

Chem 116 and Chem 118 FAQs for Students Who Took Chem 104

Can I use Chem 116 to replace my grade in Chem 104?

No. Chem 104, which is no longer given, had 4 credits, and included the laboratory. Chem 116 has 3 credits and has Chem 118 as a separate but co-requisite laboratory for 2 credits. Because the structure, credits, and names are different, neither Chem 116 nor the combination of Chem 116 and Chem 118 replaces Chem 104. There is nothing you can do now to wipe out your Chem 104 grade.

Can I receive credit for Chem 116 after having passed Chem 104?

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 116 if you previously took Chem 104, whether or not you passed it. Your grade in Chem 116 will not replace your previous grade in Chem 104 (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 104 with a grade that was lower than I wanted, but I had a really good lab score. If I take Chem 116 now, do I have to take Chem 118, too?

No. The registration system should allow you to register for Chem 116 without registering for Chem 118. When you sign up for Chem 116, the system is looking for either a co-registration in Chem 118 or a previous passing grade in Chem 104. Of course if you do not register for Chem 118 you will only receive 3 credits for Chem 116, instead of the full 5 credits for the combination of Chem 116 and Chem 118.

I understand that I don't have to take Chem 118 if I passed Chem 104, but I think I can get a really good grade in lab, which will help my GPA. Can I take Chem 118 anyway?

Yes. There is no prohibition against taking both Chem 116 and Chem 118 after passing Chem 104. 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 104, but I had a really good lab score. Do I have to take Chem 118?

Yes. In the past, when a student retook Chem 104, the lab was waived only if the student had previously passed the course. Similarly, students who are now taking Chem 116 after having failed Chem 104 must take Chem 118, the co-requisite laboratory.