This is a sample syllabus for CHM1020C. Students should reference the section syllabus provided at the beginning of the semester for specifics regarding assignments and grade assignments.
Syllabus

Course Summary:

Course Title: Forensic Science

Instructor: Dr. Stephanie R. Dillon

Course Description: This course is an introduction to forensic science, focusing on the application of scientific principles to legal problems. Students will learn about the roles of scientists in the courtroom and will be exposed to a variety of forensic techniques, including fingerprint analysis, DNA technology, and scene reconstruction.

Prerequisites:

Credit Hours: 4 hours

Course Hours: 3 lecture hours and 2 laboratory hours

Objectives:

1. Understand the basic principles of forensic science and their application in the courtroom.
2. Learn about the roles of forensic scientists in legal proceedings.
3. Gain hands-on experience with a variety of forensic techniques.
4. Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Textbooks:


Grading Policy:

10% Participation
40% Exams
50% Assignments

Exams:

Exam 1: Oct 28
Exam 2: Nov 18
Exam 3: Dec 9

Assignments:

Lab 1: Nov 1
Lab 2: Nov 8
Lab 3: Nov 15
Lab 4: Nov 22
Lab 5: Nov 29
Lab 6: Dec 6
Lab 7: Dec 13

Grading Scheme:

A 90% to 100%
A- 88.5% to 89.9%
B+ 86.0% to 88.4%
B 84.0% to 85.9%
B- 82.5% to 83.9%
C+ 76.0% to 78.4%
C 70% to 75.9%
C- 68.5% to 69.9%
D+ 64.0% to 66.9%
D 60.0% to 68.4%
F 0% to 59.9%

Technology Requirements:

Access to internet is required.

Attendance Policy:

This is an online course. Attendance is required and will be monitored through Canvas. No late work will be accepted.

Course Policies:

1. Participation: Students are expected to participate in course discussions and activities. In-person attendance is not required.
2. Exams: All exams are scheduled and must be taken during the provided window. Late exams will not be accepted.
3. Assignments: Late work will be accepted with a penalty. Late assignments will lose 20% of the total points earned.
4. Collaboration: Students are encouraged to collaborate on assignments but must submit their own work.
5. Academic Honesty: The course adheres to the University Academic Honesty Policy. Violations will result in severe penalties.

Academic Assistance:

- Canvas support site: FSU Canvas (https://canvas.fsu.edu)
- Mobile devices may be used to view course content, upload assignments, and take assessments.
- High-quality tutoring is available by appointment and on a walk-in basis.
- Additional resources available at the Student Disability Resource Center.

Note: This course is offered online and is accessible from anywhere with an internet connection. Each student is responsible for their own computer and internet access.