Welcome to CHEM 103 Section 1001, meeting MW 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm. I wanted to send out this welcoming message to all students enrolled in this section to provide some important information that you will need for the upcoming semester.

1. Textbook information
2. Course Homepages and important documents
3. Course Syllabus

IMPORTANT TEXTBOOK COST SAVING TIP!!!!

This semester, CHEM 103 (1001) will be accessing learning exercises, homework and on line quizzes using the **MasteringChemistry** website. The campus bookstore is selling a new “Timberlake & Timberlake” 4th edition text bundled with **MasteringChemistry** access for $148.25. A used book without **MasteringChemistry** may be available at on line sites for various prices. However, should you purchase a used text without the **MasteringChemistry** access (codes are only valid with the initial purchase) you will also need a separate on line purchase of **MasteringChemistry, for about $66.00**. Depending on the price of the used textbook, you may pay more than you would for the bundled software/new book combination.

On line, you may purchase access to both 1) the site for homework and on line quizzes, and 2) the eText for about $110., but the eTEXT is **NOT** a course requirement. As an option, any used edition of this book may be used for the course. The chapters may be numbered differently in the different editions but the contents of each chapter will be essentially the same. Therefore if you can purchase a used earlier edition text of “Timberlake & Timberlake” for **$50** or less, you can then purchase access to **MasteringChemistry** at its online web site and save. Otherwise, purchase of **MasteringChemistry** and the eTEXT might be the most cost effective option. Textbook rentals may also available. **The choice is yours.**

The **MasteringChemistry** web site is [http://www.masteringchemistry.com/](http://www.masteringchemistry.com/) There you can register for access to the site where exercises and homework assignments can be completed and submitted. On line quizzes are also completed and submitted there. I will also be posting exam grades there as well. There are two assignments posted and you can begin working on them as soon as you register on the site.

There are two homepages for this course. The primary homepage will be found on WebCampus. This will become active and accessible to students before classes start and unless the url is changed, can be accessed at [https://webcampus.unlv.edu/](https://webcampus.unlv.edu/). The secondary homepage can be found at [http://faculty.unlv.edu/tirril/Index.html](http://faculty.unlv.edu/tirril/Index.html) which is currently active. Important documents and lecture Powerpoint presentations can be downloaded from this site if you have difficulty doing so from WebCampus.

The course syllabus can be accessed and downloaded from either site prior to the start of classes. You can read this and other important documents.

This message will be sent out several times prior to the start of classes because the enrollment roster remains fluid with students dropping this section or changing sections. If you receive this message several times, please ignore the repeats and forgive the intrusion.