

Why am I required to take General Chemistry Placement 1?

General chemistry, 1215(121), 1225(122), 1217(131), 1227(132), are rigorous science courses, and build a foundation for many of advanced sciences you need to take in the coming years. Consequently, more than 26 degree programs at UNM required General Chemistry for their students, and many science subject courses use CHEM 1215/1217 as a pre-requisite course. The general chemistry is therefore, a gateway course for students pursuing science, engineering, or medical careers. It is recommended for you to take this course as early as possible. Even though you do not have the pre-requisite to take CHEM 1215/1217 at this point, this placement provides an opportunity for you to be qualified for these courses. It is designed to provide important evaluation not only of your math skills as required by the pre-requisites, but also on your problem-solving skills and other important preparation for this course. By completing this placement, you will learn whether you are ready for succeeding in CHEM 1215/1217, or identifying which course would be more appropriate for you. You would then be able to complete General Chemistry sequence earlier and finish your degree program faster. The goal of this placement is to increase your chance of succeeding in your undergraduate program at UNM, and to maximize your learning in Chemistry.

Please take this placement and the recommendation from the placement seriously. Follow the instruction for the placement described below and do not skip any step. The placement has a particular time requirement (less than two hours) that you need to follow. It is also important for you to be total honest when taking the placement tests. Do not try to find external help in answering the test questions. If you are advised to take a different course as indicated by the placement result, please follow the recommendation to avoid unnecessary learning difficulty due to improper placement.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to write an e-mail to Dr. Ho (khoj@unm.edu).