

**Chapter 18:** acidity of  $\alpha$ -hydrogens due to electron-withdrawing inductive and resonance effect of carbonyl;  $\text{NO}_2$  group and CN group can also have enhanced acidity of  $\alpha$ -hydrogens; keto-enol equilibrium; two reactions that require  $\alpha$ -hydrogens (acid or base catalyzed): common intermediate is the enolate anion in base and is the enol in acid, (1) racemization, (2) halogenation; alkylation at the  $\alpha$ -carbon: direct method using  $\text{HO}^-$  or  $\text{RO}^-$  is not useful (why?); (solution #1) direct method using lithium enolates; (#2) indirect method using  $\beta$ -dicarbonyls as synthetic intermediates, hydrolysis and decarboxylation, including mechanism for decarboxylation, acetoacetic ester synthesis for substituted methyl ketones; malonic ester synthesis for substituted carboxylic acids; (#3) enamines as enolate surrogates

**Chapter 19:** 4-step mechanism for Claisen condensation of esters to form  $\beta$ -keto esters, why is step 4 necessary?, requires a full equivalent of base and two  $\alpha$ -Hs, what is the true product?; Dieckmann condensation (intramolecular Claisen), crossed Claisen; aldol reaction, dehydration of  $\beta$ -hydroxy carbonyl compound gives an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated compound; intramolecular aldol reactions (formation of 5- and 6-membered rings is favored); crossed aldol reactions, ways to circumvent potential problems; reactions of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds: simple versus conjugate addition, Michael addition (nucleophile is an enolate)

**Chapter 20:** amine basicity, inductive and resonance effects, use/interpret/analyze  $\text{pK}_b$  values; predict which molecule is a stronger base; preparation of amines: (1)  $1^\circ$  alkyl amines formed by alkylation of ammonia (overalkylation is a problem) (2) Gabriel synthesis (3) reduction of amides and nitriles with  $\text{LiAlH}_4$ ; (4) reductive amination; (5) aromatic nitration followed by reduction; which of the above reactions form only  $1^\circ$  amines, which reactions can form  $1^\circ$ ,  $2^\circ$ ,  $3^\circ$  amines; make sure you get some sleep before the exam; reactions of amines: (1) reactions of amines with nitrous acid; how to generate nitrous acid; (2) reactions of aryl diazonium salts to form aryl halides, aryl nitriles, phenols, reduction of aryl diazonium group to H; use of aryl diazonium salts in the context of aromatic synthesis; diazo coupling, (3) Hofmann elimination of quaternary ammonium hydroxide to give the less substituted alkene

**Chapter 21:** phenol acidity, inductive and resonance effects, use/interpret/analyze  $\text{pK}_a$  values; predict which molecule is a stronger acid; best preparation of phenols is starting with  $\text{Ar-N}_2^+$ ; reactions of phenols: (1)  $\text{ArO}^-$  as a nucleophile; (2)  $\text{HO}^-$  is a strongly activating o,p-directing group; appropriate conditions can control the outcome of nitration, bromination; aryl halides are unreactive under typical  $\text{S}_\text{N}1$  or  $\text{S}_\text{N}2$  conditions; under certain conditions,  $\text{Ar-X}$  will undergo substitution via two types of nucleophilic aromatic substitution: the addition-elimination mechanism (o,p withdrawing groups speed the reaction); the elimination-addition mechanism; structure of benzyne

We did not cover the following sections:

18.3D

19.4D, 19.8

20.3F, 20.4E, 20.5A, 20.9, 20.10, 20.11

21.4B, 21.7, 21.9, 21.10, 21.11C, 21.12