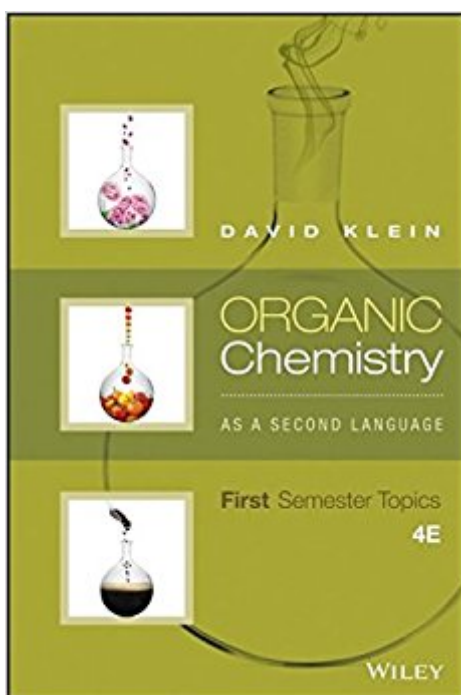


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# Organic Chemistry As A Second Language: First Semester Topics



## Synopsis

Readers continue to turn to Klein's *Organic Chemistry as a Second Language: First Semester Topics*, 4th Edition because it enables them to better understand fundamental principles, solve problems, and focus on what they need to know to succeed. This edition explores the major principles in the field and explains why they are relevant. It is written in a way that clearly shows the patterns in organic chemistry so that readers can gain a deeper conceptual understanding of the material. Topics are presented clearly in an accessible writing style along with numerous hands-on problem solving exercises.

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## Customer Reviews

This is the best book ever for learning organic chemistry. I took a summer course and had to learn this stuff fast, and this helped me actually understand the material instead of memorizing it. I posted the highest grades in the class. Highly recommend this book.

If you are serious about getting an A in organic chemistry you need to buy this book in addition to the awesome textbook by Klein. This was great to use/read the day of and before a test to make sure I knew the overall strategies of each topic being tested on. There is no way to pass the class with just buying this book but it is worth the small investment to get further SIMPLE explanation. I would go over this little book before class if I didn't have time to read the whole chapter and I would make it through understanding what was going on. Either ochem is overrated or this author broke it down well.

If you're enrolled in Orgo 1 and 2, these 2 books will provide you with the LOGIC you require to excel in these courses without rote memorization.

The first time I took Orgo 2 it was a complete disaster... it didn't matter that I studied never-ending hours, every exam was worse than the previous one. I had to drop the class, then I found this book. This second time around I'm getting scores among the highest in a class of 180... all thanks to this book. I recommend using it right after each class (or even prior to) to review the material, do all practice problems, and then continue with the textbook problems to nail it down. The problems in this book are straightforward enough to gain confidence and understanding, but they're only a start, so you will need to put in extra work. However, the explanations are extraordinarily clear. You won't understand why people say Orgo is difficult. Klein makes a tough subject easy to grasp and even \*gasp\* enjoyable!

Makes the 50 page textbook nonsense understandable. Very good tips and tricks. This book makes is not based completely off memorization, but understanding WHY which is so much more important. I am just getting to mechanisms and literally 2 minutes ago started to understand why this all happens, and not through brute force memorizing.

Before I took my first semester of Organic Chemistry at a Top 20 US News University (read: intro classes can be rather difficult), I picked up this book based on the insanely positive reviews it garnered (and because I was so scared from what my upperclassmen peers told me about the course). After earning an A- in the course deemed a weed-out at my school (as I witnessed firsthand at the end of the semester as the number of pre-med students dwindled), I can definitely see why this little book as received so much praise. The author really does have a talent at devolving the most difficult concepts into easy-to-understand terms. He plainly EXCELS at explaining everything up to the section on reactions. There are TONS of examples with the key in the back, making this book more of an integrated workbook than a simple explanation guide, which helps immensely. The sections on relative acidity and  $S_N$  and E reactions were wonderfully clear and helpful. My only critique of this book is that while the most basic organic reactions are covered (the ones that absolutely everyone in any Orgo course would need to know at any university), he didn't touch up on some that our professor said were basic. Obviously that's fine, because that's the purpose of going to class and buying the textbook, but just something to note! A word of advice--definitely buy this book, but also get your textbook and read it. As I just mentioned, there are

going to be things that this book simply cannot, by its nature, cover. This book goes miles as a companion on the long, but manageable, road to understanding organic chemistry.

I knew I would have some trouble with Orgo from the start as I am not too science savvy, math is my strong point. I had trouble with even the most basic concepts at the beginning. This book breaks down topics for people who aren't as great at comprehending text or pictures. I feel like it's basically a "for dummies" collection without it being too simplified and speaks in a formal tone. It's very very simplistic to understand. I think one great aspect of it is that not only does it explain how to do a problem, it also offers along practice problems. I basically relied on this book heavily to save my grade and it delivered. I'm planning on ordering the second portion of it when I enter into Orgo 2. I'm very happy I listened to everyone who said to order this as it was worth it.

A nice book used the summer before taking Organic. Clearly explains topics and is useful to also use as a reference during the course. Recommend highly.

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