Honors Organic Chemistry
Eligibility and Registration Procedures
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Eligibility and advice for 01:160:315, Honors Organic Chemistry

Admission to Chem 315 is by invitation only. Invitations are sent out by the Chemistry Undergraduate Office in mid-June. Students do not need to be in an Honors Program to enroll in this course.

To be eligible to take Chem 315, a student must

1. be a rising freshman or sophomore
2. have met one of three grade requirements
    a. 'A' in the first AND the second semester of General Chemistry* OR
    b. placed out of the first semester of General Chemistry with an AP score of 4 or 5 and received a grade of A in the second semester OR
    c. placed out of both semesters of General Chemistry with an AP score of 5
3. have a strong overall academic performance. The measures considered in addition to chemistry grades are overall GPA and grades in physics and in mathematics. Numerical criteria are not fixed, but may vary from year to year depending on the space available in the course.

Chemistry 315 is not open to students in the School of Pharmacy or to transfer students.
*General Chemistry refers to either 159/160, 161/162, 163/164 or approved combinations of them.

Registration for 315

To be considered for Chem 315, students need take no action themselves. In mid-June, the Undergraduate Secretary sends invitations to register for Chem 315 to students who have met the eligibility requirements. The invitations include instructions for how to complete the registration. The registration process must be completed within a specified time period, normally two weeks. As a rule, the instructors will not give special permission to register for Chem 315 and such requests are discouraged.

Eligibility and advice for 01:160:316 Honors Organic Chemistry

Students who have completed Chem 315 with a grade of C or better are encouraged to register for Chem 316. Students who received a grade of D in Chem 315 and wish to continue the study of organic chemistry are advised to register for Chem 308.

A small number of highly motivated students who have taken 01:160:307 Organic Chemistry may enroll in Chem 316 if they meet certain requirements. A student making this transfer must

1. have registered for the Honors Recitation section of Chem 307
2. have received a grade of A in Chem 307
3. understand the need for and be prepared to undertake substantial, additional independent preparation during the winter break

Transferring from 307 to 316

To be considered for a transfer from Chem 307 to Chem 316, students need take no action themselves. In early December, the Undergraduate Secretary sends *provisional* invitations to register for Chem 316 to students who are likely to meet the eligibility requirements; admission to Chem 316 is not assured at this point and students receiving such provisional invitations should register for Chem 308. In mid-January, the Undergraduate Secretary sends final invitations to students who have met the eligibility requirements. These invitations include instructions for how to complete the registration in Chem 316. As a rule, the instructors will not give special permission to register for Chem 316 and such requests are discouraged.