

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Dear Student:

Caltech's Chemistry Advanced Placement Exam is optional, and you are not required to take or return the Exam. Only those students seeking credit for Ch1ab must return the Exam.

Students who think they **need extra help with Chemistry** should take advantage of our Ch1a recitation section that specifically targets students who have taken less rigorous Chemistry courses. If you had only one year of high-school Chemistry or if your Chemistry is a bit rusty or weak, then you should definitely look through the Exam. If the Exam seems difficult and you want to be placed in this section, then simply send an email to chem1placement@caltech.edu. Use 'Ch1a Recitation Section Request' in the subject line and don't forget to include your name in the body of the email.

Incoming freshmen and transfer students **seeking credit for Ch1ab** must return the exam before Tuesday, July 2, 2019. *We especially encourage students interested in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering to return a completed exam.* If you do not return the Exam during this test period, you will not get another opportunity. NOTE: 3/2 transfer students do not need to take the Exam.

The Exam tests your background and expertise in topics typically taught in Caltech's first-year chemistry course, Ch1ab, allowing us to identify students who deserve course credit based on previous work. We do not use scores from AP Chemistry exams in our assessment.

Since the Exam is optional, you are not required to return it. You may start the Exam and then decide not to finish or return it. If you are not seeking course credit, you may peruse the Exam to get a better indication of the course material in Ch1ab, but you don't have to send anything to us.

If you are interested in the Exam, visit <http://chem1.che.caltech.edu/> to download Caltech's Chemistry

Advanced Placement Exam. Please use the following information to access the site:

username: placement **password:** chem2019

Once you login, you can review syllabuses from a previous year of Ch1ab to get a sense of the scope of the Ch1ab course material. You will also find additional instructions for the Exam, which you should read before downloading the Exam .pdf file.

If you choose to return the Exam, you must send it as a .pdf attachment via email within 24 hours of downloading the Exam. We must receive your email before **Tuesday, July 2, 2019** at 11:59 p.m. PDT. Send exams to chem1placement@caltech.edu with 'Ch1 Placement Exam' in the subject line.

If you have any questions about Ch1ab or the Exam, email us at chem1placement@caltech.edu with 'Question' in the subject line.

We hope you have a good summer and we look forward to meeting you in the fall!