Mastering Chemistry
Most of the homework in General Chemistry I will be delivered electronically through the companion site, Mastering Chemistry, associated with your textbook. If you bought the textbook as a part of a package, you likely have an access code required to register with Mastering Chemistry. If you bought the textbook individually, you may not have the access code and will have to purchase either at the Cameron University bookstore or online at the website as indicated below. The cost is on the order of $60, access lasts for two years and you will not need to buy a new code for CHEM 1474 (General Chemistry II).

To register for this course, go to http://www.masteringchemistry.com and click the button entitled “New Student”. Follow the instructions you find there. The course ID for this course is CHEM1364BUCKLEYFALL2011. As you register, don’t forget your username and password. Assignments will show up in the Assignment list with due dates. Occasionally announcements related to the Mastering Chemistry assignments will be posted as you log in.

Tutorial help is available through the Mastering Chemistry site. Conditions of this arrangement seem to change regularly so you may want to check to see the conditions. You can access the tutoring services by clicking the Product Info button on the Mastering Chemistry page (http://www.masteringchemistry.com) and selecting the For Student option. To the right-hand side of the page you will see a link to Pearson Tutor Services.

Blackboard
The classroom management system “Blackboard” will be used to provide announcements, backup copies of handouts, copies of old quizzes and tests, virtual office hours and to keep an up-to-date grade book. You may get to Blackboard by either going to http://blackboard.cameron.edu or going to the Cameron home page at http://www.cameron.edu and pushing the Blackboard button under the picture. Your login to Blackboard is your username (first name initial, last name initial, 6-digit Cameron ID) and your password (your first name initial, last name initial, last five digits of social security number). You will the course General Chemistry I – 8:00 MTWR to the right under the tab My Summary. If you are enrolled in lab (this is not an option – some students may have already completed the lab in a previous semester) you will also see a course there for your laboratory section. Your laboratory instructor will visit with you about that this week.

Virtual office hours allow us to communicate through Blackboard at a specified time. I envision these to be opportunities for you to ask questions, me to provide help, etc. To access the virtual office hours, go into the course in Blackboard, choose Virtual Office Hours from the menu in the upper left, and click on the appropriate session. I will name the sessions by date and time and will also record them so those not able to take part may view the sessions later. I have only set up one virtual office hour for this class, scheduled for Fridays from 10:00 – 11:00. We will see how this goes.