

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

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

- Find the links for each of the following, and in each case open and browse a little bit:
 - a. Lecture Videos:
 - i. <https://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/Lectures350online.html>
 - b. Practice Tests:
 - c. Syllabus:
 - d. Textbook and Materials:
 - e. Class Notes:
 - f. Quizzes:
 - g. Online Homework (“ACHIEVE/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. **MSUM Registration** for the class
 - For distance students, or for NDSU students registering through MSUM (basically students who aren’t already MSUM students):
 - <http://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/RegistrationDistanceStudents-Fall.pdf>
 - Jasperse video explaining:
 - https://mediaspace.minnstate.edu/media/Online-Registration-OVerview/1_upct9ngb
- b. **Order books** (used textbook and solutions manual).
 - More info + purchase links: <http://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Required-Text-and-Materials.pdf>
- c. Sign up for **ACHIEVE/SAPLING Online Homework**:
 - <https://achieve.macmillanlearning.com/start>
 - 2026 Achieve Course ID = **zuj9nc**
- d. Print **Syllabus**: <http://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/Syllabus350online-Fall.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 main website and the lecture videos page:
 - <https://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/chem350online.htm>
 - <https://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/Lectures350online.html>
- g. View the video in which I talk through the **syllabus** and the course.
 - Access from lecture videos website, under "Organic Chemistry I - Test 1: Introduction & Alkanes"
 - 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

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
 - <https://web.mnstate.edu/jasperse/Online/Lectures350online.html>
 - After each lecture, review the material
- d. Do lots of **Practice/Homework Problems**
 - Many sample practice problems integrated into the lectures
 - Required ACHIEVE/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 zoom-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 zoom.
- The grade will be 80-85% based on test performance, the rest on required homework and quizzes.