SYLLABUS

Preparing Students for Advanced Placement® Chemistry: Extended
AP 591.200 (Instructor: John Hnatow)

This course is designed for experienced AP Chemistry teachers. The class includes activities that focus on curricular requirements, assessment, relevant labs, and inquiry experiences. Additional course experiences provide reflection and debriefing of successful classroom and lab activities. The course includes discussion around successful strategies for teaching content areas, misconceptions, preconceptions, incorporating successful labs, and generating “new style” questions. Analysis of current test data is a course focus as well. Time and guidance is provided for collaboration and practice with the above topics. There are opportunities for participants to share successful teaching strategies for both the lab and the classroom. Each teacher is expected to bring materials to share for major content or problem areas (i.e., equilibrium, buffers, electrochemistry, IMFs), such as notes, labs, exams, formative and summative assessments, and suggestions for refining and adopting different approaches. The laboratory assignment for the week are the synthesis and analysis of an iron oxalate salt. Participants should expect one to two hours of homework daily.

Dates and times that the course meets: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Note required texts or supplemental readings: Brown, LeMay, Bursten et al, Chemistry, AP Edition, or a comparable College Board approved textbook from the bibliography below will be included in supplied course materials. Participants should peruse the information available on the AP Chemistry Homepage on AP Central as described in the pre-Institute work.

Course objectives

- To provide the most current information regarding the structure and grading of the AP Chemistry exam.
- To provide and compare examples of multiple choice and free response questions from the “old” exam and the “new” exam.
- To provide an overview of the new AP Chemistry curriculum concepts, skills and knowledge and give teachers both theoretical background and hands-on experience to help them re-design their current courses.
- To discuss topics newly added to the course. These will include but not be limited to photoelectron spectroscopy.
- To discuss, share, and practice teaching strategies and techniques for student success in challenging content areas. A focus will be on a learner-centered classroom.
- To become familiar with the AP Chemistry curriculum framework, the big ideas and enduring understandings, and the science practices.
To perform several of the requisite and some advanced laboratory investigations in order to satisfy the requirements of and enhance the AP curriculum.

To describe and classify various levels of inquiry labs and the creation of models to guide students in meaningful inquiry.

To become familiar with the College Board’s science practices from the science curriculum frameworks.

To experience inquiry based labs from a student perspective.

To learn how to modify and transition from traditional “cookbook” labs into inquiry based labs.

To demonstrate how inquiry-based activities, calculator applications, science demonstrations, Internet resources, and digital technologies can be used in an AP Chemistry course.

To examine and use the AP science curriculum framework and AP exams as benchmarks for the new AP Audit requirements.

To inspire teachers to motivate their students to achieve at the highest possible levels.

Please note that the AP Teacher Standards: Content Knowledge, Teacher Certification, Pedagogy, Analysis and Reflection, and Ongoing Professional Development, are addressed in the outcomes listed below:

**Graduate Programs in Education Outcomes**

1. **GPE001**: Knowledge - Theory: Apply knowledge of psychological and educational theory, research, and/or philosophy related to science specialization or certification.
2. **GPE002**: Knowledge - Assessments: Demonstrate understanding and use of the types of assessments appropriate to the area of science certification.
3. **GPE003**: Knowledge - Purpose: Identify the purpose of education in society, and be able to analyze why things happen in the educational community and/or in the political community that surrounds education.
4. **GPE004**: Knowledge - Diversity: Demonstrate knowledge of concepts related to diversity, and the interaction between concepts related to diversity and the area of science specialization or certification.
5. **GPE005**: Skills - Theory: Demonstrate the ability to incorporate theory and research into practice related to the area of science specialization or certification.
6. **GPE006**: Skills - Data: Demonstrate the ability to gather appropriate data and use data in problem analysis and decision-making related to the area of science specialization or certification.
7. **GPE007**: Skills - Problem Solving: Use problem solving/critical thinking strategies appropriate to the area of science specialization or certification.
8. GPE008: Skills - Reflection: Use reflective practice within the area of science specialization or certification.
9. GPE009: Skills - Communication: Demonstrate effective communication and presentation skills related to the area of science specialization or certification.
10. GPE010: Skills - Technology: Use a variety of technologies appropriate for working in the area of science specialization or certification.
11. GPE011: Dispositions - Service: Demonstrate service to the community.
12. GPE012: Dispositions - Diversity: Demonstrate positive dispositions toward diversity and equity.
13. GPE013: Dispositions - Professionalism: Demonstrate professionalism in one’s demeanor, behavior, conduct, decision-making, and interactions with colleagues.

Attendance policy:  *If you are taking the course for credit, no absences are permitted. You must attend all five days all day to receive graduate credit.*

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Detail Breakdown of Course*

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**Day 1**
**AM**
- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of the Institute, Texts, College Board Resource materials
- Equity and Access
- Reflection and debriefing of classroom experiences after teaching the new course for one year
- Successful strategies for teaching the new content areas: photoelectron spectroscopy

**PM**
- Sharing of materials from major content or problem areas (i.e. equilibrium, buffers, electrochemistry, IMFs), such as notes, labs, exams, formative assessments, suggestions for refining and adopting different approaches.
- Assignments: AP Style questions and Presentation and Discussion of the most recent AP Exam
- Laboratory investigation
- Lab debriefings

**Day 2**
**AM**
• Continue sharing of materials from major content or problem areas (i.e. equilibrium, buffers, electrochemistry, IMFs), such as notes, labs, exams, formative assessments, suggestions for refining and adopting different approaches.

PM

• Laboratory investigation
• Lab debriefings
• Best Practices: Presentation/Discussion of a teaching activity.

Day 3

AM

• Reflection and debriefing of lab experiences after teaching the new course for one year
• Successful strategies for teaching the new content areas
• Homework Assignments
• Continuation of sharing of materials from major content or problem areas

PM

• Assignments: Presentation and Discussion of the most recent AP Exam
• Laboratory investigation
• Lab debriefings
• Use of statistics in lab data analysis
• Best Practices: Presentation/Discussion of a teaching activity.

Day 4

AM

• Incorporating successful inquiry labs
• Converting traditional to inquiry labs
• Converting multiple choice questions for released exams into questions that would be found in the new format
• Generating more questions for homework and assessment.
• Incorporating student data into teaching methods, strategies, and assessments
• Analyzing test data

PM

• Score distributions
• Instructional Design and Assessment
• Continuation of sharing of materials from major content or problem areas
• Assignments: Presentation and Discussion of the most recent AP Exam
• Laboratory investigation
• Lab debriefings
• Best Practices: Presentation/Discussion of a teaching activity.
Day 5
AM
• Inquiry in the classroom
• POGIL Activities
• Present Useful Chemistry Websites
• Scoring the AP exam
• AP Report to teachers
• What to do after the Exam
• Lab debriefings and cleanup
• Final Participant Sharing Session

* The topics listed and the order of the outline is subject to change slightly as it is highly dependent on the College Board’s PD materials availability by the start of the APSI.
BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Description of Requirements for Graduate Credit

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Each participant will be expected to do Pre-work before attending the class, to work daily on AP Exam questions, a supplied chemistry college textbook, and an electronic Chemistry Homework website. These questions will be presented and discussed in class. Each participant will be required to 1) Present a “best practices” lesson plan 2) Annotate and present a useful chemistry web site. 3) Complete required lab activities. 4) Develop an AP–level guided inquiry experiment for presentation to the class. 5) Submit a chemistry Challenge area document as per instructor specifications. Somewhat subjectively, the quality of each participant’s participation will be evaluated.

Due date for final project(s): received by instructor by July 8, 2019, which will be sent in electronic format to J. Hnatow at apchem307@gmail.com

- Goucher College does not issue grade reports. You can obtain your grade approximately 3 weeks after concluding the course by going to the Goucher website (mygoucher) and follow the prompts to receive your grade. If you have misplaced your password, please contact the help desk and they will walk you through this procedure (410-337-6322).
- If you need a paper copy of grades for tuition reimbursement, you will need to request a transcript in writing. You can fax your request to Student Administrative Services (SAS) at 410-337-6504 or mail to SAS at
Pre-institute assignments

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- Peruse and become familiar with the links on the AP Chemistry Homepage at http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers_corner/2119.html
  Look for the following documents: the newest version of the AP Chemistry Curriculum Framework, the Webcast on PES, AP Chemistry: An Overview of Course Revisions, FAQs, Course Planning and Pacing Guides, Higher Ed Validation, Inquiry Instruction, Open Forum, Audit Information, America’s Lab Report, the teacher’s edition of the New AP Chemistry Lab Manual, and generally anything that is notated as being NEW.
- Each teacher will bring materials to share for a major content or problem area (i.e., equilibrium, buffers, electrochemistry, IMFs), such as notes, labs, exams, formative assessments, and suggestions for refining and adopting different approaches. This will be incorporated into a “challenge area” document that will constitute the graduate project. It would be best if these are in electronic format (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, pdf, etc).
- Prepare at least one “best practices” sample lesson to share. This can be a lab, an assignment, an activity, an approach to a topic, etc. Be prepared to give a five-minute presentation of this “best practices” lesson that work well for you. Please note that it must be at the AP level. If possible, please bring the lesson on a jump drive to share with other participants.
Email 1 or 2 maximum chemistry related web sites to John (apchem307@gmail.com) that you have found to be useful in your classroom. Include a short annotation or description of the value of using the sites in an AP chemistry class. One or both of these sites will be shared and presented to the class.

• Request via email and fill out and return a participant survey (apchem307@gmail.com) at your earliest convenience.

Participants are asked to bring the following

• A laptop computer
• A jump drive with files of your favorite classroom activity or experiment to share with other participants
• A Texas Instruments TI83 or TI84 Graphing Calculator
• Safety Glasses or goggles
• Please bring sneakers or closed toe shoes to wear in the laboratory (Labs start on Monday.)
• Please bring your school’s calendar for the 2019-20 academic year.
• Although you will receive at least one textbook when you arrive, you might want to bring a College-Level Chemistry book (only if convenient). Be prepared to solve and present AP test questions, perform experiments that correlate with and help teach content, and use the Vernier LabQuest™, and we will discuss many ways to be successful teaching AP chemistry!