

Organic Chemistry Study Plan for the New Student

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Ready to Work

1) Accept the fact that this class is going to be a lot of work, and there is no way out of that. If you are ready, move on to step two.

Videos

2) Watch the [full course review videos](#) UP TO THE POINT THE END OF ORGANIC I MODULE 2. This will give you a 2-hour review of the essentials of the course.

Study Guide

3) Print out the guide to the [Organic I Basics](#), and look it over.

Tutorials

4) Go to [the tutorials section](#) and review tutorials on stereochemistry, formal charge, resonance, alkanes and functional groups.

First exam

5) Take your first exam in the class. How did it go?

Decision

6) Now it is time to ask yourself an honest question: how comfortable were you with the information you looked at in steps 1-4? How was your grade on the exam? The topics you saw in steps 1-4 of this plan are the very basics of organic chemistry. We asked you to look at the foundations of the course to assess how comfortable you are with these topics and/or how easily you learn and retain chemistry.

I know it cold, 1st exam was easy.

Got it, but it was hard & exam didn't go as well as I wanted.

Ughh, I don't get this. Got killed on the first exam

You probably hear and understand science topics very easily. Congrats, that is a talent. We would suggest you get on the "[A Student](#)" plan. Since you are early in the course, you should go through all of the mini-movies as you hear about the topics in lecture.

Sorry it didn't go better, but this is the group most students end up in. Now is the time to make sure you stay on top of the material and don't fall behind. Even if you are not a C student, we suggest you use the "[C student](#)" study plan. It is actually very similar to the A student plan, but emphasizes flash cards a little more to reinforce topics.

Ok, all is not lost. This is going to be some work, but you can absolutely do it. Start with the "[barely passing](#)" study plan. It emphasizes three things: videos, flash cards, practice exams. They are the most bang for your buck. Hang in there and do as many problems as possible.

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