Instructor:

Instructor Contact Info.:

Instructor Office Hours (day, time, & location):

Lab Room Number:

Lab Course Web sites:  http://linus.chem.dept.ku.edu/GenChemLab/135SU16  and  http://courseware.ku.edu
Lab Director: Dr. Roderick Black, 2021 Malott, rsblack@ku.edu

Attendance: You are expected to attend every lab session. There are no make up labs. All unexcused absences will receive a grade of zero (see the Lab Absence Policy on the course website for the only acceptable excuses and a description of the required documentation).  Attendance will be taken at the start of each period, and if you arrive late you will receive an attendance score of zero. Chemistry is a laboratory science; accordingly, students who do well in Chemistry 135 must participate in every session. It is not possible to receive a passing grade in Chemistry 135 if you are absent from more than four sessions, regardless of whether your absences are labeled excused or unexcused.

Safety: Follow the link to Safety Regulations for Chemistry Lab on the website. Review these regulations often. Chemistry Department-approved full-coverage goggles must be worn at all times. If a student is found not wearing goggles at any time while laboratory work is being conducted anywhere in the room, this student will receive a warning or a grade penalty, and may be asked to leave the room. The following lab attire requirements must be followed for every lab period, regardless of whether a lab experiment is being performed during the session: Students must wear long pants. It is not acceptable to wear shorts of any kind, Capri pants or intermediate-length pants of any kind, or skirts. Shoes must cover the entire foot. Open-toed shoes, open-heeled shoes, sandals, or shoes containing holes are not acceptable. (If a student's attire fails to meet these guidelines because of religious or cultural requirements, the student must contact the instructor in advance of the session.)

Question sheets: During several lab sessions this semester, you will complete a question sheet following the lab experiment. These must be submitted to your instructor before you leave for the day.

Pre-lab exercises: Assigned pre-lab exercises must be turned in at the beginning of the class period in which they are due. Each lab experiment has separate pre-lab requirements, so be sure to read each one carefully. You may also wish to print out a hard copy of the lab and bring it with you.

Lab notebooks: Each person will be responsible for keeping an approved lab notebook written in ink. Scratch paper may not be used in the labs. The originals will be turned in at the end of each lab. The other copy is yours. The laboratory notebook is the most important evidence that a scientific investigation was completed, and that the conclusions reached by the experimenter are supported by experimental observations.

Lab reports: Lab reports must be submitted at the beginning of the lab period in which they are due.

Grading: The laboratory course will account for a portion of your final Chem 135 grade.

Academic Honesty: There will be repercussions for any form of dishonesty. Plagiarism of a lab assignment is not acceptable. Any assignment submitted to your TA must be composed in Standard English using your own words. Assignments may not be copied from published or online sources of any sort. For each lab report, printed and/or online sources must be cited via appropriate footnotes or endnotes. Assignments may not be copied from the work of any of your fellow lab group members, or from any other current or former student. Supplying any part of an assignment via online or offline databases (or via other repositories to which current or future Chemistry students may have access) will be considered academic misconduct. Any exams and/or papers may be photocopied at the discretion of the instructor without the knowledge or consent of the students. The issue of digital plagiarism has raised concerns about ethics, student writing experiences, and academic integrity. KU subscribes to a digital plagiarism detection program called SafeAssign, which may be used to check papers submitted in this course. You may be asked to submit your papers in a digital format (e-mail attachment, BlackBoard(tm) digital drop box or on disk) so that your paper can be checked against web pages and databases of existing papers. Although you may never have engaged in intentional plagiarism, many students do incorporate sources without citations; this program can alert me to your academic needs.