic trends
  - c) Drawing organic structures: Lewis & compressed (line) structures
  - d) Formal charge method
  - e) Polarity
  - f) Atomic and molecular orbitals, molecular orbital theory, bonding and antibonding orbitals
  - g) Orbital shapes, hybridization, bond angles and structure
  - h)  $\sigma$  and  $\pi$  bonds, geometries, relative energies
  - i) Dipoles, Van der Waals forces, H-bonding, molecular structure and bulk properties (review/learn on your own)
  
- 2) Alkanes
  - a) Properties
  - b) Line structures
  - c)  $\sigma$  bond rotation, conformations, energy potential diagrams, Newman projections, sawhorse projections
  - d) Cycloalkanes, ring strain, conformations, configurations, syn/anti and cis/trans terminology.
  - e) Chair conformation, axial and equatorial bonds, chair interconversions
  - f) Stereochemistry, chiral compounds, configuration and R/S nomenclature, enantiomers, diastereomers and meso compounds, racemic mixtures

## Part B: Reactivity

- 1) Organic reaction mechanisms
  - a) Curved arrow notation
  - b) Reaction coordinate diagrams
  - c) Transition state approximations
  
- 2) Acids and bases
  - a) Mechanisms of acid-base reactions
  - b) Terminology: acid, base, conjugate acid, conjugate base, protonate, deprotonate
  - c) Acidity of organic compounds: explain by comparing the relative stability of bases using inductive effects, resonance, electronegativity, atom size, or hybridization.
  - d) Predict the direction of an equilibrium
  - e) Meaning and use of  $pK_a$  values.
  - f) Relationship between predominant species at equilibrium,  $pK_a$ , and pH (i.e., Henderson-Hasselbalch equation)

- 3)  $\pi$  bonds as electrophiles
- Polarity of bonds. Carbonyl compounds. Effects of resonance. Concept of mechanism, nucleophiles, electrophiles.
  - Reduction of carbonyl groups. Additions "across" bonds. Sodium borohydride and lithium aluminum hydride.
  - Imines. Acid catalysis. Sodium cyanoborohydride.
  - Cyanohydrin formation. Reversal of the reaction. Acid and base catalysis
  - Grignard reagents. Preparation. Polarity. Acid/base reactions. Carbonyl displacements.
  - Organo-lithium reagents. Acid/base reactions. Carbonyl displacements. Alkynyl and vinyl nucleophiles.
  - Hydrate formation. Equilibrium with carbonyl forms. Hemi-acetal formation. Intramolecular reactions and ring formation.
  - Acid and base catalysis in carbonyl additions. Oxonium ions. Additions to oxoniums.
  - The principle of microscopic reversibility. Molecular orbitals and reactivity.
- 4)  $\pi$  bonds as nucleophiles
- Markovnikov additions. Hydration. Regiochemistry & stereochemistry.
  - Anti-Markovnikov additions. Hydroboration-oxidation. Stereochemistry.
  - Epoxide formation. Concerted mechanisms. Stereochemistry.
  - Halogenation. Stereochemistry. Halohydrin formation. Regiochemistry.
- 5) Aromatic compounds as nucleophiles
- Aromaticity. Huckel's rule. Antiaromatic compounds. Ions and heterocycles.
  - Allyl groups and resonance. Allyl cation and anion.
  - Electrophilic aromatic substitution. Directing groups. Electrophiles. Heterocycles.
  - Manipulations of directing groups. Reductions. Hydrolysis.
  - Multi-step synthesis. Retrosynthetic analysis. Disconnections.
  - Directed metallation. Directing groups. Strong bases. Electrophiles.