

Chemistry 321 Organic Reaction Mechanisms TTh Fall 2005 Professor Krow
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appointment Text(tentative): F. A. Carey and R. J. Sundberg, Advanced Organic
Chemistry, Part A, "Structure and Mechanisms," 4th Edition 2000.

Prerequisite: Organic Chemistry 121-122 or equivalent (A grade of B or better is
recommended). Optional Reading, J. A. March, Advanced Organic Chemistry. This
book is in the Chemistry library.

Class Goals, Structure, Readings. This advanced organic chemistry course deals with
the relationship between structures of organic molecules and mechanisms of organic
reactions. *The class is built around the assigned problems*, which serve to clarify and to
test your understanding of the material in the text. Other inputs come from your peers-
you will be part of groups during the semester- and primary literature references. You
will be asked to solve and/or research problems and hand in group-answers prior to the
class discussion. You can divide the effort involved in researching problems among
members of your group. Each member of the class will be asked to work problems at the
board. The order of topics below is subject to change as voted upon by the class.

Recommended Problems.

Ch. 1: Introduction and Bonding: 2-6, 11, 15,18, 21. 25 pts.

Ch. 11: Pericyclic Reactions: 2a-c, e; 4d; 5b,d,g,h; 7c,g, 12c, 14a,b; 16c (Opt. 5h,7e;
17, 19a,q) 20 pts

Ch. 2: Stereochemistry: 1,3,4c,5e,6,9, 11a-d, 12,13,14g,j, 16-19, 23. 30 pts

Ch. 3: Conformational analysis: 1,4,5a,6,7(omit f),8a,c,e,h; 11a,b,d, 18, 21 (pick 1), 22
30 pts.

Ch. 4: Rxtn. Mechanisms: 3,4,9,18,23 15 pts.

Ch. 5: Nucleophilic Substitution: 1,2 (omit h, i), 3a-k, 8, 10, 12, 13, 17a,b,d,g,j(2) (opt.
5,20,22) 35 pts.

Ch. 6: Polar Addition and Elimination: 1 (Omit d,e), 2 (Omit a,e), 3, 6a, 8, 9, 10a-d,
11b,c, 12 (Opt. 13) 25 pts.

Ch. 7: Carbanions: 1a,b, 2a,c-g, 4a,b, 9c,d,e, 12, 13b (Opt. 10,14c, 17) 15 pts

Ch. 8: Carbonyl Compounds: 8,9,10,18,24, 30c,d (10 pts)

Grading: You are responsible for assigned problems and problem sets. You will be
assigned to a group to help you. There will be short classroom quizzes based upon the
assigned problems. Together these will count 200 pts.

There will be a midterm exam(s) (300-400 pts): date and inclusive chapters decided upon
by the class, and a final (400-500 pts). Total = 1000 pts. A = 85%, A- = 80%, B+ =
77%, B = 73%, B- = 70%, C+ = 65%, C = 55%, C- = 50%, D = 47%.

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privately to discuss the specific situation as soon as possible. Contact Disability Resources and Services at
215-204-1280 in Ritter Annex to coordinate reasonable accommodations for students with documented
disabilities. Sept. 12 (drop with refund), Oct. 31 (last drop day), Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving holiday), Dec. 7
(last class). Final Exam Dec.14. Failure to take the final without prior permission will result in a failing
grade.