

Commit To Study Contract for Chem 4

Because having strong study skills is fundamental to success in Chem 4 and in future science courses, I have developed an optional *Commit to Study* contract in which students can take part; it will hopefully help motivate you to develop strong study skills and to model the behavior of successful students. To be eligible, a signed copy of this contract must be turned in by Friday of week 1 of classes.

Below is a list of the requirements that must be met to satisfy the *Commit to Study* contract. Read each of the requirements then sign and date the bottom of the contract.

1. Miss no more than 2 classes all semester. Anyone missing more than 2 classes must document their absences (for example, with a doctor's note) in order to keep the contract. Because non-excused emergencies can happen (like car trouble or illness without a doctor's note), it is recommended that you save your absences in case you really need them! Students who arrive late to class may be counted as absent for that day if two or more clicker questions have been asked by the time they arrive.
 2. Turn in completed exam corrections by their due dates. Exam corrections must follow the provided template. Directions can be found at: www.csus.edu/indiv/p/paradisj/studyskills.htm
 3. Earn at least 80% (i.e. $\geq 40/50$ points) of the homework points for the overall semester.
 4. Earn at least 70% (i.e. $\geq 140/200$ points) on the final exam.
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Students who successfully complete the above conditions will:

1. Increase their end of semester letter grade by one step (for example, a "C-" becomes a "C" or a "B+" becomes an "A-" on your transcript). Note: an "F" will only become a "D" if a student earns $\geq 50.0\%$ overall in the course.

To get the most out of the *Commit to Study* contract, it is important that you don't treat the conditions like busy-work to "just get through", but rather consider each component as an important learning experience to get as much out of as possible. Because I feel that the Chem 4 *Commit to Study* contract is so generous, I am very strict with enforcing the criteria. No late materials or absences (beyond the 2 allowed) will be accepted without written documentation.

I, the undersigned, hereby *Commit to Study* in Chem 4

Print Last Name:

Print First Name:

Signature:

Date:
