CHEMISTRY, BS

for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry (Specialized Curriculum)

department website: https://chemistry.illinois.edu
department faculty: Chemistry Faculty (https://chemistry.illinois.edu/directory/faculty-by-type)
advising: SCS Academic Advising (http://advising.scs.illinois.edu)
overview of college admissions & requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units)
college website: https://las.illinois.edu/

Undergraduate Degree Programs in Chemistry

For the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Major in Computer Science & Chemistry, BSLAS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/eng_las/computer-science-chemistry-bslas)
- Major in Chemistry (Sciences and Letters) (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/chemistry-bslas/#degreerequirementstext)
- Major in Chemistry (Sciences and Letters), Chemistry Teaching Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/chemistry-bslas/chemistry-teaching)

For the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

- Major in Chemistry (Specialized Curriculum) (p. 1)
- Major in Chemistry (Specialized Curriculum), Environmental Chemistry Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/chemistry-bslas/environmental-chemistry)

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Specialized Curriculum

The typical program of courses required to satisfy this degree totals 128-134 hours; in no case will a program totaling less than 120 hours qualify for graduation. Graduation requires grade point averages of at least 2.0 overall and 2.0 in chemistry, mathematics, and physics courses. The Department of Chemistry will supply, upon request, a brochure showing recommended semester-by-semester programs for the completion of the curriculum.

Students in the specialized curriculum in Chemistry must include a course in Biochemistry in the Advanced Hours area or the Technical Elective area to be certified by the American Chemical Society as having met its specifications.

Departmental distinction: Students qualify for graduation with distinction by exhibiting superior performance in both course work and in senior thesis research. To be eligible, a student must have a UIUC coursework major grade point average of 3.25, must take CHEM 499 (normally for two semesters) and submit a senior thesis for evaluation, and must have their undergraduate research advisor submit to the department Head a letter of support attesting to the effort invested by the student. The minimum major GPAs for Distinction, High Distinction, and Highest Distinction are 3.25, 3.5, and 3.75, respectively. Final decisions on awarding Distinction honors will be made by the Head or designee.

Requirements

General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

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Advanced Chemistry

- Chemistry/Biochemistry courses numbered 300 or higher, which must include one from the following: 3
  - CHEM 317 Inorganic Chemistry Lab
  - CHEM 437 Organic Chemistry Lab
  - CHEM 447 Physical Principles Lab II
  - Additional laboratory work: 3,4
  - BIQC 455 Technqs Biochem & Biotech
  - CHEM 317 Inorganic Chemistry Lab
  - CHEM 437 Organic Chemistry Lab
  - CHEM 447 Physical Principles Lab II
  - CHEM 483 Solid State Structural Analy

Additional chemistry/biochemistry courses to complete the 11-hour requirement in advanced chemistry (excluding CHEM 499)

Mathematics: 1

- MATH 220 Calculus or MATH Calculus I
- MATH 231 Calculus II
- MATH 241 Calculus III

Physics: 1

- PHYS 211 University Physics: Mechanics
- PHYS 212 University Physics: Elec & Mag
- PHYS 214 Univ Physics: Quantum Physics

Technical Electives, including the following: 4

Required Mathematics: 5

- MATH 225 Introductory Matrix Theory or MATH Applied Linear Algebra

MATH 285 or equivalent

Strongly Recommended:

- CHEM 499 Senior Thesis (maximum of 10 hours)

Recommended: basic computer science

Other technical courses chosen from:

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Chemistry (300 or higher), biochemistry, chemical engineering (200 or higher)

Courses in life sciences (all courses at 200 or higher)

Mathematics or computer science above the basic level

Other courses in the physical and biological sciences and engineering including CHEM 199

Nontechnical Requirements  

General education:

Foreign language - three semesters of college study  
(or three years of high school study) in a single foreign language

Composition I writing requirement (RHET 105, CMN 111 and CMN 112, or equivalent)

Advanced Composition writing requirement

Humanities/Arts to satisfy the campus general education requirements

Social/Behavioral sciences to satisfy the campus general education requirements

Cultural Studies to satisfy the campus general education requirement

Free electives

Restrictions: (1) Courses preparatory to or used to satisfy the minimum requirements specified in the above requirements may not be included as free electives. (2) No first-year foreign language course (e.g., 101, 102, or equivalent) may be included unless it is a different language than used to satisfy the foreign language nontechnical requirement.

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