

# Textbook and Online Homework System FAQs

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For CHEM 161, 162, and 163

Updated September 2021



# Textbook and Online Homework Requirements for General Chemistry

- **Smartwork5:** Homework and labs are completed using Smartwork5 (SW5) –an online homework platform from WWNorton.
  - Access to SW5 is **required** for the course – you cannot complete coursework without it.
- **Textbook:** is recommended but not required (Ebook and/or printed format)

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*Use the following slides to explore your purchase options to make the most informed decision for your financial situation and textbook desires.*

*Remember to see yourself as an investment and not just the cheapest option!*

# Smartwork5 Options

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Textbook purchase information covered too

# Overview of SW5 Options

- **Access to SW5 only (180-days): \$35**
- **E-book + SW5 (720-days): \$79.95**
  - This is our recommendation if you want to best option for your money.
- **New textbook + E-book + SW5 (720-days): \$118.12+**
  - This is our recommendation for the best option that includes a *printed* textbook.
- **Trial access (21-days): Free**

***Have you already made one of these purchases in a previous quarter?***

***See info in Other Scenarios section near the end.***

## Access to SW5 only (180-days) \$35

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- If purchased on September 22, 2021, 180-days would go through March 21, 2022 (Friday of Final's week for winter quarter is March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021)
- Note: the Gen Chem sequence (CHEM 161, 162, and 163) all require access to SW5.

*• Minimum purchase requirement would be \$70 to complete the series if this option is chosen*

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\$35.00	<b>Smartwork5 for <i>Chemistry: An Atoms Focused Approach</i></b> 180-day access	<input type="checkbox"/>
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\*Lowest cost option if you are taking the whole series, includes Ebook

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- Note: the SW5 \$35 option and \$20 Animations boxes will automatically check since they are included in the \$79.95 cost.
- Student Solutions manual is up to the student. In-chapter and End-of-Chapter questions are not required in Gen Chem.

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**\*Best option if you want a physical textbook**

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- Paperback
- Loose leaf

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# Textbook Options

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Textbook information and ISBN

# Overview of Textbook Options

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By: Gilbert, Kirss, Bretz, Foster      Publisher: WWNorton

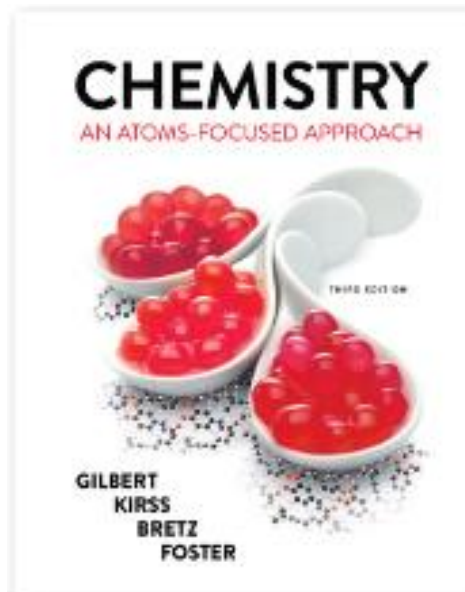
ISBNs:

- Loose leaf: 978-0-393-69740-7
- Paperback: 978-0-393-69738-4
- Hardcover: 978-0-393-69735-3
- Ebook: 978-0-393-42854-4

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●**Printed textbook options:**

- Hardcover
- Paperback (PB)
- Loose leaf (LL)



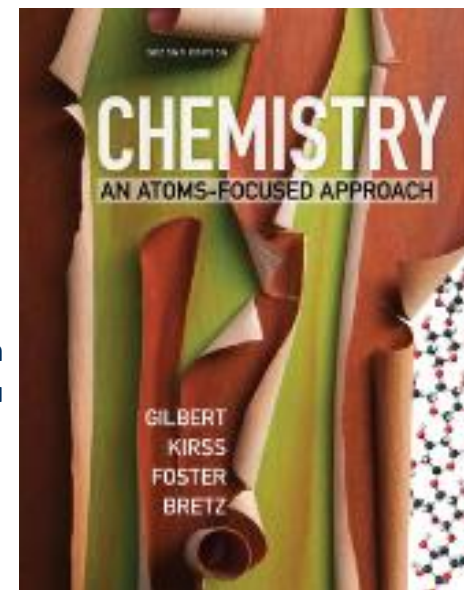
## CHEMISTRY: An atoms-focused approach; Second Edition

By: Gilbert, Kirss, Bretz, Foster      Publisher: WWNorton

ISBNs:

- Loose leaf: 978-0393615197
- Paperback: 978-0393615203
- Hardcover: 978-0393614053
- Ebook: n/a

- This version of the textbook is not available from the publisher (WWNorton) and **will not gain you access to the SW5** website needed.
- **Access to SW5 for the HW and Lab assignments from the third edition website will still be required for purchase.**



A guide will be posted to Canvas for navigating between the second and third editions of the textbook. Some end-of-chapter questions present in the second edition were eliminated in the third edition. If an instructor requires work from a textbook problem, they will provide resources for second edition textbook holders for the 2020-2021 school year.

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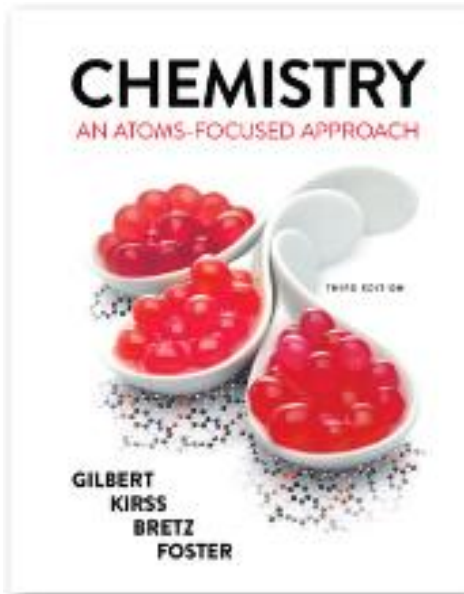
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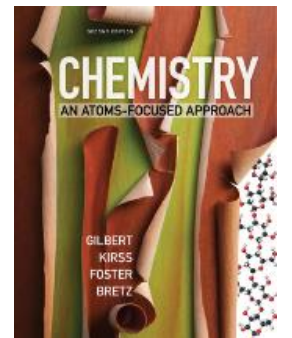
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## CHEMISTRY: An atoms-focused approach; Second Edition

By: Gilbert, Kirss, Bretz, Foster

Publisher: WWNorton

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# Example Scenarios and Costs and other FAQs

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What's the best choice for me?

# *I'm planning on taking CHEM 161, 162, and 163 during Fall 2021, Winter 2022, and Spring 2023. Which is the best option?*

- **Option A:** Purchase E-book + SW5 (720-days): \$79.95
- **Option B:** New textbook + E-book + SW5 (720-days): \$118.12+
- **Option C:** Purchase access to SW5 only, entire sequence will require at least two purchase: 2 x \$35 = \$70
  - First 180-days: September 22, 2021 to March 21, 2022
  - Second 180-days: March 31, 2022 to September 25, 2022
  - Remember this option gives NO access to Ebook.
  - Also, entire sequence would need to be completed *prior* to Fall 2022
- **Option D+:** Option C, then obtaining a textbook from some additional source. Students can explore and weigh this option on their own as the possibilities are far too numerous for us to advise and offer cost options. A second edition textbook is fine. If your additional textbook is going to cost above or near \$45, purchasing the Ebook may be a better option (then you won't have to translate between the second and third edition contents).

# *I'm finishing CHEM 163 this fall, what is the best option?*

- Because you only need a single quarter of access to SW5, we would recommend **purchase access to SW5 only (\$35)**
- Since you have completed CHEM 161 and 162, you either have a textbook already (use what you have) or have a general sense of if you need a textbook or not. We would recommend obtaining a second edition textbook at a lower cost from a third party if you would like to purchase a textbook or buy the Ebook + SW5 option at \$79.95.

# *I'm finishing CHEM 162 this fall, and plan to take CHEM 163 in Winter 2021?*

- **Option A:** Purchase access to SW5 only: \$35
  - 180-days will get you through Fall 2021 and Winter 2022
  - Remember, this option gives NO access to Ebook.
  - Other options may be more beneficial to your learning since purchasing a new textbook gains you access to SW5 and the Ebook.
- **Option B:** Purchase E-book + SW5 (720-days): \$79.95
- **Option C:** New textbook + E-book + SW5 (720-days): \$118.12+
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# *Is the textbook really necessary?*

- From an educator's standpoint, we feel having access to the textbook (either Ebook or printed) is beneficial to students. This will give you a resource we trust and carefully chose to help support your learning of chemistry. While there are tons of online resources, many which are free, sometimes they are not relevant and can be too overwhelming to be helpful.
- We encourage you to use the resources already available to you as a WWU student taking this course—contacting the instructor, visiting office hours, tutoring center, discussion boards—before seeking help from the world wide web.
- Can you get by in this course without purchasing a textbook—yes.
- For what it's worth, when we surveyed students Fall 2019, nearly 90% of students purchased a textbook (either Ebook or print) with 2/3 of them having a printed textbook.



# *I was planning on using financial aid for purchasing my textbook/online access, but it hasn't come through yet. What can I do?*

- Follow the directions in the slide for trial access to SW5. Then, when your financial aid comes through (or for those students waiting for another paycheck to arrive or other financing to come through) complete your desired purchase for the online access and/or textbook. If you have additional questions or financial issues, please contact your instructor for more assistance and possible resources.
- **Please do not wait to start the trial access**—there are lab assignments that are required due in the first or second week of the quarter and missing them will result in you failing the course. Please reach out to us if you have any questions—we are here to help you succeed!