If you are trying to add the class, please come to the first day of lab meeting (Wed, Aug 28 or Thurs, Aug 29, depending on your section). I do not keep a waitlist and so there is no need to email me before the start of class—just come the first day of your lab meeting and we will add as many students as we can. The Wednesday lab meetings are conducted by Prof. Elizabeth Friedman (friedmes@lavc.edu) and she will determine who is added to her lab section. I conduct the laboratory section that meets on Thursdays.

Welcome to Chemistry 51 presented as a hybrid online course at LAVC in the fall session of 2013. This course presents the same material as the conventional on campus course. This course differs only in that the lectures and discussions are conducted online—the laboratory work is conducted on campus on Wednesday (11:20 am until 2:35 pm) or Thursdays (7:30 am to 10:40 am).

I must know how many of my registered students plan to continue with the course. Therefore, please sign into the Etudes web site by Monday morning, August 26. You must also attend the first day of your scheduled lab meeting or you will be dropped from the course. If you have difficulty in logging onto the Etudes site, please email me at the address above so I know you intend to continue in the class. I suspect I will have many students trying to add the class and so I will drop students who do not let me know that they plan on continuing the class.

I provide the textbook online as part of the Etudes website at no cost to you. You will have to purchase a set of chemical goggles (available at the bookstore or an all purpose hardware store). I also suggest that you purchase a scientific calculator capable of working in scientific notation. These calculators should not cost more than $10 or $15. If you are uncertain of which to purchase, see me in class before selecting one. The lab manual for Chem 51 is available at the bookstore as a separate purchase. Do not buy the text/lab manual combination package because you do not need the text.

I shall be providing a number of ‘fill in the blank’ problems for you to practice online and you will be taking quizzes on these and other problems several times a month. You will find that Chemistry 51 is a problem solving course—I have designed the online course with this in mind. You will succeed in this course if you make an effort to solve the problems I present and take advantage of the information provided to you in the modules as well as the textbook. Above all, you must keep up with the class—new ideas in chemistry build upon previous ones. If you fall behind in the first week it will be very hard for you to catch up in the second and third weeks. If you make a genuine commitment to the course from the first day, you will find Chemistry 51 rewarding and enjoyable.