

Laboratory Safety Rules

It is essential that you have a safe learning experience. Safety is a set of rules. **Individuals who violate any of these rules will not be permitted in the laboratory.** For our laboratory these are:

- (1) **Clothing:** Shorts and skirts are not permitted in the labs. Tank tops and sleeveless shirts / blouses are not permitted in the labs. Closed toe shoes are required – no sandals or flip-flops. An individual who violates this rule will not be permitted in the lab.
- (2) **Eye Protection:** Safety glasses must be worn in all areas of the laboratories. A student not wearing or refusing to wear eye protection, after being warned, is to be dismissed for that laboratory period and assigned a grade of zero for the work so missed. Upon two such dismissals the student is subject to being dropped from the course. An individual who violates this rule will not be permitted in the lab. An exception to this rule will only be made during oral presentations and the lab quizzes.
- (3) **Order:** All designated experimentation areas should be left in a neat orderly state at the conclusion of an experiment. Failure to comply will result in a grading penalty.
- (4) **Horseplay:** Incidents of horseplay can lead to friction and accidents, and are not tolerated. A minimum penalty of one letter grade and a maximum penalty of a failure grade may be incurred.
- (5) **Behavior:** No sitting on lab benches. No headphones. No gaming. No Texting, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram... Take important phone calls outside. Treat your colleagues respectfully.
- (6) **Equipment Difficulties:** Students are encouraged to correct any minor equipment difficulties by taking the appropriate action. However, any major equipment difficulties should be reported to the instructor or assistant, and the student should not attempt further corrective action.
- (7) **Tools:** Tools are not to be removed from the laboratories.
- (8) **Chemicals:** Chemicals are required to perform several of the experiments. Students should check with their instructor as to where to get these chemicals and what safety precautions, if any, are to be taken in conjunction with their use. Do not use mouth suction to fill pipettes. Waste chemicals are to be placed in receivers and not discharged in the drain.
- (9) **Accidents:** Even with the greatest safety precautions, accidents do happen. Be sure you are familiar with the locations of safety showers, eyewash stations, and medical first aid kits. If an accident happens, be sure to immediately inform an instructor. In the case of a serious accident, do not attempt first aid if you are not familiar with the proper technique but do attempt to make the person comfortable until aid arrives. The campus emergency number is 911.
- (10) **Unauthorized areas:** Do not touch unauthorized equipment or experiments.
- (11) **Food or Drink:** Neither food nor drink is permitted in the laboratories.
- (12) **Smoking:** Smoking is not permitted in UCI buildings.

I have read, understood, and agree to abide by these rules.

Name(Print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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