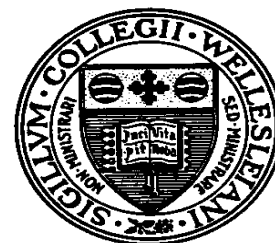


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Welcome to Wellesley College from the Chemistry Department!

This letter is intended to answer some of the questions you may have about choosing courses for your first year at Wellesley. If you have further questions feel free to contact me by e-mail at any point over the summer. I'm happy to help!

Carla Verschoor, Chemistry Department First-Year Advisor

Choosing your first Chemistry course:

- 1) Students who have one year of high school chemistry should begin in Chemistry 105. This course is offered in both the fall and spring semesters. **Students who wish to take Chemistry 105 do NOT need to take a Chemistry placement test.** Just sign up for the course during the on-campus registration period. However, students must pass either the QR (Quantitative Reasoning) exam [taken during orientation] or the QR 140 course prior to taking Chemistry 105.
- 2) **Chemistry 120 is an intensive one-semester introductory course, which is offered only in the fall semester.** Students who have more than one year of high school chemistry, and have taken the AP or IB Chemistry exam may:
 - a) register for Chemistry 120 if they received a score of 5 on the Chemistry AP exam, or a score of 5 or above on the Chemistry IB (upper level) exam. **These students do NOT need to take a Chemistry placement test to qualify for Chemistry 120.** Just sign up for the course during the on-campus registration period.
 - b) take the Chemistry 120 Placement Exam if their scores were below a 5 on the AP or IB, or they did not take the AP/IB Chemistry test. This placement test will be given during orientation week. A sample exam is posted on the Chemistry department website. We will notify you before on-campus registration if you have received a high enough score on the placement test to qualify for Chemistry 120.
- 3) Students who received a score of 5 on the AP exam or 5 or higher on the IB exam and wish to skip Chemistry 120 and enroll directly in Chemistry 211, Organic Chemistry I, may take the Chemistry 120 Exemption Exam. **Passing this exemption exam allows students to enroll directly into Chemistry 211.** A practice exemption exam is posted on the Chemistry department website. Typically one student per year passes the exemption exam.
- 4) Students who are looking for a Chemistry course for non-majors are encouraged to consider Chemistry 102, Contemporary Topics in Chemistry. This course does not count towards a Chemistry major or minor, and does not fulfill a premedical requirement. **Chemistry 102 is offered only in the spring semester.**
- 5) If you did not take Chemistry in high school and you wish to take Chemistry 105, please email: cverschoor@wellesley.edu