Learning Strategies for Organic Chemistry

Pilot Program

Organic Chemistry I (CHM2210)

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The Center for Academic Success (CfAS) is piloting a new program called “Learning Strategies for Organic Chemistry.” Specific skills are necessary to be a successful student in chemistry. Learning how to visualize concepts in 3-D, paying close attention to detail, and knowing how to break words apart by prefixes, roots, and suffixes are just a few examples of how studying for organic is unique from all other courses.

This new program is facilitated by tutors who have been very successful in organic chemistry and are former students of Professor Stojanovic and Professor Quirke. They have experienced the same frustrations as many organic chemistry students and are excited about sharing the learning strategies they have identified as most successful for the course.

The following are expectations for participants in this new pilot program. The CfAS will be eliciting feedback from you as students to refine the program to suit your needs as learners and the faculty’s needs as educators.

WORKSHOP EXPECTATIONS:

1. **Be prepared.** Bring your organic chemistry textbook, syllabus, and any pertinent materials related to your class. Any forms of research material are extremely helpful.

2. **Be on time.** Sessions are one hour in length. While workshops consist of 8 students, our tutors need all of this time in order to provide each participant with the necessary attention and detail to his/her progress.

3. **Be consistent.** Dr. Stojanovic may provide an extra credit incentive. In order to receive the possible extra credit, sessions cannot be skipped, missed, or partially completed.

4. **Be receptive.** You will receive a variety of strategies, organizers, handouts, and study rubrics throughout these sessions. Keep these in your ‘metacognitive bank’ and ask your tutor questions.

5. **Be responsible.** Once you register for a workshop at our Center you are reserving a place that no other student can take. Be considerate with these workshops. Keep your Panther ID handy when you arrive to the CfAS. You must enter your information at the front area of our Center, and make sure that your tutor records your attendance. At the end of the semester these records will be submitted to Dr. Stojanovic.
WORKSHOP AVAILABILITY:

1. Fall 2016 Workshops are available at the Modesto Maidique Campus. The Center for Academic Success, MMC is located in the Green Library, room 120 (next to the Starbucks). Workshops are available at various times throughout the week, excluding weekends. The Center has extended hours for evening workshops.
2. Visit our website: http://learningcenter.fiu.edu to view the workshop schedule and to register for a time and day most convenient for you.
3. Once you register for a series of workshops, you are expected to attend the same day of the week at the same time for five weeks. If you cannot commit to all four workshops the first half of a semester, then there will be another series available for you (called Set Two) the latter half of the semester.
4. You will not be able to mix and match workshops from Set One and Set Two. If you register for a series in Set One (September – October), then commit to all of them. If you register for a series in Set Two (October – November), then commit to all of them.

Workshop Syllabus

- **Session 1**: Pre-Lecture Study Habits
- **Session 2**: During Lecture Study Habits
- **Session 3**: Post Lecture Study Habits
- **Session 4**: Vocabulary

3 Easy steps to Registering

1. Click here to REGISTER.
2. On the registration page, select the SET you want or have been assigned.
3. Fill in all personal information, then select the section which suits you best.