

## How can I get off to a good start? Go through the following steps.

### 1. **Explore the website(s):** <http://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/chem350online-Summer.htm>

- Find the links for each of the following, and in each case open and browse a little bit:
  - a. Lecture Videos:
  - b. Practice Tests:
  - c. Syllabus:
  - d. Textbook and Materials:
  - e. Class Notes:
  - f. Quizzes:
  - g. Online Homework (“Sapling”):
  - h. Test 1 (and 2 and 3 and 4) materials:
  - i. General Information about how this online organic chemistry course will work
- **Links for all of the above, and more, are available on the main website**

### 2. **Before the class begins**, you’ll want to have done the following:

- a. **Register** for the class
  - For distance students or NDSU students (basically students who aren’t already MSUM students): <http://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/RegistrationDistanceStudents-Summer.pdf>
  - Jasperse video explaining:
    - <http://coursecast.mnstate.edu/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=c63b561e-e94d-41a0-ba03-2665f23b4f5c>
- b. **Order books** (used textbook and solutions manual).
  - Amazon links: <http://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Required%20Text%20and%20Materials.pdf>
- c. Sign up for **Sapling Online Homework**: <http://www2.saplinglearning.com>
- d. Print **Syllabus**: <http://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/Syllabus350online-Summer.pdf>
- e. Print **Class Notes** (double-side print, but best to do full-size):
  - <http://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/Classbook-Chem350-online.pdf>
  - Buy a big 3-ring binder, and 3-hole punch notes so you can keep them all organized.
- f. **Bookmark** the following websites:
  - Lecture Videos + Homework: <http://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/Lectures350online-summer.html>
  - Main website: <http://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/chem350online-Summer.htm>
- g. View the video in which I talk through the **syllabus** and the course.
  - Access from Lecture Video site: <http://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/Lectures350online-summer.html>
  - Maybe set the play speed at x1.5, or fast forward through parts!
- h. View Jasperse personal introduction video (with face showing! ☺):
  - [https://mediaspace.minnstate.edu/media/350-online+Face-with-Voice-Personal-Intro/1\\_sasxj5r1](https://mediaspace.minnstate.edu/media/350-online+Face-with-Voice-Personal-Intro/1_sasxj5r1)

### **3. Preparing for Test 1**

- a. Print To-Do Checklist for Test 1: <http://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/Checklist-350Test1.pdf>
- b. Review Skills/Competencies for Test 1: <http://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/Objectives350-Test1.pdf>
- c. Go through the **lectures** with the printed notes
  - <http://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/Lectures350online-summer.html>
  - After each lecture, review the material
- d. Do lots of **Practice/Homework Problems**
  - Many sample practice problems integrated into the lectures
  - Required Sapling online homework
  - Practice sets. (Both main website and lectures website link to same sets.)
  - Recommended book homework problems as time permits
- e. Do the **required quizzes** (there are two for Test 1)
- f. **Do the practice tests**

g. Arrange **proctored testing** unless you can test at MSUM.

4. **Basics of how the course will work:**

- The course will help you master the content through the use of recorded video lectures and detailed notes; through lots of different practice problems in varying formats; and through multiple practice tests that are similar to the real tests.
- You will have **scheduling flexibility** in how fast you move and when you schedule your tests.
- **Tests can be taken via a proctor or at** MSUM.
- The grade will be 80-85% based on test performance, the rest on required homework and quizzes.