



CBMS204

Organic Synthesis

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Chemistry and Biomolecular Sciences

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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

CBMS103 or admission to GCertBiotech

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit serves the needs of students who wish to major in chemistry or biomolecular sciences, as well as those pursuing related disciplines in biological, medical and health sciences. It will be valuable to anyone with an interest in how organic compounds (including biological molecules) react with one another, and how chemists use this knowledge of molecular interactions to synthesise new compounds with desirable properties (eg, new pharmaceuticals and new materials). The unit focuses on traditional organic chemistry, but the principles, mechanisms and synthetic procedures that it deals with are not confined to organic reactions: the material covered is particularly relevant to students interested in biochemistry, biotechnology, medical sciences or biological chemistry. Topics include: a review of chemical reactivity; introduction to the spectroscopic identification of organic compounds; reaction mechanisms; and synthetic methods commonly used in organic synthesis. The study of these mechanisms and methods provides an understanding of life processes on a molecular level. The practical component is aimed at developing laboratory skills and deductive reasoning; it comprises several multi-step syntheses and identification of unknown compounds by chemical and spectroscopic means.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Predict the relative reactivity of a series of related compounds
- Use functional group transformations to change one molecule into another
- Be able to plan a synthesis using SN1, SN2, E1, E2, SNA, SEA reactions
- Use carbon-carbon carbon-nitrogen and carbon-oxygen bond forming reactions to construct larger molecules
- Use spectroscopic information to deduce the structure of simple organic molecules
- Perform basic synthetic reactions in a laboratory setting with confidence
- Assess the risks and hazards associated with working in a synthetic laboratory environment
- Carry out synthetic reactions in a safe and efficient manner
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- Write a report in a scientific format

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
Practical	25%	TBA
Spot tests-workshops	10%	weeks 5 and 10
Mid-term Exams	20%	Weeks 6 and 11
Final Exam	45%	University Examination Period

Practical

Due: **TBA**

Weighting: **25%**

Due Date: TBA

Weight: 25%

details on what is expected for assessment of the practical component is provided in the laboratory manual (see the web site at printed notes). The mark will reflect the level of safety and laboratory techniques seen within the laboratory as well as clear presentation, interpretation of results and addressing of specific questions within laboratory reports.

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Spot tests-workshops

Due: **weeks 5 and 10**

Weighting: **10%**

Due Date: Weeks 5 & 10

Weight: 10%

Workshops - The workshops will be run in weeks 5 and 10. The mark for the workshops will be based on attendance and participation within the workshops. Spot tests may be conducted at any stage within the lectures. They are to encourage continuous learning of the lecture material.

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Mid-term Exams

Due: **Weeks 6 and 11**

Weighting: **20%**

Due Date: Week 6 & 11

Weight: 10%

Mid-semester Test - There will be a 50 minute test in week 6 (covering week 1-4 material) and week 11 (covering week 5-10 material).

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Final Exam

Due: **University Examination Period**

Weighting: **45%**

Due Date: University Examination Period

Weight: 45%

The final exam will be 3 hours in length with 10 minutes reading time. It is designed to address specific understanding of all the topics presented within the course and to show that the knowledge obtained can be applied to new problems.

Your final mark will be based primarily on the aggregate mark, but the minimum requirement to achieve a passing grade is satisfactory performance in separately both the final exam and the laboratory component.

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Delivery and Resources

Classes

CBMS204 is organised around lectures and laboratories (5 different experiments).

The timetable may be subject to change so please check on the University web site at: <http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/>

These are used to emphasize key points and concepts with relevant examples. Studying the material to be covered **BEFORE** coming to a lecture is particularly productive in maximizing the learning outcomes from attending lectures. iLectures are not offered in this unit.

Spot tests will be run in the lecture classes. The lab notes, which include safety information and tips on writing the reports are available from the CBMS204 website (log in through

ilearn.mq.edu.au).

Lab practicals/workshops(once every week from weeks 2-13; pick one from the two sessions below):

Monday 2pm-6pm in E7B 349-350

Tuesday 2pm-6pm in E7B 349-350

Attendance every week is compulsory, and no make-up labs will be available. It is your responsibility to time table your schedule so that you will be able to complete the experiments within those weeks. Failure to attend more than once without a Medical Certificate will result in being failed. Two of the lab sessions will be workshops on problem solving. The workshop is essentially a long tutorial session where you will be asked to answer exam style questions - some exam questions will be drawn straight from the workshop questions. Please refer to your lab manual for further details.

- The 1st week of practical will be devoted to completing the risk assessments of experiments, safety review, and pre-lab preparations. Please see the lab manual for details.
- **Once you have chosen your prac session, you should attend on that day for the entire semester.**

Required and Recommended Texts and/or Materials

Required texts

“Organic Chemistry”, 8th Edition (2012) by John McMurry; Brooks/Cole (required)

1 “Organic Chemistry – Study Guide and Solutions Manual”, 8th Edition (2012) by Susan McMurry; Brooks/Cole (required)

1 “Practical Spectroscopy : the rapid interpretation of spectral data : for McMurry's Organic Chemistry, fifth edition”, 5th Edition (2000) by Paul R. Young (required)

1 Molecular Model Set for Organic Chemistry (recommended, from CBMS103)

1 “Pushing Electrons. A Guide for Students in Organic Chemistry”, 3rd Edition (1998) by Daniel P. Weeks, Saunders College Publishing (recommended, from CBMS103).

Technology Used and Required

- You must regularly check the unit web page for course related information. The web page for this unit can be found at:

<http://ilearn.mq.edu.au>

Teaching and Learning Strategy

- Lectures will be presented as a combination of formal lectures and interactive tutorial sessions.

Most of the lecture material will be available on the unit website, while there will be some provided in the lecture class. Historically, non-attendance at lectures has a much more deleterious effect that is ultimately reflected in exam performance. **It is your responsibility to manage your own study/work/life balance.** Circumstances such as routine demands of employment/financial need or extra-curricular activities, routine family problems, and difficulties adjusting to university life and stress associated with the demands of academic work, are not unforeseeable circumstances beyond your control and should not be used as an excuse to miss a lecture.

- Spot tests will also be run in the lecture session. The spot tests will cover material prior to that day's lecture therefore **all students are expected to keep up to date with lecture material through revision each week.**
- **There will be two mid-term tests (TBA).** The first test will be on structure elucidation (NMR, IR, Mass spectrometry, and UV-Vis spectroscopy). The 2nd test will be on mechanisms of alkenes, alkynes, alkylhalides, and alcohols.
- All laboratory experiments will be conducted individually unless specified otherwise. The workshops will be run with students in small groups.

Changes Since Last Offering

Changes will be related to the lecture content and these will only be of a minor nature.

Unit Schedule

Weeks 1-4: Structure/spectroscopy/reactivity-aromatics

Weeks 4-7: Structure/Bonding/Reactivity

Weeks 8-10: Alky halides/alcohols

Weeks 10-12: Aldehydes and ketones

Learning and Teaching Activities

Lectures

The theory associated with the unit content is presented

Laboratories

The practical and report writing skills (including how to plan a synthetic scheme and interpret the results) required for a practising organic chemist are taught

Workshop Sessions

Students work through problems (that are similar to those encountered in the mid-session and end of session examinations) associated with the content of the relevant module

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Perform basic synthetic reactions in a laboratory setting with confidence
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Assessment tasks

- Practical
- Spot tests-workshops
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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Assess the risks and hazards associated with working in a synthetic laboratory environment
- Carry out synthetic reactions in a safe and efficient manner

Assessment task

- Practical

Learning and teaching activity

- The practical and report writing skills (including how to plan a synthetic scheme and interpret the results) required for a practising organic chemist are taught

Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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- Assess the risks and hazards associated with working in a synthetic laboratory environment

- Carry out synthetic reactions in a safe and efficient manner

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- Practical
- Spot tests-workshops

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- The theory associated with the unit content is presented
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