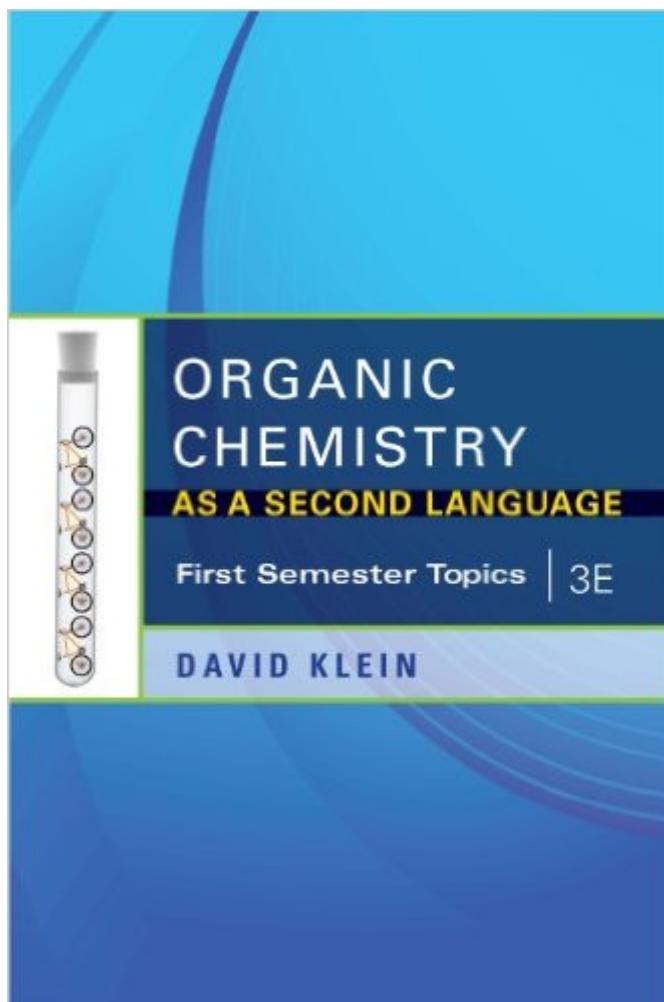


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# Organic Chemistry I As A Second Language: First Semester Topics, 3rd Edition



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Organic Chemistry may be challenging, but that doesn't mean you can't get the grade you want. With David Klein's *Organic Chemistry as a Second Language: First Semester Topics*, you'll be able to better understand fundamental principles, solve problems, and focus on what you need to know to succeed. **UNDERSTAND THE BIG PICTURE** *Organic Chemistry as a Second Language* points out the major principles in Organic Chemistry and explains why they are relevant to the rest of the course. By putting these principles together, you'll have a coherent framework that will help you better understand your textbook. **IMPROVE YOUR PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS** *Organic Chemistry as a Second Language* will help you develop the skills you need to solve a variety of problem types—“even unfamiliar ones!

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I made A's in both general chemistry classes, but I was terrified of Organic Chemistry because I was told so many times that it is a very difficult class. You must learn the material as you go because each new topic adds to the last. For me, just memorizing the material doesn't work. If I can't understand it, I can't memorize it! I am an older, non-traditional student and I have found this book to be a sanity saver! I use this book first to understand the material, then my textbook second. The

information is complete and is easily understood. The pressure seems to be on authors to create a textbook that adds mystery to the subject and weighs no less than 20 pounds - full of superfluous information. This fits in my purse and I can study even a few pages at a time when I have a few minutes. The exercises are appropriate to practice what I am given as textbook assignment questions. I started in the summer before class began and worked my way through the first 5 chapters. What a relief to get to class and actually understand the material we are discussing. I love this book! It has me hooked on organic chemistry - and I understand it!! It is so worth the price!! I certainly plan on ordering the Klein second semester topics as well.

I wrote a similar review for Klein's Organic Chemistry As a Second Language First Semester Topics. I am a pre-med major, who loves science. If someone tries to tell you that Organic Chemistry "wasn't that bad", they're either lying or you need to keep them close because for the majority of people - organic chem is a necessary evil that is pretty painful to get through without destroying your GPA. Tips for doing well in Organic Chemistry: 1) Professor shop. Don't take any available class, you'll regret taking the professor that barely gives anyone above a C even though it seems like his entire class does nothing but study. Orgo is hard enough without having THAT professor. 2) Take it with a friend, or make one. You'll need a study buddy who hopefully understands the things you don't and vice versa. 3) BUY THIS BOOK. I'll assume you made it through first semester, and probably with the help of Klein's first semester topic book. Use this to supplement your text, review key concepts and help things make sense. It is really well laid out and in plain speak, and includes a ton of small exercises to ensure you're really getting it. 4) Kahn Academy dot com 5) Breathe.

I am an older non-traditional student launching myself through a second degree - Cell Biology and Biotechnology. I have heard so much negative press about Organic Chemistry that I was petrified. Turns out I love Organic Chemistry! I found Dr. Klein's "Organic Chemistry as a Second Language, First Semester Topics", 3rd edition, before I started orgo in the Fall. It has been a life saver - 94 on my mid-term - and I only ran into trouble when I discovered that the first semester topics we were covering were not all in that book! I went ahead and pre-ordered the "Organic Chemistry as a Second Language, Second Semester Topics"! Glad I sat down and looked at it! All the topics I was missing in the first book are actually in this one. So, my school simply has topics arranged differently than these books do! (We're jumping around in a textbook.) May be the case for you as well! It is well worth the cost to buy both of them BEFORE you start orgo. I was through many chapters

before class even started and I found that it was a great help to know where we were going and to have a background in the material before class even started! Dr. Klein's explanations are simple and progress logically, as do the problems. Fortunately, I ordered the second semester topics before the final exam for first semester. I will be able to take some holiday time and review all my first semester topics, (including the ones I thought were missing) in Dr. Klein's books. Do yourself a huge favor! Get a head start by letting Dr. Klein help you by using these two small books! I would love it if these were the text books for our class! Thank you, Dr. Klein!!!

I am a postbacc pre-med student with a flawless GPA (prior to Orgo that is)... I began taking the course, thinking "How bad can this be?". Well, it got really ugly. I failed my first two exams, and my average dropped to a "C-", with perfect scores on my homework assignments. Thinking that it was all over, and that I'd have to retake the course again, I figured I could kiss med school and my future goodbye.... And that's when I browsed . I found the previous version of this book, with rave reviews... I thought, "Why not give it a shot...? I have nothing left to lose at this point." I bought this current edition, read it cover-to-cover (doing the supplied problems along the way), and looked at my course materials again... Somehow all of it made sense! I did extremely well on my third exam (received the highest grade in my class), and the ACS final (I'll update class statistics once/if I find out). I haven't received my final grade yet, but it looks like it's going to be around a "B/B+". I couldn't have done it without this book! I just wish I had found it earlier, so that I could have done well from the beginning, and finished with an "A"... Luckily, Professor Klein wrote an Orgo 2 book as well, so I know I can get an early start next semester. Professor Klein's books are like training wheels for Orgo. Sure, you can learn to ride a bike without training wheels... But at the end of the day, getting a bad grade in Orgo (which subsequently brings your entire science GPA down) is much more painful than a few scrapes and bruises. This book teaches you HOW to study for Orgo (efficiently), and I think most people will realize that they were doing it all wrong. I normally don't write reviews, and I purchase things on all the time. Take it for what it's worth, and buy this book!

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