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Welcome to Creighton University. If you are considering taking a chemistry course during your first year please read on for helpful advice in choosing the most appropriate course for you. The Chemistry Department at Creighton offers several different chemistry courses designed for first-year students, each with a specific focus in mind.

**Chemistry 105 – Introductory Chemistry.** This is a one semester introductory course designed for students who have not had high school chemistry and/or are unsure of their math skills. This course is offered in the spring semester. The Chemistry Department recommends that students planning to take CHM 105 in the spring semester enroll in *College Algebra* (MTH 135) in the fall semester prior to taking CHM 105, particularly if the student wishes to use CHM 105 as preparation for the general chemistry sequence. CHM 105 will also satisfy a College core requirement in the natural sciences (Core C) for students in the Colleges of Arts and Science or Business Administration.

**Chemistry 111 – Fundamentals of General Chemistry.** This course is the first semester of a two-semester sequence designed only for students in the School of Nursing. This course DOES NOT fulfill any core requirements nor can it be used as a pre-requisite for any upper level science courses within the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Chemistry 203 and 204 – General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory.** This is the course designed for students who need a full year of general chemistry. This course is appropriate for students planning to major in chemistry or biology or for students who are planning a “pre-health science” program. If you choose to take CHM 203 you must register for a lecture section and the corresponding laboratory section (e.g., CHM 203 A and CHM 204 AA or CHM 203 B and CHM 204 BB). Because Chemistry 203 is a relatively fast-paced course that makes extensive use of algebraic skills, the pre-requisites include one year of high school chemistry and a Math ACT score of 24 or above.

If you believe that you are ready for CHM 203 but do not meet the pre-requisites stated above, you will need to take the Chemistry Placement Exam that will be offered during Summer Preview. You can register on-line for this test at: [http://www2.creighton.edu/studentservices/newstudentorientation/](http://www2.creighton.edu/studentservices/newstudentorientation/)

Please discuss the Chemistry options with your Faculty Preceptor. You can also contact me directly (harris@creighton.edu) to talk about which option is most appropriate for you.

I hope that this information is useful to you as you begin to plan your first semester at Creighton. I, along with the entire Chemistry Department, wish you success and happiness in your first year at Creighton. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding your options in Chemistry.

Best wishes,

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