Physical Chemistry Honesty Policy

College policies on academic honesty will be followed in Chemistry 411-412. Please **read carefully** the Code of Academic Integrity and the Student Rights and Responsibilities section of the current Student Handbook (E Book) to understand College policies regarding this issue. Please also see the Policy on Academic Honesty adopted by Elmhurst's Division of Natural Sciences (reprinted below) and the Physical Chemistry Addendum to the Honesty Policy (also below).

Elmhurst College - Division of Natural Sciences - Policy on Academic Honesty

The members of the faculty of the Natural Science Division affirm that personal honesty and integrity are an integral part of the learning process. Therefore, any occurrence of academic dishonesty (cheating) in written assignments, examinations, or laboratories will subject the students involved to disciplinary action.

The following are some common examples of academic dishonesty:

- Using any form of unauthorized aid (notes, computers, text, etc.) during an exam or quiz;
- Obtaining any form of unauthorized help from another student during an exam or quiz (looking at a test paper, asking a question, etc.);
- Providing any form of unauthorized aid during an exam or quiz;
- Representing someone else's work as your own (plagiarism) or providing material for such a representation;
- In the laboratory, claiming to have performed some part of an experiment which was not performed ("dry labbing"), falsification of data, or copying of data or lab reports.

The penalty for any student discovered cheating on a major component of a course will normally be a failing grade in the course. In addition, the Dean of Student Affairs and the Vice President for Academic Affairs will be notified. Repeated or flagrant offenses constitute grounds for dismissal from the College.

Physical Chemistry Addendum to the Policy on Academic Honesty

Working in groups on the homework is encouraged in physical chemistry. However, the work you present for grading **must be your own**. *This includes all excel-type spreadsheets, graphics, computational assignments, and laboratory data.* To clarify, here are a few examples of acceptable activities:

- sharing problem solving strategies with one another;
- showing someone how you put a formula into a spreadsheet program like Excel;
- letting someone watch you produce a spreadsheet or graph;
- comparing answers to homework and endurance problems and discussing the origin of any differences that arise;
- helping another student through a problem he or she has tried to solve and you have already solved;
- having another student look through your problem solution or spreadsheet to find an error you are having trouble locating.

Examples of unacceptable activities include:

- **copying the answers to a homework problem** from a classmate or copying directly from a solutions manual;
- **knowingly allowing another student to copy from you**;
- printing out multiple copies of graphs/spreadsheets to be turned in by others;
- turning in a graph or spreadsheet created by another student;
- printing out graphs or spreadsheets or otherwise copying computer files generated by other students;
- sharing spreadsheet template files (i.e. not setting up the spreadsheet yourself, but merely typing your numbers into a file someone else created).

Of course, these example exclude group work specifically designated as such. If you have any questions about whether a particular activity is acceptable in physical chemistry, please discuss it with the instructor.

All instances of academic dishonesty must be reported to the Dean of Students and the Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

I have read and understand the above information. I have received a copy to keep with my course materials. I agree to abide by the course honesty policies and understand that violating these policies could result in receiving a failing grade in the course:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____