

**Illinois State University  
Department of Chemistry  
CHE 401.03**

**Advanced Chemistry Demonstrations: Kinetics, Equilibrium, and Acids and Bases.  
3 credit hours**

**Catalog Description:**

**Advanced Chemistry Demonstrations: Kinetics, Equilibrium, and Acids and Bases.**

**3 F, S, Sum** CHE 301 or equivalent as prerequisite. Topical analysis of current best practices in teaching Kinetics, Equilibrium, and Acids and Bases as they pertain to secondary school classrooms. A particular emphasis will be to connect content knowledge to modern demonstrations and teaching activities.

**Instructor:** Dr. Willy Hunter  
**Email:** [whunter@ilstu.edu](mailto:whunter@ilstu.edu)

**Materials:**

**Required:** Access to the ReggieNet Course Website

**Required:** Advanced Chemistry Demonstrations: Kinetics, Equilibrium, and Acids and Bases Course Package (available from Flinn Scientific E-Learning)

**Contact Hours:**

This course is a structured course available online for 8 (*summer term*) or 16 (*fall/spring term*) weeks from the start date of the course. Each assignment, except the midterms and final project, will be available at the start of the course but will have specific deadlines for when they need to be completed.

**Accommodations:**

Any student needing to arrange a reasonable accommodation for a documented disability and/or medical/mental health condition should contact Student Access and Accommodation Services at 350 Fell Hall, (309) 438-5853, or visit the website: [StudentAccess.IllinoisState.edu](http://StudentAccess.IllinoisState.edu).

**Course Overview and Objectives:**

This course constitutes a survey course of ways in which we can understand and teach Kinetics, Equilibrium, and Acids and Bases. Particular emphasis will be to connect content knowledge to modern demonstrations and teaching activities. Students will improve their chemistry content knowledge from the resource materials, as well as be expected to search local and internet-based resources for current best practices. Students will be introduced to 59 demonstrations and teaching activities which engage them in a detailed examination of the ways in which current chemistry teachers deliver Kinetics, Equilibrium, and Acids and Bases demonstrations and class activities. Students will be exposed to and expected to master the demonstration activities taught in the course.

This course seeks to provide some answers to the following questions:

1. What is our current best understanding of Kinetics, Equilibrium, and Acids and Bases?
2. What are the safety considerations and risks associated with teaching the Kinetics, Equilibrium, and Acids and Bases? How may the Kinetics, Equilibrium, and Acids and Bases be taught safely in schools?
3. What is the role of the National Standards and State Standards in determining how Kinetics, Equilibrium, and Acids and Bases are taught in schools?
4. What pedagogical techniques are appropriate for teaching Kinetics, Equilibrium, and Acids and Bases in secondary schools?
5. What are the challenges associated with teaching Kinetics, Equilibrium, and Acids and Bases?

### **Required Student Tasks/Assignments:**

**1. Students are expected to read each of the following 9 articles from the Journal of Chemical Education and The Chemical Educator. These articles can be obtained within the ReggieNet course and will play a significant role in the two midterm assessments and final assessment for the course.**

Ault, A. (1999). Do pH in your head. *Journal of Chemical Education*, 76 (7), 936. DOI: 10.1021/ed076p936

Calatayud, M-L, Bárcenas, S.L., & Furió-Más, C. (2007). Surveying students' conceptual and procedural knowledge of acid-base behavior of substances. *Journal of Chemical Education*, 84 (10), 1717. DOI: 10.1021/ed084p1717

Cokelez, A. (2010). A comparative study of French and Turkish students' ideas on acid-base reactions. *Journal of Chemical Education*, 87 (1), 102-106. DOI: 10.1021/ed800017b

Eagle, C. T., Bearman, B. M., & Goodman A. G. (2003). Chemistry for breakfast: Approaching kinetics and uncovering everyday chemistry by cooking eggs. *Chemical Educator*, 8, 122-124. DOI: 10.1333/s00897030674a

Grafton, A. K. (2009). Determining reaction orders by measuring half-life: A simple introduction to experimental kinetics. *Chemical Educator*, 14, 19-22. DOI: 10.1333/s00897092187a

Lewis, D., Petruševski, V. M., & Trujillo, C. A. (2009). Excel simulations of games: An introduction to kinetics and equilibrium concepts. *Chemical Educator*, 14, 1-3. DOI: 10.1333/s00897092183a

Mussel, R., Todebush, P. M., & Braun, J. R. (2007). Chemical demonstration for traditionally difficult high school chemistry topics. *Chemical Educator*, 12, 270-272. DOI: 10.1333/s00897072052a

Quílez, J. (2008). Students' and teachers' inability to transfer the molar concentration concept to aqueous equilibrium solutions. *Chemical Educator*, 13, 61-66. DOI: 10.1333/s00897082119a

Wilcox, C. J. (2001). Modification of small-scale one-pot reactions to an inquiry-based laboratory exercise. *Journal of Chemical Education*, 78 (1), 62. DOI: 10.1021/ed078p62

**2. Students are expected to watch each of the following 15 videos packages. For each video episode within the package there are a series of questions that must be answered.**

Each video package has a series of questions that cover the individual episodes presented in that package. The lowest order (Knowledge and Comprehension) of the content questions are designed to ensure that students watch the video. The medium-order (Analysis and Application) and higher-order (Synthesis and Evaluation) questions may require the use of outside resources to generate correct answers.

Additionally, there are pedagogical questions. The lowest order (Knowledge and Comprehension) of the content questions are designed to ensure that students watch the video. The medium-order (Analysis and Application) and higher-order (Synthesis and Evaluation) questions may require the use of outside resources to generate correct answers or to consider the use of activity in their own classroom to determine the correct answer. Finally, there are questions that link the episode to the National Science Education Standards.

**Quiz 1 Kinetics / Introduction to Reaction Rates**

Wax Vapor Combustion in a Test Tube  
Sudsy Kinetics  
Silent Lecture  
Blue Bottle Experiment  
Dragon Breath in a Dust Can

**Quiz 2 Kinetics / Rate Laws**

Rate of Reaction of Sodium Thiosulfate and Hydrochloric Acid  
Iodine Clock Challenge  
How Does a Clock Reaction Work?

**Kinetics / Effect of Temperature on Reaction Rates**

Reaction Kinetics in Blue  
Lightstick Kinetics

**Quiz 3 Kinetics / Catalysis**

Catalytic Decomposition of Hydrogen Peroxide  
Pink Catalyst  
Catalytic Oxidation of Acetone by Copper  
Magic Genie  
Inhibition of Hydrogen Peroxide  
Ostwald Oxidation of Ammonia

**Quiz 4 Kinetics / Activation Energy**

Smashing Thermit Reaction  
Racquetball Kinetics  
Fuel Cells in Eggshells  
Hand Blasters

**Quiz 5 Kinetics / Reaction Pathways**

Yellow-Blue Switcheroo  
The Funnel Chain  
Cobalt Catalyst and the Activated Complex  
Clock Reaction Race

**Quiz 6 Equilibrium / Exploring Equilibrium**

Overhead Equilibrium  
Common Ion Effect  
Common Ion Effect Revisited  
Silver "One-Pot" Demonstration

**Equilibrium / Models and Simulations**

Equilibrium Demonstrations - The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly!  
Aquarium Analogy with Two Aquaria  
Aquarium Analogy with One Aquarium

**Quiz 7 Equilibrium / LeChatelier's Principle**

Temperature Equilibrium Tubes  
Upset Tummy? - MOM to the Rescue  
Cobalt Complex Ions  
LeChatelier's Principle and the Solubility of Carbon Dioxide

**Quiz 8 Acids and Bases / Introduction to Acids and Bases**

The pH is Right Game  
Velcro Gloves and Ball Set  
Indicator Sponge

**Acids and Bases / Natural Indicators and Household Substances**

Red Cabbage Indicator  
Natural Indicators  
Goldenrod Messages and Name Tags

**Quiz 9 Acids and Bases / Acid-Base Indicators**

The "Rainbow Connection"  
Orange Juice and Strawberry Float  
The Sodium Spectrum  
Phenolphthalein is Pink in Base  
Disappearing Ink

**Quiz 10 Acids and Bases / Neutralization Reactions**

Multi-Use for MOM  
MOM and pH  
Large pH Tube  
pH Rainbow Tube  
Nonadditivity of Volumes

**Quiz 11 Acids and Bases / Weak Acids and Bases**

Hydrolysis of Salts  
Dry Ice Rainbow of Colors  
Battle of the Acids  
Ammonia Fountain with Bromthymol Blue  
Acidic, Basic and Neutral Salts

**Quiz 12 Acids and Bases / Buffers**

Bet on Buffers  
Buffering of Lakes  
Buffer Balancing Acts

## Grading Scale

Grades in the course are based upon timely completion of each assessment associated with the Research articles and Video episodes.

90% – 100% = A

80% – 89% = B

70% – 79% = C

60% – 69% = D

0% – 59% = F

The point breakdown for the course is as follows:

Video assessments: 330 points

First Midterm: 100 points

Second Midterm: 100 points

Final Project: 198 points

Total Points: 728 points

## Assessment Schedule (Fall 2020)

All assignments are due at midnight central time on the following days unless otherwise specified within the course calendar in ReggieNet.

<u>Due Date:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u>
Sep. 08	Quiz 1
14	Quiz 2
21	Quiz 3
28	Quiz 4, <b>Midterm 1</b>
Oct. 05	Quiz 5, <i>Peer Review 1</i>
12	Quiz 6
19	Quiz 7
26	Quiz 8, <b>Midterm 2</b>
Nov. 02	Quiz 9, <i>Peer Review 2</i>
09	Quiz 10
16	Quiz 11
23	NO ASSIGNMENTS DUE
30	Quiz 12, <b>Final Project</b>
Dec. 07	<i>Final Peer Review</i>