Attendance Policy
(CH 101L, 131L, 132L, 201L, 202L, 265L)

ATTENDANCE is required at ALL laboratory sessions beginning the SECOND week of classes. All freshman and organic laboratories will meet the second week of classes.

Attendance is required for the pre-laboratory discussion as well as the assigned exercise for the day. Vital safety information is given during the pre-lab discussion. Failure to attend the pre-lab discussion will result in a grade of "zero" for the exercise. See detailed information for each specific course.

There are NO MAKE UP’s for any laboratory course.

Special Attendance Policy Due to COVID - 19

(1) For students seeking online only instruction (For CH201L/CH202L Only)

All in person laboratory work is mandatory as outlined by your course syllabus/instructor. An exemption can be made for those individuals who have a documented health issue that places them in the high-risk category for COVID – 19. This exemption can also be extended to students who are caregivers to individuals in the high-risk category for COVID – 19. In both cases, the student is required to provide their instructor with documentation from a physician that indicates they are in the high-risk category for COVID – 19. All documentation MUST be provided to the instructor by the first week of classes. No other exemptions will be made to the attendance policy.

(2) For students that get sick mid semester

Students that test positive for COVID - 19 or suspect that they may have COVID - 19 are encouraged to remain at home and seek medical advice from their physician. Any missed in class work will not be made up in person but an online assignment will be provided until their physician clears the student to return to classes. All COVID - 19 cases must be reported to contact tracing at reportcovid@southalabama.edu.

(3) Exception CH 265L

The only exception to (2) is CH265L, which does not have an online only option. If a student misses an experiment due to COVID - 19 the student must contact their laboratory instructor or the Laboratory Manager ASAP.

Freshman Laboratories (CH 101L, 131L, 132L):

All laboratories will meet the second week of classes, during which the Safety Orientation will be given. According to the USA Chemistry Department Safety Policy, no student is allowed to participate in any future lab session until they have attended this Safety Orientation. Students who miss the first laboratory session must contact their instructor or the Laboratory Coordinator as soon as possible.
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There are NO MAKE UP’s. The lowest grade at the end of the semester will be dropped. The drop grade will be used for one absence regardless of the reason for the absence. Absences for any other lab sessions will count as a grade of zero.

All freshman level courses have separate laboratory and lecture courses. Once either course has been successfully completed, it does not have to be repeated.

Organic Laboratories (CH 201L & 202L):

All laboratories will meet the second week of classes, during which the Safety Orientation will be given. According to the USA Chemistry Department Safety Policy, no student is allowed to participate in any future lab session until they have attended this Safety Orientation. Students who miss the first laboratory session must contact their instructor as soon as possible.

There are NO MAKE UP’s. The lowest grade at the end of the semester will be dropped. The drop grade will be used for one absence regardless of the reason for the absence. Absences for any other lab sessions will count as a grade of zero.

Both Organic courses have separate laboratory and lecture courses. Once either course has been successfully completed, it does not have to be repeated. Departmental override is required to repeat one without the other.