

CHEM1601 – Chemistry Foundations

Summary of student comments compiled by Sue Campbell, Undergraduate Administrator
Responses by course organiser (**Dr A S Wills**)

Number of responses: 21 (8 with comments)

Total number of students:

Overall score for course: 4

Overall score for Lab Course: 3.4

Comments on Course & Lectures

No specific comments

Comments on Labs

Most students felt well prepared for the lab. Only 5 students indicated that they were poorly prepared

86% of students said that they used the Moodle site

91% found the prelabs useful

All students felt that the lab was well organised and only one student did not feel that there were enough demonstrators available

Almost half of those students who responded felt that the write ups were too difficult

All but 2 students stated that they felt more confident following the lab course.

Most students felt that the marking was fair with only two students who felt the marks were too high and one who felt they were too low

Suggestions for Labs

More help with write ups

Better feedback – indicate where student went wrong and how to improve

More support on errors/uncertainty calculations

More weighing scales should be available

Response from CHEM1601 Course Organiser – Dr A S Wills

Response to Lecturers, Content and Help Sessions assessments

Action to be taken for next session

Course Content –

No major change in course content is foreseen for the coming year., though we continually try to adapt it and its presentation to meet student difficulties and to follow the feedback that we get.

Lecturing Staff -

No changes are foreseen

Tutorial Arrangements -

Following comments from 1004 students, we will work to include more discussion in the workshops and will explore whether we can introduce another workshop.

Practical Work-

The low usage of Moodle is being looked into. As this is our main portal for supporting the students and preparing the students for the lab it is important that it is used by all of our students. The small number of experiments may also make it harder for the students to get into the swing of the labs, further increasing the sentiment that they are hard and that there was little opportunity for feedback. We are also looking into ways of improving this.

Course Work -

No major changes are foreseen but we will work to improve them.

Signed by Course Organiser: Andrew Wills

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