General Chemistry Waitlists- Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where do I get permission to enroll in a General Chemistry course?

Only departmental advisors are able to give permission to enroll in a General Chemistry course. *The instructor of the class CANNOT give enrollment permission for General Chemistry courses.*

2. Can I get permission to change sections into a closed/full Chemistry class?

No. Lab sections are limited to a maximum of 25 students. Keep checking course availability online in case a seat opens up in a different section that you would prefer. If it does, you will need to drop your current section in order to enroll in the new section. Make sure all components of the new section fit your schedule before you drop your current section. A departmental advisor can assist you with this process.

3. What should I do while I am waiting to enroll in a course after the Semester starts?

You are strongly encouraged to attend the lectures and recitations that fit your schedule for the first week of the Semester, even if you are not registered for the course. *You may NOT attend the lab without being enrolled.*

4. What should I do if I am enrolled into a class after my lab meets for the first time?

Follow the instructions listed in the lab syllabus. As listed in your course syllabus, prior to attending the next lab section, you will need to watch a safety video and complete a safety quiz in Carmen. You will be assigned a make-up lab at the end of the term in order to make-up for the points that you missed.

5. What should I do if I want to switch sections and classes have already begun?

Attend the lectures, lab, and recitations of the section in which you are enrolled during the first week to avoid getting behind on the course material. Keep checking online for available seats in your preferred section through the first week to see if something opens up. A departmental advisor can assist you with switching into another section if one becomes available within the first two weeks of the semester.

6. If the instructor says it's OK to get into his/her class, can I enroll into it?

No. Professors, lecturers, and TAs cannot give you permission to enter General Chemistry courses. You must go to the Chemistry & Biochemistry Undergraduate Studies Office in room 110 Celeste Laboratory and have a departmental adviser enroll you in a General Chemistry course.

7. What if I want to change courses, for example change from Chem 1210 to Chem 1110?

Please see an adviser in the Chemistry & Biochemistry Undergraduate Studies Office in 110 Celeste who will assist you with a course switch. If you drop the course yourself, there is a strong possibility that you may not be able to enroll in the other course. You will not be able to be enrolled in both classes at the same time. Any switch must occur before the second Friday of the term.