Chemistry is the branch of natural science that deals with the properties and classification of matter, the changes that matter undergoes, and the energy associated with these changes. Research by chemists increases our knowledge about chemicals and their roles in the natural world, and has led to the discovery and development of new and improved products and advances in medicine, agriculture, food processing and other fields. Those interested in a rewarding career that provides financial security, promotes self-respect, and offers the opportunity to work on stimulating and breakthrough projects should consider a career in chemistry.

This degree option satisfies the requirements for certification to the American Chemical Society (ACS), and as such represents the minimum undergraduate preparation recommended by the ACS for the professional chemist. The chemistry curriculum prepares students for careers as professional chemists and provides an excellent basis for graduate and professional areas of study.

Chemistry students will...

- Gain a rigorous foundation in chemistry, science and math in the context of a broad university education.
- Interact closely with experienced faculty who are recognized for their writing, training, professional affiliations, and expertise.
- Study in the state-of-the-art, first-rate learning environment provided by the newly renovated Magill Hall of Science.
- Have opportunities to pursue research and scholarship that help develop independent thinking and problem solving.
- Have employment opportunities within the department that can provide chemistry-related work experience prior to graduation.

Career Planning

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. In fact, more than 90% of Southeast students participate in internships, clinical opportunities, student teaching, research assistantships, and study abroad.

Approximately 35-40% of chemistry graduates pursue graduate or professional programs of study immediately upon graduation. The others pursue employment opportunities in chemistry or other fields. Employment opportunities for chemists exist in a variety of fields, such as biotechnology, chemical manufacturing, environmental monitoring and compliance, industrial hygiene, materials science, pharmaceutical manufacturing, product development, quality control, sales (pharmaceuticals, chemicals, instruments), and technical management.

Professional career counselors are available for all students. The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

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<td>First Semester Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan.</td>
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Internships, Employment Opportunities, Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates

- Biokyowa
- Buzzi Unicem USA
- Eli Lilly
- Exxon Mobil
- Monsanto
- Pharmacia (currently part of Pfizer)
- PPG Industries
- Proctor and Gamble
- Sigma-Aldrich
- Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime laboratory
- Indiana University
- John Hopkins University
- Penn State University
- Purdue University
- Southern Illinois University (School of Medicine)
- Texas A & M
- University of Illinois (School of Medicine, Graduate School)
- University of Missouri – Columbia (School of Medicine, Graduate School)
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Wisconsin – Madison
- Washington University
- Numerous other graduate/professional programs of study and employers
## CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

"Critical Courses" are italicized and bolded. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.

### Required Courses:

- **CH185** General Chemistry (5)
- **CH186** Foundations of Inorganic Chemistry (3)
- **CH187** Inorganic Chemistry & Qualitative Analysis Laboratory (2)
- **CH271** Foundations of Analytical Chemistry (5)
- **CH311** Foundations of Physical Chemistry (4)
- **CH312** Advanced Physical Chemistry (3)
- **CH313** Physical Chemistry Laboratory (3)
- **CH341** Foundations of Organic Chemistry (4)
- **CH342** Organic Chemistry Laboratory I (1)
- **CH343** Advanced Organic Chemistry (3)
- **CH344** Organic Chemistry Laboratory II (2)
- **CH498** Professional Presentation in Chemistry (1)
- **CH531** Foundations of Biochemistry (3)

**CH532/533** Advanced Biochemistry Lecture and Lab (2+2)

**CH563** Advanced Inorganic Chemistry (4)

**CH575** Chemical Instrumentation (4)

**MA140** Analytical Geometry and Calculus I (5)

**MA145** Analytical Geometry and Calculus II (4)

**PH120/020** Introductory Physics I (5)

**PH230/030** General Physics I (5)

**PH231/031** General Physics II (5)

**UI100** First Year Seminar

**EN100** English Composition

**Artistic Expression**

**University Studies Requirements**

- **UI100** First Year Seminar
- **EN100** English Composition
- **Artistic Expression**

### Chemistry Electives – Choose one seven to eight hour track

**Track A:**

- **CH39X** Undergraduate Research (4)

**Choose 4 hours from:**

- **CH332/333** Advanced Biochemistry Lecture and Lab (2+2)
- **CH563** Advanced Inorganic Chemistry (4)
- **CH575** Chemical Instrumentation (4)

**Track B:**

Choose two of the following to include a minimum of 3 hours of lab work:

- **CH420** Forensic Chemistry (4)
- **CH447** Advanced 1 & 2 Dimensional NMR Techniques (3)
- **CH450** Environmental Chemistry (3)
- **CH532/533** Advanced Biochemistry Lecture and Lab (2+2)
- **CH545** Organic Preparations and Characterization (3)
- **CH663** Advanced Inorganic Chemistry (4)
- **CH675** Chemical Instrumentation (4)

### Additional Requirements:

- **MA140** Analytical Geometry and Calculus I (5)
- **MA145** Analytical Geometry and Calculus II (4)
- **PH120/020** Introductory Physics I (5)

**AND**

- **PH230/030** General Physics I (5)

**OR**

- **PH231/031** General Physics II (5)

**Note:** Completion of an experiential learning project (undergraduate research or internship) in the major is required. The departmental advisor should be consulted for information about this requirement.

### University Studies Requirements (not already listed above):

**UI100** First Year Seminar

**EN100** English Composition

**Artistic Expression**

**Written Expression**

**Oral Expression**

**Literary Expression**

**Political Systems**

**Social Systems**

**Economic Systems**

**Behavioral Systems**

**Living Systems**

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**ACS Certified Chemistry Option**

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### SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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A “Milestone” signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, career proficiency (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BS in Chemistry degree.

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements (i.e. minimum GPA and coursework) for your program of study.

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