CHEMISTRY 261 - ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

SECTIONS A2 & EA2

Tues Thurs 12:30-1:50 | **Dr. John C. Vederas**
Chemistry Centre E1-60 | **September 1, 2026** | **Office: Chem West W5-39A**

Texts: "Organic Chemistry", TWG Solomons et al., 13th Ed. with Study Guide & Solutions Manual, Electronic Version, Wiley Ltd: included in *Course Materials Access fee* ($259). Also available U.A. Bookstore. Required; Other texts are OK but are not supported directly. For lab, you must purchase a Chem 261 Lab Manual ($55) from LabFlow via Lab Canvas site and pay a lab locker fee ($25) in Chem W1-22.

Models: Molecular models will be essential in this course. Darling Molecular Models are recommended - available from Chem Undergrad Stores (Chemistry W1-22) or the UA Bookstore or Amazon.ca

Grade Distribution:

Midterm Exam 1 (on Canvas)	—	150 points
Midterm Exam 2	—	250 points
Final Exam (**no** supplemental exam)	—	350 points
Laboratory	—	250 points
TOTAL		1000 points

Exam Dates:
Thurs, Sep 24, 2026 (80 min at 12:30 PM) – **on Canvas**
Tues, Oct. 27, 2026 (80 min starts 12:30 PM) – in **E1-60**

Registrar's Office to announce date & time in Oct 2026

You must pass the laboratory part with a grade of 60% or better to pass the course.

Final grades are assigned as per University Calendar: Assessment & Grading. Absolute scores will be summed and converted to percentile ranking in the course. These rankings will be assigned letter grades in line with other sections of this course. Past course average GPA is ca 2.8

Videos (You Tube): Equivalent Lectures covering same material will be posted on YouTube via Canvas link

Laboratory: **Labs begin Monday, September 21, 2026.** Assignments will be posted on **Canvas (Lab)**. **Bring** safety glasses with side shields & lab coat, no shorts, no open-toed footwear. Read on the **Lab Canvas site** about your first session beforehand.

Help Sessions: The Chem Dept will hold in person TA help sessions W4-46 - posted on **LabFlow**

Difficulties: Chemistry 261 registration & scheduling problems, please contact Student Services, Chemistry W4-39 or undergrad@chem.ualberta.ca For lab problems (missed experiments, conflicts) contact Dr. Hayley Wan, Chem E1-34B hayley.wan@ualberta.ca

Problem Sets: Problems will be assigned from text and will **not** be collected or graded.

Examination Answers: Answers to examinations (mid-term) will be made available after the examination on the Canvas site. Old sample exams with answers also available at the site below.

Internet Site: **https://vederaslab.chem.ualberta.ca/chem261/** (this is NOT Canvas)

Course Outlines - Content: Please see above web sites for course objectives, outlines, **notes** and other information.

Office Hours: Drop in at my office, Chemistry W5-39A, Tues Thurs from 2:00 to 3:00 PM, or make an appointment by e-mail to john.vederas@ualberta.ca for an alternative time.
Please do not e-mail questions on course content – instead see me in person

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