

Organic Chemistry of Macromolecules**Instructor:** Prof Anne McNeil**Office:** 2817 Chemistry**Phone:** 615-5204**Email:** ajmcneil@umich.edu**Office Hrs:** Wed/Fri 10-11 am

- Class:** MWF; 9-10 am in 1650.
- Text:** *Polymers: Chemistry and Physics of Modern Materials* by J.M.G. Cowie, 3rd edition
- Supplemental:** *Principles of Polymerization* by Odian, 4th edition
Polymer Chemistry by Stevens, 3rd edition
- Requirements:** Your grade will be based on three exams, five problem sets, and a class project.
- Grading:**
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| Exam 1 (Mon. February 7, 2011; 7-9 pm; 1706) | 25% of final grade (200 pts) |
| Exam 2 (Mon. March 14, 2011; 7-9 pm; 1706) | 25% of final grade (200 pts) |
| Exam 3 (Mon. April 18, 2011; 7-9 pm; 1706) | 25% of final grade (200 pts) |
- Grading System:** The exams will be graded using the 0-5-10 system. For example, if a question is worth 10 points, you can get a 0, 5, or 10. *We round to the closest number.*
- Problem Sets:** Problem sets (5) will be graded *based on effort* with an S (20 pts) or U (0 pts). It is your responsibility to check the answer key to check the accuracy of your answers. These problems are representative of ones you will see on the exams. 12.5% of final grade (100 pts).
- Class Project:** You will work in assigned groups to create or edit a Wikipedia site related to an important topic or person in polymer chemistry. This project will begin mid-January and more details will come. 12.5% of final grade (100 pts).
- Refresher:** You should go over your undergraduate organic chemistry course material and refresh your memory on the standard functional groups and their reactivity. You should be able to draw an arrow-pushing mechanism for these basic transformations: **S_N1, S_N2, transesterifications, amide formation, alcohol additions to isocyanates, enolate alkylations and acid/ester condensations, free radical reactions with alkenes, electrophilic additions to alkenes, alkene and alkyne metathesis reactions.**