

**Chemistry 642**  
Organic Synthetic Methods  
Fall, 2015

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Office Hours: by appointment.

**Lectures:** 10:00-10:55 am., Room 158 Hughes

**Text:** "Modern Organic Synthesis: An Introduction" by George Zweifel and Michael Nantz

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**Course Outline**

**1. The fundamentals** (Chapter 2 and Website)

- A. Proper representations of valence bond structures (Lewis, line-bond structures)
- B. Conformational analysis (ethane, butane, and cyclohexanes)
- C. Stereochemistry (tetrahedral  $sp^3$  carbon, *Z*- and *E*-double bond geometry; chirality, *R* and *S* configuration, *P*- and *M*-configuration for substituted allenes)

**2. Functional group transformation** (Chapters 3-5 and Website)

- A. Alkene reactions
- B. Carbonyl reactions
- C. Oxidation ( $CrO_3$ , Jones, PCC, Swern, Dess-Martin,  $NaClO_2$ ,  $O_3$  etc.) Reduction (Hydride reducing reagents:  $NaBH_4$ ,  $LiAlH_4$ , DIBAL-H,  $BH_3$ , Red Al and hydrogenation, dissolving metal reduction, etc.)
- D. Protecting groups in synthesis (protection of -OH,  $-NH_2$ ,  $C=O$ , etc. Chapter 3)

**3. Enolate related reactions** (Chapter 6)

- A. Aldol condensation reaction
- B. Claisen and Dieckmann condensation reactions
- C. Michael addition and Robinson annulation
- D. Alkylation reaction

**4. Preparation of C-C single bonds** (Chapter 7)

- A. Grignard reagents (acidities of organic compounds,  $pK_s$ 's)
- B. Organolithium reagents
- C. Organocopper reagents

D. Cross coupling reactions (Sonogashira, Suzuki, and Stille couplings)

**5. Preparation of C=C double bonds (Chapter 8)**

- A. Dehydration reactions
- B. Reduction of alkynes
- C. Wittig and Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons Reactions
- D. Olefin metathesis (Grubbs catalysts)
- E. Claisen Rearrangement

**6. Synthesis of carbocycles and heterocycles (Chapter 9)**

- A. Acyloin Condensation and Pinacol coupling
- B. Cation- $\pi$  cyclization
- C. Diels-Alder Reactions
- D. Ring Closing Metathesis

**7. Asymmetric synthesis (selective topics from Chapters 2-9)**

- A. Carbonyl additions: Felkin-Anh and Cornforth models (gen 1, substrate control)
- B. Chiral auxiliaries (Second generation, substrate control)
- C. Epoxidations (Sharpless, Jacobson), dihydroxylation (Sharpless), hydroborations (Brown) (Third generation, reagent control).
- D. Asymmetric Catalysis (Fourth generation).

**Grading.** Grades in this course will be derived from a combination of homework assignments, in class quizzes, and take-home midterm and final exams. Grades awarded to answers written in pencil will not be changed after tests or assignments have been returned.

Quizzes (7):	210 (35 pts each, top 6 scores will be recorded)
Attendance:	25
Midterm:	100
Final:	100
Course Total:	435

Approximate cutoffs: A  $\geq$  90%, B  $\geq$  75%, C  $\geq$  60%, D  $\geq$  50%, F < 50%. Plus/minus grades will generally not be awarded. The grading scale may be adjusted downward at the discretion of the instructor.

**General References:**

- (1) Carey, F.A. and Sundberg, R. J., "Advanced Organic Chemistry" Part B: Reactions and Synthesis" Fourth Edition, Plenum Press, 2001.
- (2) Richard C. Larock, "*Comprehensive Organic Transformations*", 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

(3) Greene, T. W. and Wuts, P. G. M. "Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis", Third Edition.

(4) Kocienski, P. J., "Protecting Groups", Theime Verlag: Stuttgart, 1994.

### Tentative Schedule

Week	Date	Subject	Chapters
1	08/24-28	Organic compound structures Stereoisomers	Review of O-Chem. Zweifel Ch. 2
2-4	09/2-18	Functional group transformation <b>Quiz 1</b> , 09/04 C=C and C=O chemistry Oxidation and reduction <b>Quiz 2</b> , 09/18	Zweifel Ch. 3, 4, 5
5-6	09/21-09/25	C-C bond formation, enolate chemistry	Zweifel Ch. 6
7-8	09/28-10/07	Organometallic reagents <b>Quiz 3</b> , 10/02	Zweifel Ch. 7
	10/09	<b>Midterm exam</b> (due 10/12 by 5 pm) <b>Quiz 4</b> , 10/16	Ch. 2-7
9-11	10/19-11/06	Claisen rearrangement and Cycloadditions Ring Closing Metathesis <b>Quiz 5</b> , 10/30	Zweifel Ch. 8, 9
12-14	11/09-12/02	Stereochemistry and Chirality Asymmetric Synthesis <b>Quiz 6</b> , 11/13 <b>Quiz 7</b> , 12/04	Revisit Ch. 2-9
15	12/04	<b>Final exam</b> available (due 12/09 by 5:00 pm)	All chapters

~ August 2015 ~						
◀ Jul 2015						Sep 2015 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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23 Week 1	24 Class starts	25	26	27	28	29
30 Week 2	31	Notes:				

~ September 2015 ~						
◀ Aug 2015						Oct 2015 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 2		1	2	3	4 Quiz 1	5
6 Week 3	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Week 4	14	15	16	17	18 Quiz 2	19
20 Week 5	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Week 6	28	29	30	Notes:		

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◀ Sep 2015 ~ October 2015 ~ Nov 2015 ▶						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 6				1	2 Quiz 3	3
4 Week 7	5	6	7	8	9 Midterm Break: Email Midterm exam	10
11 Week 8	12 Midterm Exam due by 5 pm	13	14	15	16	17
18 Week 9	19	20	21	22	23 Quiz 4	24
25 Week 10	26	27	28	29	30	31

◀ Oct 2015 ~ November 2015 ~ Dec 2015 ▶						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Week 11	2	3	4	5	6 Quiz 5	7
8 Week 12	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Week 13	16	17	18	19	20 Quiz 6	21
22 Week 14	23	24	25 Thanksgiving No class	26 Thanksgiving No class	27 Thanksgiving No class	28
29 Week 15	30	Notes:				

◀ Nov 2015 ~ December 2015 ~ Jan 2016 ▶						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 15		1	2	3	4 Quiz 7 Get your Final exam	5
6 Week 16 Final exam week	7	8	9 Final exam due by 5 pm	10	11	12
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