Hello and Welcome!!

Many of the students entering the B.Sc. (Agr), BioVet, and PreVet programs are required to take 2 semesters of first year university chemistry. Students who have transfer credits for first year university chemistry or those majoring in Ag Economics or Ag Business in the B.Sc (Agr) do not have to take these courses.

At Dalhousie’s Faculty of Agriculture in Truro, the first year chemistry courses are CHMA1000 (fall) and CHMA1001 (winter). Students enrolling in these courses are expected to have successfully completed high school chemistry (grades 11 and 12). If you have not taken and passed grade 11 and 12 chemistry, you would register for CHMA0050 (Preparatory Chemistry). This is offered online in the summer (July 3-August 31, 2017) or in the winter semester on the Truro campus. If you are interested in registering for the summer offering of CHMA0050 (and stay in sequence in your program), contact enrolment.services@dal.ca.

Even if you have successfully completed the equivalent of grade 11 and grade 12 chemistry, you need to arrive on campus with a reasonable understanding of high school chemistry. To help you understand your readiness for university chemistry, we strongly encourage you to complete the 20 question multiple choice Self-assessment quiz on line. It is available to you through Dalhousie’s student Brightspace site, and should take you about 30 minutes or less.

This Self-Assessment is to help you. Please do it by yourself without family, friends or “Prof Google” beside you. To have a reasonable chance of academic success in CHMA1000 and CHMA1001, we recommend a score of at least 13/25 (50%).

You are strongly encouraged to do this as soon as you can and use this information as you plan your course registration. Remember there is the Preparatory Chemistry available online this summer (starting July 3rd) if you need to use that learning support.

Once you arrive on campus in early September, I shall make available to you the full set of questions and the answers. I am only releasing the answers at the beginning of the fall term to minimize ‘sharing’ of answers with other new students.

To access the Self-Assessment quiz, please see the separate document “Navigating Brightspace for the CHMA1000 Self-Assessment”

You may have questions about this. If so, please email me at nancy.pitts@dal.ca.

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