Chemistry & Biochemistry Policy on General Chemistry Placements Exams

Students can earn credit for the general chemistry courses CH1010-1040 by achieving scores of 70 or better on course-specific examinations offered by the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Students who score 4/5 on the Advanced Placement Examination or 6/7 on the International Baccalaureate Exam are automatically awarded 1/3 unit of credit for CH1010 and are eligible to take the CH1020 exam. Other students must start with the exam for CH1010. If you pass the exam with a 70% or better, you will receive credit for CH1010 and you will be eligible to take the exam for the next course. Each exam you pass gives you credit for that exam and makes you eligible to take the next exam. Once you fail an exam you cannot take any additional exams. If you have taken a general chemistry course at WPI, you are not eligible to take placement exams. Exams results will be sent by e-mail within a couple of days after the exam. The credit awarded is non-graded credit and exams will not be returned. You are eligible to take the placement exams ONLY during your first year of matriculation at WPI.

It is a ONE hour exam. You should bring a non-programmable calculator and a pen/pencil to take the exam. You will be provided with a periodic table that includes symbols, atomic numbers and average atomic masses of elements. You will not be allowed to use head-phones, cell phones, i-pads or any other electronic devices during the exam.

Placement exams are only offered twice a year: during New Student Orientation in August and at the beginning of C Term.

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