

## **Chem 115 and Chem 117 FAQs for Students Who Took Chem 103**

### **Can I use Chem 115 to replace my grade in Chem 103?**

No. Chem 103, which is no longer given, had 4 credits, and included the laboratory. Chem 115 has 3 credits and has Chem 117 as a separate but co-requisite laboratory for 2 credits. Because the structure, credits, and names are different, neither Chem 115 nor the combination of Chem 115 and Chem 117 replaces Chem 103. There is nothing you can do now to wipe out your Chem 103 grade.

### **Can I receive credit for Chem 115 after having passed Chem 103?**

Yes. There previously was a policy that prohibited counting two introductory chemistry courses for credit. The Chemistry Department has obtained approval to remove that restriction. You will receive credit for Chem 115 if you previously took Chem 103, whether or not you passed it. Your grade in Chem 115 will not replace your previous grade in Chem 103 (see above), but getting a better grade will, of course, help your GPA and will show that you have a better understanding of the material. However, only one course will count toward the Natural Sciences Distribution II requirements.

### **I passed Chem 103 with a grade that was lower than I wanted, but I had a really good lab score. If I take Chem 115 now, do I have to take Chem 117, too?**

No. The registration system should allow you to register for Chem 115 without registering for Chem 117. When you sign up for Chem 115, the system is looking for either a co-registration in Chem 117 or a previous passing grade in Chem 103. Of course if you do not register for Chem 117 you will only receive 3 credits for Chem 115, instead of the full 5 credits for the combination of Chem 115 and Chem 117.

### **I understand that I don't have to take Chem 117 if I passed Chem 103, but I think I can get a really good grade in lab, which will help my GPA. Can I take Chem 117 anyway?**

Yes. There is no prohibition against taking both Chem 115 and Chem 117 after passing Chem 103. But, do you really want to sacrifice four hours each week (yes, the lab is longer now) to do virtually the same laboratory experience for two credits?

### **I failed Chem 103, but I had a really good lab score. Do I have to take Chem 117?**

Yes. In the past, when a student retook Chem 103, the lab was waived only if the student had previously passed the course. Similarly, students who are now taking Chem 115 after having failed Chem 103 must take Chem 117, the co-requisite laboratory.