Which Chemistry Class Should I Take?

I did not take AP Chemistry…
I scored a 1 or 2 on the AP Exam…
I scored < 5 on the IB Exam…

CHEM 101 (Lecture)
CHEM 121 (Lab)

I scored a 3 or 4 on the AP Exam…
I scored a 5 or 6 on the IB Exam…
I qualified via the Placement Exam…

CHEM 171 (Lecture)
CHEM 181 (Lab)

I scored a 5 on the AP Exam…
I scored a 7 on the IB Exam…
I qualified via the Placement Exam…

CHEM 210-1*†

* There is no separate Lab component to this course
† Prospective Chemistry Majors May Take CHEM 212-1 (Lecture) and CHEM 232-1 (Lab)
What Should I Expect When I Register?

1. Add CHEM 101 (Lecture) at 9AM/10AM/11AM to your Cart
2. Add CHEM 121 (Lab) at the SAME class time (9AM/10AM/11AM) to your Cart
3. Select a MTW Afternoon Lab Meeting Time
4. Add CHEM 171 (Lecture) to your Cart
5. Add CHEM 181 (Lab) to your Cart
6. Select a ThF Afternoon Lab Meeting Time
7. Add CHEM 210-1 to your Cart
The Chemistry Lecture/Lab Time that I want is full. Can I get in?

You must rearrange your schedule to accommodate class availability. If the conflict is truly irreconcilable, please see the question below.

I have a class conflict that cannot be moved for an important reason.
The Chemistry Lecture/Lab Time that I need is full. Can I get in?

You should e-mail Dr. Shelby L. Hatch at slhatch@northwestern.edu and copy Sam Ritchey at chemhelp@northwestern.edu. Please include a screenshot of your course schedule demonstrating the conflict. Please discuss the conflict in your e-mail and include the day(s) and time(s) that will work. Provided that the conflict is genuine, we will issue you a permission number to add the course(s).

Why do I select a morning Lab class and then pick an afternoon Lab meeting time?

The morning class on Fridays (Chem 121) or Tuesdays (Chem 181) is a classroom-based Laboratory Lecture in which material related to the lab activity is presented. The afternoon meeting time (MTW for Chem 121; ThF for Chem 181) is set aside for the traditional laboratory experience—that is, for conducting experiments in a laboratory facility.

CAESAR is giving me an error when I try to enroll. What is wrong?

For Chemistry 101, you must also enroll in the associated Lab course, Chemistry 121. You must enroll in the same section of Chemistry 101 and Chemistry 121. For example, if you enroll in Chemistry 101 at 9:00am, you must also enroll in Chemistry 121 at 9:00am. You will then pick an afternoon lab time.

For Chemistry 171, you must also enroll in the associated Lab course, Chemistry 181. You will then pick an afternoon lab time.

If you experience any other errors, please e-mail Sam Ritchey at chemhelp@northwestern.edu for assistance.