

Department: Chemistry and Biochemistry

Course Information: General Chemistry II CHEM 1155

Instructor: Professor Brian Gute

Below is information about the sections of the course, the number of LAs we expect to hire per section, and the meeting times that you will be expected to attend for each section.

Before you apply, ensure that these times fit into your schedule.

Section #	Expected Number of LAs for this section	LAs need to attend course functions at the following times:
1	3	Section 001: T 12:30-1:45 pm lecture R 12:30-1:45 pm lecture
11	3	Section 011: T 3:30-4:45 pm lecture R 3:30-4:45 pm lecture

In addition to being available for the times listed above, working as an LA also requires the following:

- All LAs must meet weekly with their faculty member to prepare for the following week's events at a time mutually acceptable to the faculty and LA
- All new LAs** must be available to attend a training from 4:30pm – 8pm on Monday, August, 2026 (if you have extenuating circumstances that prevent you from attending this training, please contact Carrie Misuraco at cmisurac@d.umn.edu)
- All new LAs** must be available to complete training on one of the following weekly times:
Wednesdays 3-3:50pm
Wednesdays 4-4:50pm
Thursdays 2-2:50pm

What will an LA do in this course?

The role of the LA varies slightly in each course. Read below for more information on the LA's role in this course.

What is the role of the LA in this course?

During class, LAs in this course will coach and guide their peers through group work activities. The 75-minute class periods will be broken up with clicker questions, mini lectures, and group work, and LAs will contribute significantly to supporting student success during the group work activities.

Outside of class, LAs will support student success by reviewing students' daily work. This task will be split amongst the LAs such that each LA will review approximately 2 assignments every 3 weeks.

Exam review: LAs will collaborate to run an evening review session before each exam (5 exams for the semester). I will provide resources to help structure the review sessions.

Feedback: Finally, LAs will provide vital feedback to me as the instructor by reviewing in-class assignments and summarizing topics that need further clarification. During our weekly preparation sessions, LAs will have the opportunity to collaborate with me by providing feedback on what's working in the course and providing suggestions for improvement.

How could being an LA for this course benefit you?

Serving as an LA for Gen Chem 2 will improve your understanding of key chemistry concepts such as chemical equilibrium, chemical kinetics, and thermodynamics that form the foundation for more advanced courses such as Quantitative Analysis, Environmental Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, and even Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Students find that strengthening these skills as an LA can help them to be more successful in their advanced courses and serves as great preparation for professional exams such as the MCAT.

Finally, the work supporting your peers provides an invaluable opportunity to work on your own professional and scientific communication skills and to develop the kinds of collaborative work skills that will better prepare you for a successful career.

Additional Questions:

