

## OWL AT TAMU FALL 2008

### BUYING OWL AT TAMU:

Electronic Textbook and OWL homework are needed for the course. You can purchase the combo, plus the solution manual for \$45.00 for **1 semester** at: <http://www.cengage.com/gateway/tamuchem> OWL is a Cengage product.

Go to <http://www.cengage.com/gateway/tamuchem> and buy the OWL code for the version that is specifically for TAMU students. **THIS IS IMPORTANT!** You will need to log into the iChapters website first. If you already used iChapters for another class, use that same login ID. You will be prompted for your credit card info. When you get the code, email it to yourself if you can. Better yet, immediately access OWL on the TAMU server and get registered right away by copying/pasting the code directly, if you are using a campus computer or have done the preparation needed for your connection.

### PREPARATION BEFORE YOU REGISTER OR USE OWL AT TAMU:

You have three choices about how you use TAMU's On-line Web Learning (OWL).

#### 1) TO USE OWL ON AN OFF CAMPUS COMPUTER With a Cable Modem, DSL or Dial-Up

If you need to connect to OWL via a cable modem or via dial-up use VPN. VPN stands for virtual private network and is accessed using special software and your NetID. VPN software authorizes you to use the campus resources from off campus. From your computer, you must download, install, and configure the VPN Software. This software is free to students and downloadable from CIS. VPN software must be running and connected to the TAMU VPN server before you can connect to OWL. If you are using the campus modems or any computer on campus, you do not need the VPN software. For VPN instructions for Windows, see

[https://hdc.tamu.edu/reference/documentation/index.php?section\\_id=156](https://hdc.tamu.edu/reference/documentation/index.php?section_id=156)

For VPN instructions for Mac, see

[https://hdc.tamu.edu/reference/documentation/index.php?section\\_id=163](https://hdc.tamu.edu/reference/documentation/index.php?section_id=163)

**VPN MUST BE INSTALLED, CONFIGURED, RUNNING, AND CONNECTED, WHEN YOU REGISTER or USE OWL FROM AN OFF-CAMPUS COMPUTER. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO OWL ON AN OFF-CAMPUS COMPUTER WITHOUT PREVIOUS SET-UP. CIS 24 HOUR HELP LINE = 845-8300**

#### 2) TO USE OWL ON AN OFF CAMPUS COMPUTER BUT DIALING INTO THE TAMU MODEM BANK

Dial-Up Modem access is a free service for students using your NetID. Point your browser to <https://net.tamu.edu/network/dialup.html> and follow the directions under Dialup Bank. Once connected to the modem banks you will use the same instructions as for on-campus computers (choosing between Student Registration and User Login). All of these services are free.

#### 3) TO USE OWL ON AN ON-CAMPUS COMPUTER

You can use a computer on-campus (from an open access lab, dorm, or anywhere within the TAMU firewall) without any set up.

**REGISTERING ON OWL:** Access Owl from on campus at <http://owl.chem.tamu.edu>

At this point, you can choose which course (general, liberal arts, or organic), then choose *Chemistry & Chemical Reactivity, 7th Edition; Kotz, Treichel, & Townsend; e-Book*, and finally TAMU-College Station. Next you choose between "User Login" or "Student Registration". All of these will work on an on-campus computer, but they will NOT work from an off-campus computer unless you have the computer configured correctly with the correct VPN software installed as explained above

- "Student Registration" You will click on your lecture section. Do this the first time you log on. This will set up your OWL account.
- "User Login" This is the spot you will bookmark and enter OWL after you are registered. You are now ready to use OWL.