1. Course information:

- **Title: Asymmetric Synthesis**
- Course number: chem 494

3 credits

Prerequisites: Chem 322 and Chem 202 or equivalent, minimum grades of "C".

Location: Reichardt 165

Meeting time:

2. Instructor Information:

Professor Fenton Heirtzler Office: 161 Office hours: 1:00 -2:00 TR Tel.: 4745507 e-mail: <u>frheirtzler@alaska.edu</u>

3. Support services:

Office hours: 1:00 -2:00 TR

4. Course readings/materials:

G. Proctor'Asymmetric Synthesis' 1996, **Oxfd** Science Publications [QD262; 0536466] (highly recommended) Reading assignments from the scientific literature. Molecular models (recommended)

5. Course description:

Catalogue Description: Theory and practice in the synthesis of highly enantiomerically enriched organic compounds according to compound classes. Prerequisites: Chem 322 and Chem 202 or permission of instructor. 4 credits.

9. Course calendar:

Week #	Content
1	Introduction, Significance of Asymmetric Organic Synthesis
	• Terminology - What is the chiral pool?
	 Quantification of Chiral Purity (optical rotation, NMR methods, GC/HPLC)
2	 Using Cram's Rule & Cram's Metal Chelation Rule to Understand diastereotopicity.
	Chiral Auxiliaries for Nucleophillic Addition to Carbonyl Group
3	 Use of Chiral Auxiliaries to Control Hydride Addition to Carbonyl Group
	Catalytic Reduction of Ketones
	Homework assignment #1 due at end of week
4	Catalytic Reduction of Ketones
	•

Make-up exams will be allowed for documented emergency medical circumstances. This does not include doctor appointments, sleeping late, and so forth.

Plagiarism in tests and exams will result in a mark of 'F' for the same test or exam.

11. Evaluation:

- 3 Homework assignments of equal value: 300 points total. The homework assignments will:
 - a. Require predicting the structures of reaction products from reactions which are adapted from the contemporary scientific literature,
 - b. Determine the ability of students to correctly describe reaction conditions leading to pre-determined target molecules and
 - c. Test the students' knowledge of transition states leading to enantioselectively enhanced reaction products.
- Mid-term exam, held in class: 200 points
- Final exam: 400 points
- Classroom participation in reading assignments: 100 points. It is expected that the students will actively contribute to the discussion of the mechanisms of reactions in question, as well as the overall synthetic strategy employed in reading assignments from the contemporary literature.

Grades will be tabulated according to the following rubric: 900-1000 points – A; 800-899 points – B; 700-799 points – C; 600-699 points – D; 0 – 599 points – F

12. Disabilities Services:

The Office of Disability Services implements the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and insures that UAF students have equal access to the campus and course materials. Students with documented disabilities who may need reasonable academic accommodations should discuss these with the instructor during the first two weeks of class. The instructor will work with the Office of Disabilities Services (*208 WHIT, 474-5655) to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities. You will need to provide documentation of your disability to Disability Services.