

CHEM 133 – Preparation for Chemistry/General Information

Purpose of this course: Chemistry 133 is a preparatory course designed for students who need more preparation to succeed in Chemistry 159, 161, and 165. Those who enroll will drop their current General Chemistry course and take 133 instead. Chemistry 133 is designed to strengthen your chemistry background, problem-solving skills, and quantitative reasoning. We will prepare you to successfully complete Chemistry 161 in the spring semester.

Are you a candidate for Chem 133? If you did poorly on the first exam – low C, D or F despite adequate study effort, or if you find yourself having increasing difficulty as the course progresses, you definitely want to consider Chem 133. Chem 133 will help build the skills you need.

When and where does the course meet? Chemistry 133 begins on **Monday, October 17** and meets for two **80-minute** lectures and one **80-minute** recitation each week. You can mix and match lectures and recitations as needed to fit your schedule. Meeting times have been selected to coincide optimally with those for the General Chemistry course you will be dropping

LECTURES	Recitation (Choose ONE)
MW (10:55-12:15 pm, D/C – FS-Aud), or MW (1:40: 3:00 pm, Busch – SEC 207)	Th (9:15-10:35 am, D/C) Th (10:55 –12:15 pm, D/C) F (10:20 –11:40 am, LIV) F (1:40 – 3:00 pm, Busch)

ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED. Once the registration limit is reached, additional applicants will **NOT** be accepted. **You should initiate a transfer as soon as possible.** Procedures are detailed on the application form.

How do I transfer into Chem 133? Fill out the on-line application by **Thursday Oct. 6, but no later than MORNING Fri. Oct. 14.** <http://chem.rutgers.edu/chem-133-admission-application-form>

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Do I need to go to the Registrar?** NO! Transfer into 133 is handled entirely by the Chemistry Department. There is no fee and you do not need to go to the Registrar.

2. **Will my transcript indicate that I dropped Chemistry 159, 161 or 165?** In most cases, your transcript will **not** show that you attempted Chemistry 159/161; you will **not** receive a "W" for Chem 159/161. Your transcript will show only Chem 133 for Fall 2016. However, there are two exceptions:

(1) If your semester credit load drops to 11 credits or lower as a result of the transfer, then you may opt to receive a 'W' on your transcript for Chem 159/161/165. Chem 133 carries only 2 credits, whereas Chem 161 carries 4 and Chem 159 carries 3. Thus, you will be substituting a 2-credit course for a 3- or 4-credit one. This practice ensures that you retain official full-time status even though you are registered for < 12 credits. In any event, your financial aid status should **not** be affected.

(2) If you are a University College student with part-time status, you should double-check with University College to see what the policy will be. In the past students have sometimes - but not always- received W's for Chem 161.

3. **What sequence of chemistry courses should I take after Chem 133?** Most students proceed to General Chemistry 161 in the spring semester and then take Chem 162 either in the summer or the next fall. If you take Chem 162 during the summer, you will be able to take Organic Chemistry the next fall. (It may be possible to take summer Chem II at a college other than Rutgers.)

4. **Will it look "bad" to have Chem 133 - Preparation for Chemistry - on my transcript?** Typically, half the students who transfer into Chem 133 wind up with A's and B's in the course. Two credits at an A or B look far better (and obviously help your GPA significantly more) than 4 credits for Chem 161 at a C, D, or F. More importantly, Chem 133 students usually do well when they proceed on to higher-level science courses. Many of our alumni have progressed successfully to medical and professional schools.

5. **What if I am currently taking chem lab (Introduction to Experimentation)?** Switching to 133 has no effect on your status in the Chemistry 171 lab course

6. **Whom do I contact if I still have questions?** Dr. Manese Rabeony, Lecturer and Course Coordinator. E-mail: mrabeony@rutgers.edu. Phone: 884-445-8609