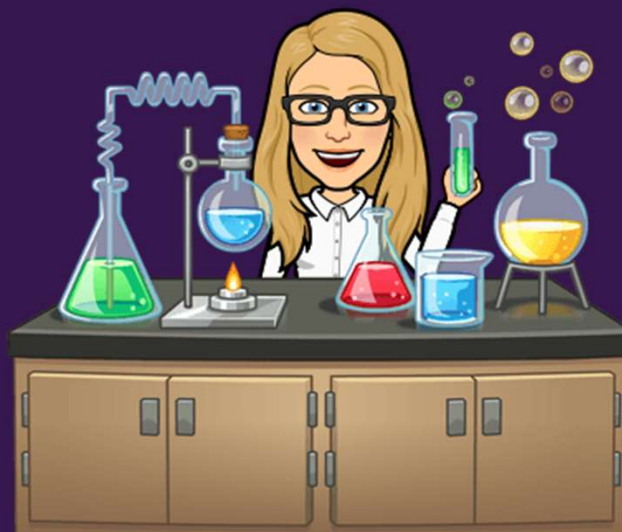


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# CHM 3140 Organic Chemistry I

## Announcements 2/20/25

# Exam I Results

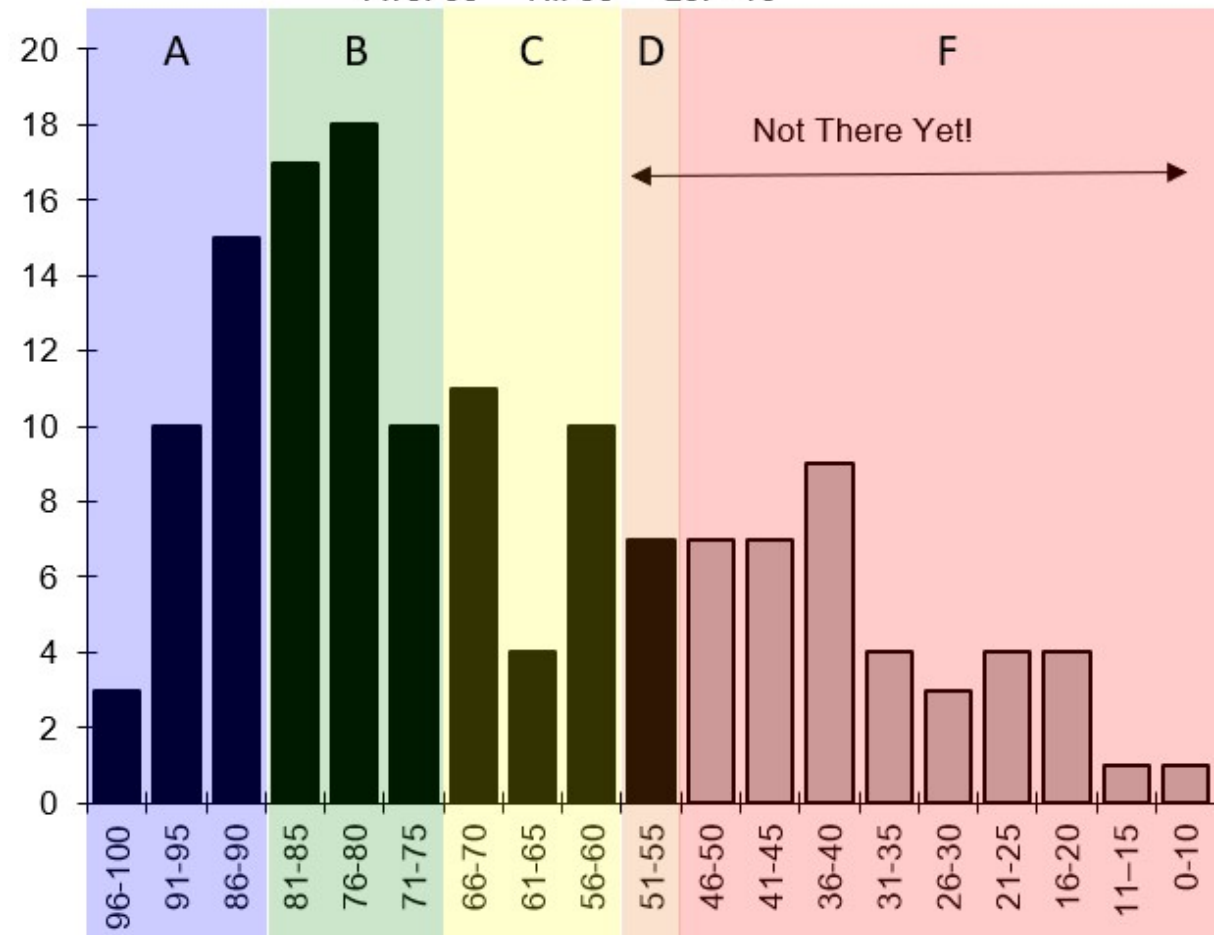
A/B/C... ranges are to give you a rough idea of projected CHM 3140 grade **based only on this exam + full homework credit.**

*Note: lowest midterm score will be dropped!*

You cannot expect to pass CHM 3140 without an exam average above 50%

## CHM 3140, Spring 2025, Exam I

Ave: 66 Hi: 99 Lo: <10



# Exam Wrapper Survey & Exam Corrections (4 pts each)

due  
Thurs. 3/6

## CHM 3140 Exam Wrapper - Post-Test Survey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Metacognition** By taking a step back and thinking about the way you learn, you can improve your learning! The following survey will guide you through an exercise in self-reflection, with the goal of improving your performance on the next exam. You will earn 4 points credit if you complete this survey, and 4 points for corrections (\*include written reflection, if score <50). It analyzes the following three areas

1. How did you prepare for this exam?
2. What kinds of mistakes did you make?
3. How will you prepare differently next time?

*\* If exam score is below 50, you must submit a written reflection with your exam corrections (what will you do differently for the rest of the semester?)*

What was your score\* on the exam?

What was your grade in CHM 1220?

Are you repeating CHM 3140? Y / N

1. Leading up to the exam, approximately how many hours per week outside of class (on average) did you spend studying Organic Chemistry?

2. Given the number of textbook problems in each chapter (#), about how many did you work on?

Ch. 1 (# problems) (Lewis, hybridization, bp)		Ch. 2 (# problems) (Resonance)		Ch. 3 (# problems) (Acid/Base)	
10 SkillBuilders (34)		10 SkillBuilders (33)		11 SkillBuilders (33)	
End-of-Chapter (EOC) (47)		EOC (51)		EOC (40)	

# Advice for “How to Earn an A (or B...)”

## Strategies for Earning an A (or B...) in Organic Chemistry Dr. Laurie Starkey, Cal Poly Pomona

“Miriam, a freshman calculus student at Louisiana State University (LSU), made 37.5% on her first exam but 83% and 93% on the next two exams. Robert, a first-year general chemistry student at LSU, made 42% on his first exam and followed that up with three 100%s in a row. Matt, a first-year general chemistry student at the University of Utah, scored 65% and 55% on his first two exams and 95% on his third exam. I could go on. I could tell you scores of stories like this from the last 15 years of my teaching career. Something happened to all of the students between their last failing grade and their first good grade. They learned something new. **No Miracles, Just Strategies**”  
Saundra McGuire, author of *Teach Students How to Learn*

And one more story to share: Laurie, a first-year graduate student at UCLA, scored 12% on her first Organic Synthesis midterm...but then she succeeded in the course, earned her Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry, developed a rewarding teaching career, and even wrote a textbook on Organic Synthesis! So if you are not yet having success in Organic Chemistry, the good news – the GREAT news – is that you can still improve by learning how to learn. Let’s explore various strategies that can help you learn Organic Chemistry and reach your desired goal. **Formative Assessment** is the feedback you get while learning and studying. It comes from *writing down* an answer and checking to see if it is right. **Summative Assessment** is what you do at the end of a unit – taking a quiz or exam for a grade. Formative assessment provides *evidence of your learning*...it helps you steer in the right direction and positions you to do well on summative assessments.

1. **Attend Lecture** - Come to class, take questions, try problems presented in
2. **Read the Book** - As soon as possible closely look through any examples the problems you will encounter on exam compare two compounds (e.g., Higher mechanism, explain something (e.g.,
3. **Work on In-Chapter Problems** - After examples (sometimes there are also S learned skills to the problem(s) in the problem down onto the page and *wri* is the only way to practice and *provid* book and/or lecture notes for help as Manual (or at the back of the book), a
  - a. If your answer was perfect, the a break before moving on to t
  - b. If you made mistakes, do you problem. If there are no mor answer perfect, *without referring to your notes or the book.*
  - c. If you don’t understand the Solutions Manual answer, or you don’t even know how to get started on the problem, then go back to your class lecture notes. Read through your notes and try to work on the example(s) we did in class (i.e., copy it down on a blank page and attempt the problem on your own). Next, re-read or skim through the textbook again and work on the





# Making progress, CHM 3140

CHM 3140 Organic Chemistry I, Dr. Laurie S. Starkey, Spring 2025  
Tentative Schedule (Chapter and *Worksheet/Step* # given for each day)

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	1/20	1/21 <del>Ch. 1 #1</del>	1/22 <b>You are here</b>	1/23 <del>Ch. 1 #2</del>	1/24
2	1/27	1/28 <del>Ch. 1 #3 Ch. 2 #1</del>		1/30 <del>Ch. 2 #2</del>	1/31
3	2/3	2/4 <del>Ch. 3 #1</del>		2/6 <del>Ch. 3 #2</del>	2/7
4	2/10	2/11 <del>Exam Review</del>	2/12	2/13 <del>Exam I</del>	2/14
5	2/17	2/18 <del>Ch. 4 #1</del>	2/19	2/20 Ch. 4 #2	2/21
6	2/24	2/25 Ch. 5 #1	2/26	2/27 Ch. 5 #2	2/28
7	3/3	3/4 Ch. 5 #3	3/5	3/6 Ch. 15 #1	3/7
8	3/10	3/11 Exam Review	3/12	3/13 Exam II	3/14

# Today's Topic: Alkanes (Chapter 4, Step 2)

## Chapter 4

✓ Watch

✓ Read

✓ Practice

### Daily To-Do

### Flipped Lectures

#### Step 2

- Read Klein Chapter 4, sections 9-15 (Cycloalkanes & Cyclohexane Conformations)
- **Watch** Cyclohexane Tutorial [YouTube videos](#) (this playlist contains three videos: introduction, drawing cyclohexane, doing ring "flips")
- Watch flipped lecture
- Work through SkillBuilders 4.9 - 4.13
- Work on Free Red Ink [Conformer Homework](#)
- Work on [Chapter 4 EOC problems](#) on WileyPLUS (auto-graded) or on paper (self grade, using Solutions Manual).

[Part 2 - cycloalkanes, conformations of cyclohexanes and chair flips](#)

**22 minutes**, skeleton notes pages 4-6 to 4-8



### How to Draw Cyclohexane Chair Conformation - Part 1 (3D structure)

WATCHED

3:01

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### How to Draw Cyclohexane Chair Conformation - Part 2 (Drawing a chair)

WATCHED

8:00

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### How to Draw Cyclohexane Chair Conformations - Part 3 (Chair flips)

WATCHED










6:55

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# Flipped Lecture & YouTube Videos

Cycloalkanes	54:56
Cyclohexane: Chair, Boat, and Twist Boat Conformations	54:57
Drawing a Cyclohexane Chair	57:58
Drawing a Cyclohexane Chair	57:59
Newman Projection of Cyclohexane	62:14
Cyclohexane Chair Flips	64:06
Axial and Equatorial Groups	64:10
Example: Chair Flip on Methylcyclohexane	66:44
Cyclohexane Conformations Example	69:01
Chair Conformations of cis-1-t-butyl-4-methylcyclohexane	69:02

WileyPLUS  
includes all  
recommended  
textbook  
problems

▼ Module 4: Alkanes and Cycloalkanes	
	DID YOU EVER WONDER...why scientists have not yet developed a cure for AIDS?
	4.1 & 4.2: Introduction & Nomenclature of Alkanes (SkillBuilders 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, & 4.5 + Problem 7.47) 80 pts
	14.16 Degrees of Unsaturation (SkillBuilder 14.4) 35 pts
	4.3 - 4.5: Constitutional Isomers, Relative Stability, & Sources/Uses of Alkanes (SkillBuilder 4.6) 15 pts
	4.6 - 4.8: Drawing Newman Projections & Conformational Analysis (SkillBuilders 4.7 & 4.8) 40 pts
	4.9 - 4.11: Cycloalkanes, Conformations of Cyclohexane, & Drawing Chair Conformations (SkillBuilders 4.9 & 4.10) 15 pts
	4.12: Monosubstituted Cyclohexane (SkillBuilder 4.11) 20 pts
	4.13 - 4.15: Disubstituted Cyclohexane, Cis-trans Stereoisomerism, & Polycyclic Systems (SkillBuilders 4.12 & 4.13) 50 pts
	End of Chapter Problems: Chapter 4 180 pts



**NOT SURE IF ORGANIC  
CHEMISTRY LECTURE**

**OR HEXAGON DRAWING CLASS**

[quickmeme.com](http://quickmeme.com)

# Model Kits Recommended for Chapter 5!

## Stereochemistry

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at Dr. Starkey's  
TuTh office hours)

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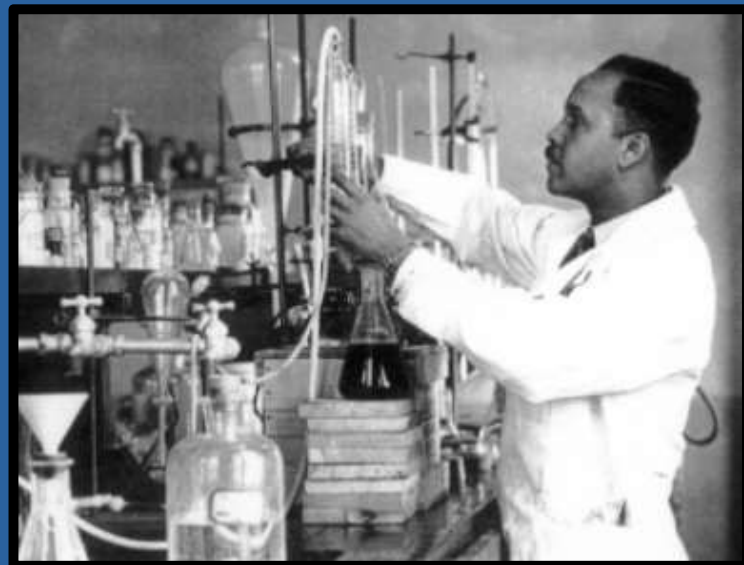


# Synthetic Chemist Percy Julian (1899-1975)

Developed large-scale syntheses of steroids from plant-derived starting materials, making them cost-effective and widely available for medicinal use

**Soybeans → Testosterone and progesterone**

He was also among the chemists who synthesized cortisone and hydrocortisone



Master's Degree – Harvard  
PhD – Univ. Vienna, Austria

<https://www.sciencehistory.org/historical-profile/percy-lavon-julian>

# The Birth Control Pill: Chemistry makes History!

- Access to contraception impacts women's education, careers, earnings
- **1951** Carl Djerassi invented *norethisterone* (a pill taken orally!)
- **1960**: available to married women
- ~**1970** available to most single women (medical & law degrees >90% male)
- **2024** OTC birth control pill available!

The tiny pill which gave birth to an economic revolution

The Economic Effects of Contraceptive Access

<https://www.sciencehistory.org/historical-profile/carl-djerassi>

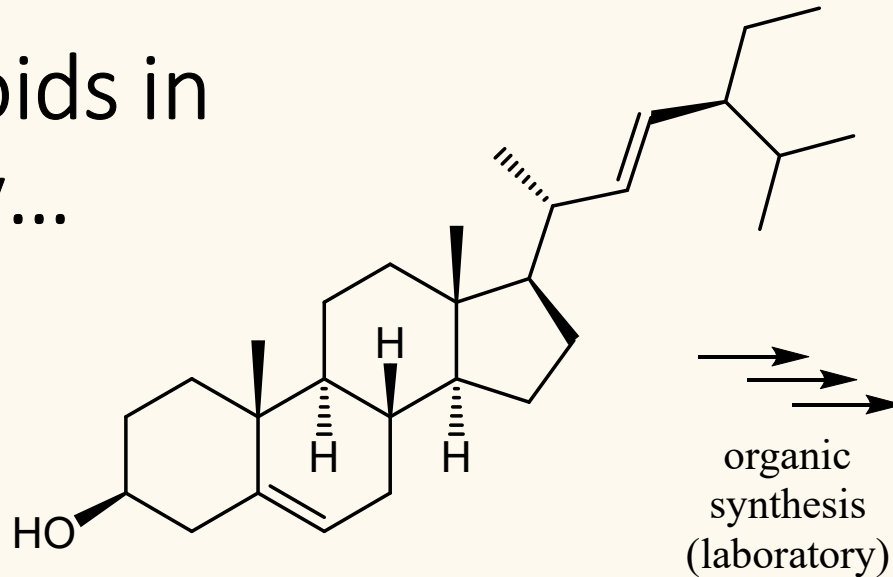
Carl Djerassi (1923-2015)  
Father of "The Pill"



PhD – Univ. Wisconsin, Madison  
Stanford Professor, Entrepreneur  
Pictured with L. Starkey, 1998

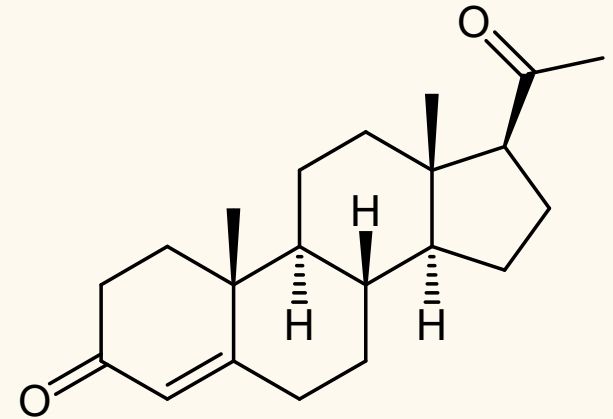


# The Steroids in this Story...



**stigmasterol**

a naturally occurring steroid  
produced by soybeans



**progesterone**

naturally occurring hormone that serves  
as a contraceptive during pregnancy  
(not effective if taken orally)

**norethisterone**  
synthetic hormone that survives  
digestive processes, so it can be  
taken as a contraceptive pill

