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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Bachelor of Science CHEMISTRY MAJOR (Chemistry Option)

This degree prepares students to pursue a career as a professional chemist and/or graduate studies in chemistry or chemically related fields.

FACULTY ADVISORS: Contact the department of chemistry office (573-651-2162)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

The chemical industry employs 60% of all chemists. The majority will be involved in research and product development (R & D), sales, or marketing. Many work in quality control analysis, and testing products. Others may work in areas such as industrial hygiene and safety or regulatory work for environmental compliance.

Academic institutions employ about 25% of all chemists. Ph.D.'s are required for most academic positions at the college or university level. High schools require the B.S. in education degree plus subject matter certification.

Government employs about 10% of all chemists. Federal, state, and local government agencies hire chemists for a variety of jobs including basic research, testing work needed to enforce government regulations, technical program managers, and writers and editors of government regulations and technical documents.

A smaller percentage of chemists (5%) are employed in nontraditional fields. Some are patent lawyers, science writers, information specialists, technical librarians, technical consultants, or business owners.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK:

In 2000, chemists and materials scientists held about 92,000 jobs in the U.S.A. This number is expected to grow by 10-20% by 2010. Much of this job growth will be concentrated in pharmaceutical companies and in firms that specialize in research and testing services. The median starting salary for BS chemists was around \$35,000 according to the ACS 2005 salary survey. (ACS data shows a direct relationship between GPA and starting salaries for BS chemists, i.e. those with higher GPA's generally start at higher salaries.) Median salary for all employed BS chemists was \$65,200 according to the ACS 2006 salary survey, with the median salary for all chemists being \$83,000.

SUGGESTED HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION FOR MAJOR:

4 units English, 3 units of Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), and Math through Trigonometry and Pre-calculus.

Requirements for B.S. Chemistry Major – Chemistry Option

	<u>Credit Hours</u>
University Studies Core Curriculum	30*
University Studies Interdisciplinary Courses	6*
UI-100 First Year Seminar	3
Required Courses (pre-requisites)	60
CH185/005/085 General Chemistry I (MA095 or equiv)	5**
CH186 General Chemistry II (CH185)	3
CH187 Qualitative Analysis (CH186 pre or co)	2
CH271 Quantitative Analysis (CH187), (Fall)	4
CH341 Organic Chemistry I (CH186)	4
CH342 Organic Chemistry Laboratory I (CH341 pre or co)	1
CH343 Organic Chemistry II (CH342 pre or co)	3
CH344 Organic Chemistry Laboratory II (CH343 pre or co)	2
CH311 Physical Chemistry I (CH271, PH121 or PH231, MA240 pre or co), offered Fall only	4
CH312 Physical Chemistry II (CH311), offered Spring only	3
CH313 Physical Chemistry Laboratory (CH312 pre or co), offered Spring only	3
CH498 Professional Presentation in Chemistry (UI443)	1
MA140 Analytical Geometry and Calculus I (MA133 and MA134 or equiv)	5**
MA145 Analytical Geometry and Calculus II (MA140)	4
MA240 Analytical Geometry and Calculus III (MA145)	3
PH120/020 Introductory Physics I (MA133 and MA134 or equiv.)	5
PH121/021 Introductory Physics II (PH120)	5
OR	
PH230/030 General Physics I (MA145 pre or co)	5
PH231/031 General Physics II (MA240 pre or co and PH230)	5
UI443 Professional Experience in Chemistry, (Spring) Junior year	3**
Chemistry Electives (300 level or higher)	3
Selected from at least one of the following courses: CH350/EV350 Environmental Chemistry (3) (Spring in even years), CH420 Forensic Chemistry (Fall), CH447 Advanced NMR Techniques (2), CH531/UI331 Biochemistry (3) (Fall), CH545 Organic Preparations and Characterizations (3), CH563 Inorganic Chemistry (4) (Spring), CH565 Inorganic Preparations, CH575 Chemical Instrumentation (4)	
Electives	15-18
EN100 English Composition	0-3
WP003 75 Hour Writing Exam	0
Minimum Degree Requirement	120

*Does not include hours for University Studies courses included in core curriculum.

**University Studies course

Notes:

1. Required courses offered in both Fall and Spring semesters unless otherwise specified.
2. No minor required.
3. Completion of an experiential learning project (undergraduate research, internship) in the major is required of all graduates. Requirement met by completion of CH498 Professional Presentation in Chemistry. Consult with your departmental advisor.
4. For B.S. chemistry majors seeking chemistry related employment immediately upon graduation, additional chemistry course work beyond the required three credit hour chemistry elective is recommended.
5. Completion of the California Critical Thinking Skills Tests is required after completion of 75 hours..
6. CL001, CL002, CL003, CL004 (Career Linkage sessions) 0 credit (Required for students entering Southeast in fall, 2005 or later)

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SUGGESTED 8 SEMESTER SEQUENCE

First Semester	Hrs.	Second Semester	Hrs.
UI100 First Year Seminar	3	CH186 General Chemistry II	3
CH185 Gen. Chem. I Lec	5	CH187 Qualitative Analysis	2
CH085 Gen. Chem. I Lab	0	MA145 Analyt. Geom. & Calc. II	4
CH005 Gen. Chem. I Rec.	0	EN140 Rhet. & Crit. Thinking	3
MA140 Analyt. Geom. & Calc. I	5	University Studies Elective	3
EN100 English Comp	3		
Third Semester*	Hrs.	Fourth Semester	Hrs.
CH271 Quantitative Analysis	4	CH343 Organic Chem. II	3
CH341 Organic Chemistry I	4	CH344 Organic Chem. I Lab	2
CH342 Organic Chemistry II Lab	1	University Studies Electives	6
MA240 Analyt. Geom./Calc. III	3	PH231 General Physics II Lec	5
PH230 General Physics I Lec	5	PH030 General Physics II Lab	0
PH030 General Physics I Lab	0	or	
or		PH121 Intro. Physics II Lec	5
PH120 Intro. Physics I Lec	5	PH021 Intro. Physics II Lab	0
PH020 Intro. Physics I Lab	0		
Fifth Semester	Hrs.	Sixth Semester	Hrs.
CH311 Physical Chemistry I	4	CH312 Physical Chemistry II	3
University Studies Electives	9	CH313 Physical Chemistry Lab	3
		University Studies Electives	6
		UI443 Professional Experience in Chemistry	3
		WP003 75 Hour Writing Exam	0
Seventh Semester	Hrs.	Eighth Semester	Hrs.
UI3XX University Studies**	6	CH498 Professional Presentation in Chem	1
University Studies Elective	3	Electives***	12
Electives***	6		

*Since all chemistry courses numbered 200 and above may only be offered one semester a year, it is strongly recommended that all chemistry majors consult with their departmental advisor before the end of their Freshman year.

**UI331 Biochemistry I (3) will count as both a chemistry elective and UI3XX University Studies course.

***Must include at least one additional 3 credit hour chemistry course (300 level or higher).