

## How to Pass Chemistry 101

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A: Hey how was your winter break?

B: Oh it was good, thanks, how about yours?

A: Good- but too short. So what are you taking this semester? Do we have any classes together?

B: Oh man, I'm still getting these 100-level courses out of the way. I am not interested in the field of chemistry but I have to take the class, it's a gen ed. requirement.

A: Yeah, that's a bummer. I took that class freshman year. Who's your professor?

B: Dr. Porter- **I have heard he scares a lot of students off** during the first week when he shows them his syllabus. It's supposed to be a tough class.

A: Oh no way! I took Dr. Porter's Chem (Chemistry) class. It's not that bad- **you just need to jot down notes** to look like you are interested during the lectures and **try to speak up once in a while**. He likes that.

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B: **Did you show up for every class?** Does he put a lot of weight on class participation?

A: Yeah, he does. And unfortunately my class was at 8 am Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, but I made it there most days.

B: Oh well, if you got through it then I'm sure I can too.

A: Definitely. At first it was a little intimidating to me, but **now that I look back on it, it wasn't a big deal.** Also **he breaks you up into groups** a lot during the class so you can work with different people who hopefully understand the material.

B: Cool- well maybe I'll check in with you later in the semester when it comes to midterms and get some more advice. Good luck with your first day of classes!

A: Thank you, you too.