



## 1. General Course Information

### 1.1 Course Details

<b>Course Code:</b>	<b>1022SCG</b>
<b>Course Name:</b>	<b>Chemistry 1B</b>
<b>Trimester:</b>	<b>Trimester 1, 2025</b>
<b>Program:</b>	<b>Diploma of Science</b>
<b>Credit Points:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Course Coordinator:</b>	<b>Dr Gretel Heber</b>
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### Course Description

Chemistry is known as the central science, in that it is important to our understanding interactions that occur in all the other scientific disciplines through the study of matter; its properties, reactions and associated energies. Chemistry 1B extends the knowledge gained in Chemistry 1A, introducing students to concepts, experimental methodologies and problem solving in organic systems (organic molecules, their properties and reactions), physical chemistry and inorganic chemistry. Students will explain chemical concepts and solve problems (quantitative and qualitative) within the context of these modules. Fundamental concepts of matter underpin understanding and problem solving in biomolecular, biological, biotechnical, chemical, environmental, engineering, forensic, materials and medicinal sciences. Consequently, Chemistry 1B is a core course in the study of these fields. Skills that will be developed include academic language/reporting, scientific methodology and approaches, quantitative literacy, critical reasoning (explaining macro phenomena using chemical concepts), laboratory techniques and safe work practices.

Learning will be structured across three modules, as follows:

Module 1: Organic chemistry. Topics include structure, naming, stereoisomerism, properties and reactions.

Module 2: Physical chemistry. Topics include electrochemistry, reaction kinetics and nuclear chemistry.

Module 3: Inorganic chemistry. Topics include coordination compound (d-block) properties and naming, and p-block chemistry.

### Assumed Knowledge

1021SCG Chemistry 1A is a prerequisite for this course and must be completed successfully before you can be eligible to undertake this course.

## 1.2 Teaching Team

Your teacher/s can be contacted via email as below:

You will also find their email in the Teacher's tile on your Course Site.

Name	Email
Gretel Heber	<a href="mailto:Gretel.heber@navitas.com">Gretel.heber@navitas.com</a>

## 1.3 Meet with your teacher

Your teacher is available each week to meet outside of normal class times. This is called consultation. Times that your teacher will be available for consultation will be found on the Teacher's tile on your Course Site.

## 1.4 Timetable

Your timetable is available on the Griffith College Digital Campus at My Apps, Timetable.

## 1.5 Technical Specifications

All students must have access to a computer or suitable mobile device such as laptop or tablet (mobile phones are not suitable). In addition, up-to-date browser access, a reliable high-speed internet connection with enough upload and download capacity, a webcam and headset including microphone are needed.

## 2. Aims, Outcomes & Generic Skills

### 2.1 Course Aims

This course aims to introduce students to the basic concepts, theory and experimental methods of organic, physical and inorganic chemistry, building on knowledge of physical chemistry obtained in Chemistry 1A. Thermodynamics will be extended into redox chemistry, weak acid/base chemistry and developing knowledge of chemical kinetics. Core concepts and approaches to problem solving in nuclear and inorganic chemistry will be introduced. Students will be supported to engage in chemical problem solving in a variety of contexts, including practical applications, and to extend critical analysis into their field of study and experience.



### 2.2 Learning Outcomes

After successfully completing this course you should be able to:

1. Demonstrate competence in analysing and applying of organic chemistry concepts (structure, stereochemistry, properties and reactions) through a competency quiz, laboratory practicals and exam.
2. Explore and apply the quantitative and conceptual concepts of physical chemistry (solution chem, redox, reaction kinetics and nuclear chemistry) through a competency quiz, laboratory practicals and exam.
3. Understand and implement the concepts of inorganic chemistry (transition metal complexes and p-group chemistry) through a competency quiz, laboratory practicals and exam.



## 2.3 Graduate Capabilities and Employability Skills

For further details on the Graduate Capabilities and Employability Skills please refer to the [Graduate Generic Skills and Abilities Policy](#).

Griffith College is committed to producing graduates who are able to demonstrate progress toward the development of a number of generic skills / capabilities that will allow them to successfully continue their studies at the tertiary level. This set of skills includes employability related skills that will ensure graduates are capable in the workplace of the future.

Studies in this course will give you opportunities to begin to develop the following skills:

Graduate Capabilities and Employability Skills			Focus within this course
Interacting with People	Teamwork		✓
	Communication		✓
	Respect for Culture and Diversity		
Readiness for the Workplace	Problem Solving		✓
	Planning and Organisation		✓
	Creativity and Future Thinking		✓



## 3. Learning Resources

### 3.1 Required Learning Resources

In trimesters with in-laboratory assignments, safety glasses, lab coat and appropriate footwear are also required for compulsory laboratory activities. Laboratory safety glasses and lab coats can be purchased from the campus bookshop or safety supply stores.

### 3.2 Recommended Learning Resources

Brown, Lemay, Bursten et al. (2022) Chemistry: The Central Science (15e, GE), Pearson\*. E-text included in enrolment.

Griffith College 1022SCG Laboratory Manual (in trimesters with in-laboratory assignments).

The laboratory manual and course notes are available from the Griffith College portal. Hardcopies of the textbook can be purchased from the Nathan campus bookshop or the publisher. The textbook should be used in conjunction with the notes and other materials provided in learning experiences and via the course web site as a major source of detailed information about the course material. It provides detailed diagrams, illustrations and problems that should be valuable aids in your learning.

A scientific calculator is recommended for laboratory classes, Learning experience sessions, and quizzes. **Graphics calculators are not permitted in any workshop quiz or examination.**

BYOD: Windows/Mac device for online quizzes and learning experience activities.

### 3.3 College Support Services and Learning Resources

Griffith College provides many facilities and support services to assist students in their studies. Links to information about support resources that are available to students are included below for easy reference.

- [Digital Library](#) – Databases to which Griffith College students have access to through the Griffith Library Databases.
- [Study Toolbox](#) – there is a dedicated website for this course on the Griffith College Digital Campus.
- [Academic Integrity](#) - Griffith College is committed to ensuring academic integrity is understood and maintained by all staff and students. All students learn about academic integrity through engagement with Academic Integrity online modules within the Academic and Professional Studies course.
- [Services and Support](#) provides a range of services to support students throughout their studies including academic advice and assignment help from Student Learning Advisors, and personal and welfare support from Student Counsellors.
- [Jobs and Employment](#) in the Student Hub can assist students with career direction, resume and interview preparation, job search tips, and more.
- [IT Support](#) provides details of accessing support, information on numbers and internet access and computer lab rules.

### 3.4 Other Information about your Learning

#### Preparation and Participation in Learning

You need to prepare before attending your scheduled Learning Experience (In Class). Work through the Learning Content (Before Class) prepared by your teacher which is found on the course site. Make sure you complete the Learning Activities (After Class) set each week. Active participation in your learning will enhance your success. Ask questions when something is unclear or when you want to bring some issue to your teacher's attention; respond to questions to test your knowledge and engage in discussion to help yourself and others learn.

#### Attendance

You are expected to actively engage in all learning experiences which underpin the learning content in this course. Attendance will be recorded by your teacher in each learning experience to ensure you are meeting the requirements of the program you are studying and/or your visa conditions. You are expected to engage with the learning content and learning activities outside of timetabled class times. You are expected to bring all necessary learning resources to class such as the required textbook and /or Workbook.

#### Consultation Sessions

Teachers offer extra time each week to assist students outside the classroom. This is known as 'consultation time.' You may seek assistance from your teacher on email or in person according to how the teacher has explained this to the class. Attendance during consultation time is optional but you are encouraged to use this extra help to improve your learning outcomes.

#### Course Learning Materials

Learning materials are made available to you in the course site. The learning materials are arranged in Modules. In each Module you will find Learning Content (Before Class), Learning Experiences (In Class) and Learning Activities (After Class). **Learning Content (Before Class)** will be engaged with prior to the scheduled **Learning Experience (In Class)**. This will ensure you are prepared for the scheduled Learning Experience (In Class) by being aware of the content to be covered and therefore will be able to actively participate in the session. **Learning Activities (After Class)** are accessed after the scheduled session for purposes of review, consolidation of learning, and preparation for the Evidence of Learning Tasks (Assessments) in the course.

#### Self-Directed Learning

You will be expected to learn independently. This means you must organise and engage with the course Learning Content (Before Class) even when you are not specifically asked to do so by your teacher. The weekly guide (below) will be helpful to organise your learning. This involves revising the weekly course Learning Content (Before Class) and completing the Learning Activities (After Class). It also means you will need to find additional information to evidence your learning beyond that given to you, and to construct your own response to a question or topic. All of this requires careful planning of your time. Expect to spend, on average, at least 10 hours per week including class time for each of your courses.

## Program Progression

You are reminded that satisfactory Program Progression requires that attendance in classes is maintained at equal to or greater than 80%, students are engaged in their learning and that GPA is maintained at equal to or greater than 3.5 [please see Griffith College Policy Library - [Program Progression Policy](#) - for more information].

### International students enrolled in Language Development Modules (LDM100 / LDM200 or LDH100 / LDH200)

Successful completion of LDM100 and LDM200 or LDH100 and LDH200 is **required** to graduate with your Diploma award and progress to your Bachelor. If you do not achieve non-graded passes for these language modules your progression to your Bachelor will be affected. Please attend all your classes and submit your assessment.






## Teacher and Course Evaluation

Your feedback is respected and valued by your teachers. You are encouraged to provide your thoughts on the course and teaching, both positive and critical, directly to your teacher or by completing course and teacher evaluations via Griffith College's evaluation tool whenever these are available.



## 4. Weekly Guide: Learning Content, Learning Experiences and Learning Activities

The information below lays out how your learning will be organised throughout the trimester:

Week	Learning Content (Before Class)	Learning Experiences (In Class)	Learning Activities (After Class)	Evidence of Learning (Assessment)	Learning Outcome
					
<b>Module 1</b>					
1	Functional groups and nomenclature	Focussed lessons and associated activities, team practice problems, molecule building with Molview	Course notes Textbook: 24, 26 – 31, Homework, assignment,	Homework, mid-trimester exam, EOT exam	<b>1</b>
2	Organic properties, nucleophiles and electrophiles, reactions (electrophilic Markovnikov addition)	Focussed lessons and associated activities, team practice problems, Molview, Chemtube3D, Lab 1	Textbook ch. 16-17, 26, class notes, Homework, assignment, Focussed lessons and associated activities,	Homework, mid-trimester exam, EOT exam	<b>1, 2</b>
3	Stereochemistry and arenes	Focussed lessons and associated activities, team practice problems, chemtube3D and molview	Textbook ch. 25, 30, class notes, Homework, assignment, Focussed lessons and associated activities.	Homework, mid-trimester exam, EOT exam	<b>1</b>
4	Organic reactions I: nucleophilic addition/substitution, electrophilic addition/substitution, redox, esterification	Focussed lessons and associated activities, team practice problems, chemtube3D and molview, Lab 2	Textbook ch. 25-28; class notes, Homework, assignment.	Homework, mid-trimester exam, EOT exam	<b>1</b>
<b>Module 2</b>					
5	Solution equilibria, $K_{sp}$ , colligative properties	Focussed lessons and associated activities, team practice problems, 5 droppers experiment.	Textbook ch. 13, homework, assignment.	Homework, mid-trimester exam, EOT exam	<b>1, 2</b>
6	Electrochemistry (galvanic cells, cell	Focussed lessons and associated	Textbook ch. 20, homework,	Homework, mid-trimester exam,	<b>1, 2, 3</b>

	potentials, Nernst equation)	activities, team practice problems, build your own electrochemical cell simulation.	assignment.	EOT exam	
7	Reaction kinetics (Rate laws, orders, initial rates, mechanisms)	Focussed lessons and associated activities, team practice problems, PhET atmospheric reactions, Lab 4	Textbook ch. 14 and class notes, , homework, assignment.	Homework, EOT exam,	<b>1, 2</b>
8	Nuclear chemistry	Focussed lessons and associated activities, team practice problems, PhEt radioactive dating game	Textbook ch 21 and class notes, homework, assignment,	Homework, EOT exam,	<b>1, 2, 3</b>
<b>Module 3</b>					
9	Transition metal complexes I (ligands, oxidation state, electron configuration, naming)	team practice problems, Lab 5, Chemtube 3D	Textbook ch 23 and class notes, homework, assignment,	Homework, EOT exam,	<b>1, 2, 3</b>
10	Transition metal complexes II (stereoisomerism, CFT for $O_h$ complexes, applications)	Focussed lessons and associated activities, team practice problems, Pearson visualising complexes	Textbook ch 23 and class notes, homework, assignment,	Homework, EOT exam,	<b>1, 2, 3</b>
11	p-block chemistry (groups 14 to 17)	Focussed lessons and associated activities, team practice problems	Textbook ch 22 and class notes, homework, assignment,	Homework, EOT exam,	<b>1, 2, 3</b>
12	REVISION	Exam preparation, exam strategies, practice questions.	Exam preparation, practice questions.	EOT exam	<b>1, 2, 3</b>



## 5. Evidence of Learning (Assessment)

### 5.1 Evidence of Learning Summary

	Evidence of Learning (Assessment)	Weighting	Learning Outcome	Due Date
1	Laboratory Assignments (a) Laboratory reports (b) Pre-laboratory assignments  - <i>Students must pass this assessment with a mark of at least 12.5 out of 25 (50%) to pass the course</i>	20% 5%	<b>1-3</b>	Progressive 1-12
2	Mid-trimester exam	20%	<b>1-3</b>	7
3	Homework	10%	<b>1-3</b>	Progressive 1-12
4	EOT exam <i>Students must obtain at least 40% on the final exam to be able to pass the course.</i>	45%	<b>1-3</b>	13

## 5.2 Evidence of Learning Task Detail

You are required to **submit your own work** for marking. All planning, notes and drafts need to be retained so they can be presented to your teacher if requested.

Please note that generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) applications are **not permitted** to be used for assessment content creation, translation or extensive language assistance unless specifically identified in the assessment guidelines. Where permission is given for the use of GenAI applications for assessment content creation, appropriate referencing must occur.

Students should follow all teacher directions about the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) tools in relation to formative and summative assessment tasks (including how to cite GenAI tools, if relevant). It should be noted that Turnitin provides teaching staff with a GenAI percentage indicator as well as an Originality Report which detects plagiarism.

### 1.Evidence of Learning Task 1: Laboratory Assignments (25%)

**Task Type:** Practical Assignment – Written Assignment

**Due Date:** As timetabled

**Weight:** 25%, Marked out of 25

**Length:** N/A

**Duration:** 20 hours

**Task Description:** Students undertake five laboratory assignments and write laboratory reports.

**Criteria and Marking:** Students are assessed on their practical skills, understanding and communication skills.

**Submission:** on campus written assignment, completed during lab.

### 2.Evidence of Learning Task 2: Mid-trimester exam (20%)

**Task Type:** Paper-based exam

**Due Date:** as timetabled, week 7

**Weight:** 2 % (exam).

**Length:** 1 hour exam.

**Duration:** 1 hour exam marked out of 25 on weeks 1-6 material

**Quiz type:** closed book, invigilated, 1 attempt.

**Task Description:** Students will demonstrate understanding of course concepts with multiple choice and short answer questions.

**Criteria and Marking:** Students are assessed on the Assignment rubric and correctness of answers to short answer questions

**Submission:** Paper-based quiz, on campus

### 3.Evidence of Learning Task 3: Homework (10%)

**Task Type:** Homework

**Due Date:** Sunday each week following content in class

**Weight:** 10 %, Marked out of 10

**Length:** N/A

**Duration:** ~1 hour per week.

**Exam type:** online, 1 attempt.

**Task Description:** Weekly homework will be assigned in Pearson Mastering, covering topics for the week.

**Criteria and Marking:** Marking will focus on time spent on material.

**Quiz format:** online, mix of question types.

### 4.Evidence of Learning Task 4: EOT exam (45%)

**Task Type:** Exam

**Due Date:** Exam Week

**Weight:** 45 %, Marked out of 45

**Length:** N/A

**Duration:** 90 mins

**Exam type:** closed book, invigilated, 1 attempt.

**Task Description:** EOT exam will consist of a mixture of multiple choice and short answer questions across the three modules with a focus on the second half of the course. Hurdled at 40% (i.e. students must achieve 18 out of 45 to be eligible to pass Chem 1B)

**Criteria and Marking:** Understanding of concepts and quantitative literacy.

**Exam format:** On Campus

**Laboratory Assignment (25%):** In trimesters where in-laboratory assignments are not conducted, an equivalent online virtual laboratory assignment will be provided. Students must complete **ALL laboratory assignments** and gain an overall pass of 12.5/25 on the Laboratory component, including pre-laboratory assignments, in order to pass the course.

In order to pass this Course, students must:

- A. attend and attempt all assessment items; AND
- B. obtain at least 50% on the lab component; AND
- C. obtain at least 40% (18/45) in the EOT exam; AND
- D. achieve an overall course result (sum of all assessments) of at least 50%

### 5.3 Late Submission

An Evidence of Learning Task submitted after the due date, without an approved extension from the teacher, will be penalised. The standard penalty is the reduction of the mark allocated to the Evidence of Learning Task by 5% of the maximum mark applicable for the Evidence of Learning Task, for each calendar day that the task is late. Evidence of learning tasks submitted more than seven calendar days after the due date are awarded zero marks.

Please refer to the Griffith College website - Policy Library > [Assessment Policy](#) for guidelines and penalties for late submission.

### 5.4 Other Information about Evidence of Learning

#### Retention of Originals

You must be able to produce a copy of all work submitted if so requested. Copies should be retained until after the release of final results for the Course.

#### Requests for extension

To apply for an extension of time for an evidence of learning task, you must submit an [Application for Extension of Assignment](#) form to your teacher at least 24 hours before the date the assignment is due. Grounds for extensions are usually: serious illness, accident, disability, bereavement or other compassionate circumstances and must be able to be substantiated with relevant documentation [e.g. [Griffith College Student Medical Certificate](#)]. Please refer to the Griffith College website – [Policy Library](#) for guidelines regarding extensions and deferred Evidence of Learning Tasks.

#### Return of Evidence of Learning Tasks

1. Marks awarded for in-trimester evidence of learning tasks, except those being moderated externally with Griffith University, will be available on the course site within fourteen [14] days of the due date. This does not apply to the final evidence of learning task in this course (marks for this task will be provided with the final course result).
2. Students will be advised of their final grade through the Digital Campus. Students can review their final exam papers after student grades have been published. Review of final exam papers will not be permitted after the final date to enrol.
3. Marks for **all** evidence of learning tasks including the final exam (if applicable) will be recorded in the Course Site and made available to students through the Course Site.

*The sum of your marks of evidence of learning tasks in this course does not necessarily imply your final grade for the course. Standard grade cut off scores can be varied for particular courses, so you need to wait for the official release of grades to be sure of your grade for this course.*

## 6. Policies & Guidelines

Griffith College Evidence of Learning Tasks-related policies can be found in the [Griffith College Policy Library](#) which include the following policies:

[Assessment Policy](#), [Special Consideration](#), [Deferred Assessment](#), [Alternate Exam Sittings](#), [Medical Certificates](#), [Academic Integrity](#), [Finalisation of Results](#), [Review of Marks](#), [Moderation of Assessment](#), [Turn-it-in Software Use](#). These policies can be accessed within the [Policy Library](#)

**Academic Integrity** Griffith College is committed to maintaining high academic standards to protect the value of its qualifications. Academic integrity means acting with the values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility in learning, teaching and research. It is important for students, teachers, researchers and all staff to act in an honest way, be responsible for their actions, and show fairness in every part of their work. Academic integrity is important for an individual's and the College's reputation.



All staff and students of the College are responsible for academic integrity. As a student, you are expected to conduct your studies honestly, ethically and in accordance with accepted standards of academic conduct. Any form of academic conduct that is contrary to these standards is considered a breach of academic integrity and is unacceptable.

Some students deliberately breach academic integrity standards with intent to deceive. This conscious, pre-meditated form of cheating is considered one of the most serious forms of fraudulent academic behaviour, for which the College has zero tolerance and for which penalties, including exclusion from the College, will be applied.

However, Griffith College also recognises many students breach academic integrity standards without intent to deceive. In these cases, students may be required to undertake additional educational activities to remediate their behaviour and may also be provided appropriate advice by academic staff.

As you undertake your studies at Griffith College, your teachers and academic advisors will provide you with guidance to understand and maintain academic integrity; however, it is also your responsibility to seek out guidance if and when you are unsure about appropriate academic conduct.

In the case of an allegation of a breach of academic integrity being made against a student he or she may request the guidance and support of a Griffith College Student Learning Advisor or Student Counsellor.

Please ensure that you are familiar with the Griffith College Academic Integrity Policy; this policy provides an overview of some of the behaviours that are considered breaches of academic integrity, as well as the penalties and processes involved when a breach is identified.

For further information please refer to the Griffith College website - Policy Library > [Academic Integrity Policy](#)

#### **Reasonable Adjustments for Evidence of Learning Tasks –**

The [Disability Services Policy](#) (accessed within the [Policy Library](#)) outlines the principles and processes that guide the College in making reasonable adjustments to Evidence of Learning Tasks for students with disabilities while maintaining academic robustness of its programs.

#### **Risk Assessment Statement**

There are no out of the ordinary risks associated with this course.

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