University Core and Graduation Requirements

**University Core Requirements:**

### Religion Cornerstones
- **Teachings and Doctrine of The Book of Mormon**
  - 1 class
  - 2.0 hours
  - REL A 275
- **Jesus Christ and the Everlasting Gospel**
  - 1 class
  - 2.0 hours
  - REL A 250
- **Foundations of the Restoration**
  - 1 class
  - 2.0 hours
  - REL C 225
- **The Eternal Family**
  - 1 class
  - 2.0 hours
  - REL C 200

### The Individual and Society
- **American Heritage**
  - 1-2 classes
  - 3-6.0 hours
  - from approved list
- **Global and Cultural Awareness**
  - 1 class
  - 3.0 hours
  - from approved list

### Skills
- **First Year Writing**
  - 1 class
  - 3.0 hours
  - from approved list
- **Advanced Written and Oral Communications**
  - 1 class
  - 3.0 hours
  - CHEM 391*
- **Quantitative Reasoning**
  - 1 class
  - 4.0 hours
  - MATH 112* or 113*
- **Languages of Learning (Math or Language)**
  - 1 class
  - 4.0 hours
  - MATH 112* or 113*

### Arts, Letters, and Sciences
- **Civilization 1**
  - 1 class
  - 3.0 hours
  - from approved list
- **Civilization 2**
  - 1 class
  - 3.0 hours
  - from approved list
- **Arts**
  - 1 class
  - 3.0 hours
  - from approved list
- **Letters**
  - 1 class
  - 3.0 hours
  - from approved list
- ** Biological Science**
  - 1 class
  - 3.0 hours
  - CHEM 481M* or PD BIO 120*
- **Physical Science**
  - 2 classes
  - 7.0 hours
  - CHEM 111* and PHSCS 121*
- **Social Science**
  - 1 class
  - 3.0 hours
  - from approved list

### Core Enrichment: Electives
- **Religion Electives**
  - 3-4 classes
  - 6.0 hours
  - from approved list
- **Open Electives**
  - Variable hours
  - personal choice

*Note: THESE CLASSES FILL BOTH UNIVERSITY CORE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (21 hours overlap)*

**Graduation Requirements:**
- Minimum residence hours required: 30.0 hours
- Minimum hours needed to graduate: 120.0 hours

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**Suggested Sequence of Courses**

**FRESHMAN YEAR**

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**Note:** CHEM 498R is a research capstone class. Typically, enrollment in CHEM 498R follows enrollment in CHEM 497R. Both courses give students an opportunity to be mentored in a faculty’s research lab and receive class credit. Permission from faculty to enroll in either course is required. Contact department office for specific details.
No more than 3 hours of D credit is allowed in major courses.

The Chemistry and Biochemistry Department requires the final 10 hours of required chemistry credit to be taken in residence at BYU for this degree program. These hours may also go toward BYU’s 30-hour residency requirement for graduation.

REQUIREMENT 1 Complete 21 courses

NOTE: WITH DEPARTMENT APPROVAL, CHEM 105 MAY SUBSTITUTE FOR CHEM 112; AND CHEM 106 FOR CHEM 112.

- CHEM 111 - Principles of Chemistry 1
- CHEM 112 - Principles of Chemistry 2
- CHEM 113 - Introductory General Chemistry Laboratory
- CHEM 201 - Chemical Handling and Safe Laboratory Practices
- CHEM 227 - Principles of Chemical Analysis
- CHEM 351M - Organic Chemistry 1 - Majors
- CHEM 352M - Organic Chemistry 2 - Majors
- CHEM 354 - Organic Chemistry Laboratory—Majors
- *CHEM 391 - Technical Writing Using Chemical Literature
- CHEM 455 - Synthesis and Qualitative Organic Analysis
- CHEM 462 - Physical Chemistry 1
- CHEM 463 - Physical Chemistry 2
- CHEM 464 - Physical Chemistry Laboratory 1
- CHEM 465 - Physical Chemistry Laboratory 2
- CHEM 481M - Biochemistry—Majors
- CHEM 495 - Senior Seminar
- CHEM 514 - Inorganic Chemistry
- CHEM 518 - Advanced Inorganic Laboratory
- CHEM 521 - Instrumental Analysis Lecture
- CHEM 523 - Instrumental Analysis Laboratory
- CHEM 594R - General Seminar

You may take this course up to 1 time.

REQUIREMENT 2 Complete 7 courses

NOTE: MATH 213, MATH 215 AND MATH 314 MAY SUBSTITUTE FOR MATH 302.

- MATH 112 - Calculus 1
- MATH 113 - Calculus 2
- MATH 302 - Mathematics for Engineering 1
- PBIO 120 - Science of Biology
- PHSCS 121 - Introduction to Newtonian Mechanics
- PHSCS 123 - Introduction to Waves, Optics, and Thermodynamics
- PHSCS 220 - Introduction to Electricity and Magnetism

REQUIREMENT 3 Complete 3.0 hours from the following course(s)

AFTER CONSULTING WITH AN ADVISOR, COMPLETE 3 HOURS FROM THE FOLLOWING. NOTE: WITH APPROVAL, CERTAIN OTHER 300-LEVEL AND ABOVE COURSES IN THE ALLIED FIELDS OF PHYSICS, STATISTICS, ENGINEERING, AND BIOLOGY MAY BE TAKEN TO SATISFY THIS REQUIREMENT. CHEM 500 DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD FULFILLING THIS REQUIREMENT.

- CHEM 397R - Mentored Outreach and Service Learning
- CHEM 482 - Mechanisms of Molecular Biology
- CHEM 496R - Academic Internship: Chemistry and Biochemistry
- CHEM 498R - Capstone Experience in Chemistry/Biochemistry
- CHEM 552 - Advanced Organic Chemistry
- CHEM 553 - Advanced Organic Chemistry
- CHEM 563 - Reaction Kinetics
- CHEM 565 - Introduction to Quantum Chemistry
- CHEM 567 - Statistical Mechanics
- CHEM 569 - Fundamentals of Spectroscopy
- CHEM 584 - Advanced Biochemistry Methods 1
- CHEM 586 - Advanced Biochemistry Methods 2
- CHEM 596R - Special Topics in Chemistry
- CHEM 607 - Special Topics in Chemistry
- CHEM 697R - Thesis

Recommended Courses: Math 303; Phscs 225; Stat 201.

Note: Elective courses, beyond the requirements above, should be selected in consultation with an advisor. The following should be given consideration: advanced chemistry, foreign languages (especially French, German, Japanese, and Russian), biological sciences, computer science, engineering, mathematics, physics, statistics.

REGISTRATION ADVISEMENT

We want to assist students in their academic pursuit toward an undergraduate degree. Students are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credit hours each semester or 30 credit hours each year, which could include spring and/or summer terms.

Taking fewer credits substantially increases the number of semesters to graduate.

New students should attend the chemistry and biochemistry session during New Student Orientation, where they can meet with a faculty advisor and review their planned registration. Transfer or mid-year incoming students should meet with an advisor prior to the add/drop deadline of their first semester, usually after the first week of class.

The department recommends a review of progress and planned registration with a faculty advisor in the semester when 30, 60, and 90 hours are completed. However, academic advisement is available to all majors at any point in their academic career. Contact the department advisement office to schedule an appointment with a faculty advisor: in person C104 BNSN; by phone 801-422-6269; by email suemort@chem.byu.edu or coffice@chem.byu.edu

THE DISCIPLINE

The Chemistry Bachelor of Science degree is the preferred degree for chemistry majors (approved by the American Chemical Society), especially those who desire an advanced degree (MS or PhD) in chemistry. It also provides excellent preparation for individuals in preprofessional programs (e.g., medicine, dentistry, business administration, or law).

Chemists and biochemists study the fundamental processes that govern the natural world, including atomic structure and how atoms interact to form molecules and materials. They study the mechanisms of chemical processes, including those that underpin living systems such as the transfer of information from DNA to RNA to proteins. They work to develop simplifying models (theories) that permit the correlation and explanation of observations about the behavior of life to the structure of rocks and minerals.

Chemistry and biochemistry provide an essential foundation for the medical sciences, engineering (especially chemical engineering), electronics, energy, environmental sciences, materials science, pharmacy, and virtually all manufacturing processes.

Chemistry and biochemistry are active branches of science that are vital to human existence. Inasmuch as the field embraces all aspects of the material world, it is subdivided into five areas of interest. Examples of these diverse areas include the regulation...
of protein synthesis, cellular signal transduction at the molecular level and proteomics (biochemistry), design and synthesis of medicinal compounds, catalysts and polymers (organic chemistry), design and synthesis of new molecular structures and materials (inorganic chemistry), spectroscopic study of energy transfer and molecular structures (physical chemistry), and analysis of medicinal compounds, biological materials, and contaminants or trace elements found in the environment (analytical chemistry).

Chemistry and biochemistry involve far more than test tubes and beakers. They include sophisticated methodologies such as recombinant DNA technology, working with a variety of instruments such as mass spectrometers, calorimeters, chromatographs, ultracentrifuges, lasers, X-ray diffractometers, electron microscopes and nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometers, all of which are used by undergraduate chemistry and biochemistry students at BYU. Computers also play an important role in these disciplines, with applications ranging from simulation of molecules and their interactions to the collection and analysis of data. The chemistry and biochemistry curricula are both rigorous and intellectually rewarding.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates in chemistry and biochemistry obtain positions in education and many different industries, performing analysis, synthesis, characterization, observation, and modeling. Those who work hard, are creative, and have intellectual curiosity are in particular demand. The discipline also provides an excellent preprofessional course of study for those interested in medicine, dentistry, law, and business.

MAP DISCLAIMER
While every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, there are some student populations that could have exceptions to listed requirements. Please refer to the university catalog and your college advisement center/department for complete guidelines.

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