



# Welcome to Organic Chemistry I

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### Introduction

Welcome to Organic Chemistry I (CHM 223) at Oakton Community College. My name is Dr. Chad Landrie and I am going to be your fearless leader this semester. Like you, I was once a beginning orgo student and I remember how anxious I was walking into this class. You, however, have nothing to fear! I'm confident that I can help each of you be successful. You will learn to apply just a handful of concepts to explain a many phenomena in organic chemistry. We will also learn about some of the direct applications of organic chemistry in your fields.

Your success depends upon your preparedness, your ability to follow instructions carefully and your willingness to work diligently outside of class. You should expect to spend 10-15 hours outside of class studying each week. Below you will find a quick start guide. Most of the items should be completed before the first class, some during the first week.

If you have questions, concerns or need help navigating your way around Oakton, don't hesitate to stop by my office (109 Lee SHC at Des Plaines), call (848-376-7439), Skype (clandrie), Google Hangout (chadlandrie@gmail.com) or send an email ([clandrie@oakton.edu](mailto:clandrie@oakton.edu)). I look forward to meeting you all as we begin this exciting journey.

### Quick Start Guide

1. Log into our learning management system (LMS) with your Oakton credentials. We are using Desire To Learn (D2L) by Brightspace. To log in, go to: <https://d2l.oakton.edu>.
2. Obtain the [required and recommended resources](#) for the course including the textbook, laboratory manual, laboratory notebook and goggles. The full list is in the syllabus, which can be found on the [course website](#) in [HTML form](#) or downloaded as a PDF from the [Download Center](#) or [D2L](#). The textbook is available in the bookstore and comes bundled with an OWL access code. If you choose not to buy the textbook in the bookstore, you will have to purchase an OWL access code separately. We are currently using the 9th edition of *Organic Chemistry* by John McMurray.
3. Register your OWL online homework access code. An access code comes bundled with the loose-leaf textbook that can be purchased in the bookstore. You may also purchase an access code directly from Cengage. Either way, follow these steps:
  - a. Log into D2L and go to our course. Recommended that you use Firefox. You must also enable pop-ups.
  - b. In the *Content* area, click on the *Homework – OWL* module.
  - c. Follow the links labeled *STEP ONE* through *STEP FIVE*.
4. Complete the first OWL homework assignment, *OWL – Lecture 1 (Content → Homework - OWL → Assignments)* before our first class if possible. This assignment will train you how to navigate and use the OWL platform.
5. Decide now whether you intend to purchase your own i>Clicker or whether you will use a loaned i>Clicker that must be returned after each class. For more information, read the section on i>Clickers in the course syllabus.

6. Access the syllabus from [D2L \(https://d2l.oakton.edu\)](https://d2l.oakton.edu) or the [course website](#). Read it carefully to familiarize yourself with the course requirements, schedule and policies. I will ask if there are any questions or clarifications on the first day; however, I will not methodically present the entire syllabus during class time. I also will not print hard copies unless requested.
7. Setup your D2L notifications so that you are alerted when a new News Item is posted (e.g., text message). I post several per week during the semester, some right before class. You can adjust your D2L notification settings so that these News items are sent to your email or phone as a text message (recommended). For instructions on how to change your notification settings, watch the [Updating Your D2L Notifications Settings](#) within D2L or on [my YouTube channel](#).
8. Take Pre-Class Questionnaire within D2L. This is required and you get points for it! Complete this step before attending the meeting you'll schedule below.
9. Schedule an appointment to meet with me for 10-15 minutes during the first two weeks of class. This is required and you'll get points for it! I just want to chat to get to know you a little better. No pressure. Please schedule your appointment at <http://chadlandrie.youcanbook.me>.
10. Take Quiz 1 and Quiz 2 by the end of the second week. These are both online D2L quizzes and are short. You must have already completed your pre-class questionnaire and attended your 10-15 minutes meeting to complete Quiz 2.
11. Attend the first class! Attendance is required and important for your success. We will be using i>Clickers beginning on the first day of class and your attendance is recorded each time you vote.