

Department: Chemistry and Biochemistry

Course Information: General Chemistry I CHEM 1153

Instructor: Professor Melanie Talaga

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:
21	2	Section 021: M 1 - 1:50 PM Discussion T 2-3:15 PM Lecture R 2-3:15 PM Lecture

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

1. 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
2. **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)
3. **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?

LAs will work directly with students in and outside of the classroom to complete worksheets and guide discussions in the classroom. Students will prepare for these interactions with me weekly and also hold review/support sessions for students.

How could being an LA for this course benefit you?

Interacting with students as an LA in general chemistry allows you to improve your scientific and non-scientific communication skills for your future career goals. In addition, reviewing general chemistry concepts will support your learning in your advanced courses, as this knowledge is foundational for advanced science courses. In addition, this allows you to foster a relationship with a professor with whom you will work multiple times a week. This relationship can support your future with recommendations for jobs and professional school.

Additional Questions:

