

## Here is unedited advice from past Blended 101C and 102C students!

- Be prepared to spend at least 1 hour a day on course work!! I spent no less than 2 hours a day but on average about 4 hours everyday!!! I don't know how you'd ever catch up if you fall behind!! Yes it's a lot of material but at the end you realize it all fits so well together that it really wasn't so much after all
- It is important to stay on the suggested schedule. You never know what may come up. Typically, this can be done by doing a "quiz's worth" of material per week. For example, quiz 1 and corresponding material should be completed in week 1 and so on. Also, the practice quizzes are VERY helpful. Many of the same questions will show up again on quizzes or tests or at least they will be very similar. Pay close attention to the feedback on quizzes and pre-tests. Many times, I felt that the feedback was more clear than the notes simply because it explained not only the correct answer but also why other answers were incorrect.
- Do not take this class if you don't plan on working for it. It is just like any other class where you are responsible to do your work and complete assignments, you just have to figure out a schedule that works best for you. I recommend that you have your content and your pre-lab tutorials and quizzes done before you enter the lab- it makes the day a lot easier!
- Get started as soon as possible, and be sure to finish the units EARLY. I took the exams usually a week before the deadline, but I was really rushed in the final unit to accomplish everything and still find time to study, etc. (There is a lot of materials to cover.) If you've taken chemistry in high school, you probably can cover the materials a lot faster than I did though.
- The students need to have plenty of time and discipline to do the course work on their own time

- **DON'T WAIT TO GET STARTED!** If you wait or put it off to the last minute you will find yourself stressing out about when in fact it really isn't that hard. Looking back if I would have just spent fifteen minutes a night doing one little content clip I would have been done way ahead of schedule. Instead I waited until a week before everything was due to get started and I was just cramming stuff in.
- Don't get behind in the content. In the beginning I thought I could put all the content off until the last minute since it was available to me whenever I wanted it versus having a scheduled class time. I found this to be very ineffective and ended up falling behind. Put forth the effort and time to keep up on it every night or weekly. Also, take advantage of the lab times. If a lab is a quick one, go ahead and insert data before leaving. It helps to do it while you are still in the "learning mood" instead of being distracted at home. Overall, I think this class is very useful and effective if approached with the right attitude.
- It's very easy to get behind! I missed one day of lab because I was sick....and when I returned I felt I was weeks behind. I would recommend doing at least 1-2 hours of online work to stay plenty ahead. The instructor and lab techs are VERY useful...don't be afraid to ask questions....there is NEVER a stupid question....trust me...I had my fair share of them! And always remember to **STUDY STUDY STUDY!**
- Keep up with the material and recommended completion dates given on lab days.
- Just make sure you have a set time each week or each day to work on Chemistry. The deadlines are very helpful so make sure to be finished by them.
- Don't do it online if you are a procrastinator.

- TRY TO KEEP THE CONTENT AND LAB WORK IN SYNC TO HELP WITH OPTIMUM LEARNING AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE MATERIAL.
- Do your pre-labs and actually pay attention to them! Nothing is worse than going into lab and not knowing what you are really doing even though you read the prelab at 1:00am the night before.
- It is not that hard if you take time to study. You need to make use of Carmen and the modules though. That is what you would be learning if you were in an actual classroom setting. It is much easier if you spend time on it each day. Even just 30 minutes a day will help you tremendously and you won't fall behind. It is also a good thing to come prepared to labs and know what you are doing.
- Things will go much more smoothly. Also it is better to do the lab reports as soon as possible so that it is fresh in your memory.
- Keep up on your content. I got behind just a few days and was swamped with work in the end. It is much easier to stay on top of the work than to try and catch up the rest of the course. Working ahead is a good idea so that if something comes up, you are able to miss a couple days.
- I don't really see the need in requiring a book for the class. I never even used it. All the content is covered completely in the modules and I never even used the content CD's. I felt like it was just a waste of money. I know in the beginning you said a lot of students don't use them but maybe state that it is just for supplement because the material is covered very well in Carmen.
- For students to take this class, they need to be discipline and well organized to stay up with the material.
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- Don't take it unless you are a very goal oriented person who has stuff they need to get done written down in an organized fashion to keep track of what they do or don't do
- STUDY STUDY STUDY! Stay on top of things! It's EXTREMELY easy to get behind in this class! Don't be afraid to ask questions! Use the teacher and the techs! They are there for a reason!

- If you know you do not want to take a course on line do not do it. but you can do alot of work in a short time if you choose to, and that can create time for other things.
- This class involves a lot of "out of class, computer homework" and is very involved if you have not taken this type of course before. Also I think that lab partners might help a little.
- Keep ahead on the content. Make sure you devote as much time as you would actually spend in a classroom and then homework and study time.
- Don't take two science courses together. Take your time and stay on course, don't fall behind.
- You will have to study immediately - any delay will have consequences as the course winds to in between units and testing. Do not consider blended courses an 'easy' course - rather a different method for learning material. This, for some, may actually be quite more difficult than having structured class room time.
- Be sure to keep up on content or you will have a lot of problems when it gets closer to the end of each unit. Get as much done as possible as early as possible. Deadlines come up and you notice that there is a lot more you still need to finish.
- Study hard and don't slack off. if you keep up with the material you will do fine. don't be afraid to ask questions during your face time with the instructor or even email her she is very helpful.
- Keep a good pace don't get too far behind.
- To future students i would suggest that you do your modules and prelabs before you come in and do your lab. Its easier because your know and understand what is happening in the lab experiment.
- My advice to future students would be to make sure you understand what it is you are learning in the content. You need to understand it because once you learn it you will more than likely see it again and again and again.

- Use the practice quizzes in each unit. This is helpful for studying and for the pre-tests.
- Do your chemistry first. The first chance you get time to do school work outside of school, Start with chemistry and get it over with. You'll fall behind if you don't start quickly.
- Don't procrastinate, and always finish ahead of schedule, because if not, time will be even tighter in the final unit. Don't overlook the practice quizzes, because they really help you judge whether or not you are understanding the material or not.
- The CD was easier to use than Carmen. Sometimes, I would view the CD twice before taking the quiz. Use the PRACTICE AND PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!!!
- Use your time wisely.....
- Look ahead. Do not wait until the last minute to do all of your content and to study. The material can be very understanding if you study ahead of time and take the time to learn. Also use all of your lab time. It's better to come in early and get the material done then to come in later, rush around, and end up not getting everything done for the day.
- I have taken both 101C and 102C and they were both positive experiences but if you are a procrastinator I probably wouldn't take these classes. They are all self motivated. Think about it, if you could either sit at home and watch TV or work on Chemistry Content which would you do?
- The main tool to use to perform well in this class is to stay on task and don't get behind on your content.