

Some Exam 1 Information

(a little more to come at the end of the week when I see how much has been covered by Friday)

- 1) TIME: Exam 1 is on WEDNESDAY, 10/10/2012, 7-9 p.m.
- 2) LOCATION – both sections will take the exam in the same place:

LAB SCIENCES 300

(the very large lecture hall where many chemistry classes are taught)

Students who are granted extra time or other special arrangements by the DRC will coordinate when/where to take the exam through the DRC office. They will have a different location, proctors, etc.

- 3) The exam covers any material included in the syllabus/reading assignments, lectures, or any materials handed out in class (any material distributed in a lecture that's not in the textbook is posted as a pdf file in the weekly schedule). It will go up through whatever material we cover from section 2.4; whether anything from 2.5 is included will be announced at the end of the week.
- 4) No books or notes of any kind at the exams; no calculators of any kind; all electronic devices turned off.
- 5) The test will contain a mixture of question types, although I'm not sure yet in what proportions – for example:

***Short answer (such as multiple choice and true/false questions)

***Questions asking to state a definition or a theorem. For example:

A matrix A is said to be in row reduced echelon form if: _____

A square matrix A is invertible if (*state a condition that involves the phrase “linearly independent”*): _____

***Questions where you need to do some kind of calculations and show your work.

- 6) We are having “2 hour evening exams” this semester so that, in fairness, both sections can take the same exam. In the past, I have given exams for this course in class.

Therefore I will not be writing an exam that I think should take two hours: in my mind, at least, it should be an exam that's approximately an hour in length, or maybe a bit longer. However you will have the full two hours to work on it.

I will post a copy of one sample Exam 1 (without solutions) from when I taught the course last year. The link will be in the weekly schedule for next week. This was an in-class exam (53 minutes). The sample exam will give you a rough idea of the level of difficulty. Because of the class size, there will probably be a more short-answer questions this year than last year and this year's exam might be a bit longer (but should not, in my opinion, be an exam that should take twice as much time to complete).