Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

(College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences)
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The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry offers the following programs:

Undergraduate Majors (B.S.)
- Biochemistry (p. 1)
- Chemistry (p. 2)

Undergraduate Majors (B.A.)
- Biochemistry (p. 3)
- Chemistry (p. 3)
- Chemistry-Teaching (p. 3)

Minors
- Chemistry (p. 4)
- Materials Science and Technology (p. 4) (also listed in Department of Physics and Department of Applied Engineering & Technical Management)

Major programs are offered by the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in two baccalaureate degree areas:
- the Bachelor of Science and
- the Bachelor of Arts

1. Students considering a baccalaureate chemistry major should complete two semesters of general chemistry, CHEM 1110 and CHEM 1120, in the freshman year. Well-prepared students may be permitted to take CHEM 1130, an accelerated course in general chemistry, during their first semester. It is strongly recommended that chemistry majors complete requirements in mathematics and physics within the first two years.

2. Prior to enrollment in a chemistry course, all pre-requisite courses must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.

3. A student enrolled in a chemistry course during fall or spring semester and who wishes to enroll in the same course in the subsequent spring or fall semester should contact the department. The student will be allowed to register only if space remains after all advance registrations are completed.

4. A student cannot declare a Chemistry minor if they are pursuing any B.A. or B.S. major in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Two majors cannot be earned within the department except for the combination of the B.A. Chemistry Teaching major and either the B.S. Chemistry or the B.S. Biochemistry major.

Bachelor of Science Degree Programs

Biochemistry Major

The B.S. Biochemistry major requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. This total includes UNIFI/General Education requirements and the following specified major requirements, plus electives to complete the minimum of 120 hours.

The Bachelor of Science Biochemistry major is accredited by the American Chemical Society. This major prepares students for careers and/or advanced study in biochemistry. It also provides partial preparation appropriate for medical school and other health-related programs.

**Required**

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(*) Note: Calculus III is recommended for students planning graduate study in biochemistry.
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* Has prerequisite of satisfactory score on ALEKS exam or subsequent remediation.

** BIOL 3140 has a prerequisite of BIOL 2051. BIOL 2051 is waived as a prerequisite for Biochemistry majors.

@ This course meets the Bachelor of Science degree undergraduate research course requirement.

### Notes:

1. The elective course should be chosen with the help of the major advisor. This is particularly important for students wishing to earn a certified degree, to assure consistency with the certification guidelines of the American Chemical Society. An appropriate advanced course in another science may be substituted with department head approval.

2. To satisfy American Chemical Society guidelines for certification of the Biochemistry major, the two hours of CHEM 3600 Undergraduate Research required for this program must include completion of a final written report.

### Chemistry Major

The B.S. Chemistry major requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. This total includes UNIFI/General Education requirements and the following specified major requirements, plus electives to complete the minimum of 120 hours.

The Bachelor of Science Chemistry major is accredited by the American Chemical Society. This program is recommended for students who wish to prepare for careers as professional chemists. It also provides the most complete preparation for post-graduate study in the field of chemistry.

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* Has prerequisite of satisfactory score on ALEKS exam or subsequent remediation.

@ This course meets the Bachelor of Science degree undergraduate research course requirement.

### Notes:

1. To satisfy American Chemical Society guidelines for certification of the Chemistry major, the two hours of CHEM 3600 Undergraduate Research required for this program must include completion of a final written report.

2. The elective course should be chosen with the help of the major advisor. This is particularly important for students wishing to earn a certified degree, to assure consistency with the certification guidelines of the American Chemical Society. An appropriate advanced course in another science may be substituted with department head approval.

3. Students wishing to earn a non-certified Bachelor of Science degree may omit CHEM 4110/5110, CHEM 4610/5610, and CHEM 4510/5510, but must include six additional elective hours in chemistry at the 4000-level or higher.

### Emphasis-Honors Research

This emphasis is available to qualified students pursuing the Bachelor of Science program by invitation at the beginning of their junior year. Completion of Honors Research requires 5 credit hours in CHEM 3600 Undergraduate Research and the writing of a senior research thesis. The research credit may be applied to the elective hours of the B.S. degree.
Bachelor of Arts Degree Programs

Biochemistry Major

The B.A. Biochemistry major requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. This total includes UNIFI/General Education requirements and the following specified major requirements, plus electives to complete the minimum of 120 hours.

This program provides experience in most basic areas of chemistry, with a focus on biochemistry. With appropriate choice of university electives, the B.A. Biochemistry major meets the needs of pre-medical students and students preparing for additional study in related areas such as pharmacology, medicinal chemistry, clinical chemistry, and toxicology. It is also suitable for students who wish to combine a chemistry major with a major in another discipline.

Required

Mathematics:
- MATH 1420 Calculus I * 4
- MATH 1421 Calculus II 4

Biology:
- BIOL 2052 General Biology: Cell Structure and Function 4
- BIOL 3140 Genetics ** 4

Chemistry and Biochemistry:
- CHEM 1110 General Chemistry I 5-8
  & CHEM 1120 General Chemistry II (*)
  or CHEM 1130 General Chemistry I-II
- CHEM 1610 Careers In Chemistry 1
- CHEM 2010 Chemical Safety Seminar 1
- CHEM 2110 Descriptive Inorganic Chemistry 4-5
  or CHEM 2320 Chemical Analysis
  & CHEM 2330 Chemical Analysis Laboratory
- CHEM 2210 Organic Chemistry I 3
- CHEM 2220 Organic Chemistry II 3
- CHEM 2230 Organic Chemistry Laboratory 2
- CHEM 2320 Chemical Analysis 3
- CHEM 2330 Chemical Analysis Laboratory 2
- CHEM 4310/5310 Instrumental Analysis 3
- CHEM 4420/5420 Physical Chemistry I 3
- CHEM 4430/5430 Physical Chemistry II 3

Physics:
Select one of the following:
- PHYSICS 1511 General Physics I
  & PHYSICS 1512 General Physics II
  or
- PHYSICS 1701 Physics I for Science and Engineering
  & PHYSICS 1702 Physics II for Science and Engineering

Electives
- 3-4
- 3000-level or higher content course(s) in biology or chemistry
- Total hours 53-58

* Has prerequisite of satisfactory score on ALEKS exam or subsequent remediation.
** BIOL 3140 has a prerequisite of BIOL 2051. BIOL 2051 is waived as a prerequisite for Biochemistry majors.

Chemistry Major

The B.A. Chemistry major requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. This total includes UNIFI/General Education requirements and the following specified major requirements, plus electives to complete the minimum of 120 hours.

This program provides experience in all basic areas of chemistry. With appropriate choice of university electives, the B.A. Chemistry major meets the needs of pre-medical students and students preparing for additional study in related areas such as biochemistry, industrial hygiene, pharmacology and medicinal chemistry, clinical chemistry, and toxicology. It is also suitable for students who wish to combine a chemistry major with a major in another discipline.

Required

Mathematics:
- MATH 1420 Calculus I * 4
- MATH 1421 Calculus II 4

Chemistry and Biochemistry:
- CHEM 1110 General Chemistry I 5-8
  & CHEM 1120 General Chemistry II (*)
  or CHEM 1130 General Chemistry I-II
- CHEM 1610 Careers In Chemistry 1
- CHEM 2010 Chemical Safety Seminar 1
- CHEM 2110 Descriptive Inorganic Chemistry 4
  or CHEM 2320 Chemical Analysis
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- CHEM 2210 Organic Chemistry I 3
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- CHEM 2320 Chemical Analysis 3
- CHEM 4310/5310 Instrumental Analysis 3
- CHEM 4420/5420 Physical Chemistry I 3
- CHEM 4430/5430 Physical Chemistry II 3

Total Hours 49-52

* Has prerequisite of satisfactory score on ALEKS exam or subsequent remediation.

Chemistry Major-Teaching

The B.A. Chemistry-Teaching major requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. This total includes UNIFI/General Education requirements, the Professional Education Requirements, and the following specified major requirements, plus electives to complete the minimum of 120 hours.

This program provides preparation for chemistry teachers with successful completion leading to recommendation for State of Iowa
licensure in endorsement #152 5-12 Chemistry. Coursework that leads to additional endorsements is recommended and should be selected in consultation with your advisor.

### Required

**Mathematics:**
- MATH 1420 Calculus I * 4

**Chemistry and Biochemistry:**
- CHEM 1110 General Chemistry I 8
  & CHEM 1120 and General Chemistry II (*)
- CHEM 2010 Chemical Safety Seminar 1
- CHEM 2040 Applied Organic and Biochemistry 4
- CHEM 2110 Descriptive Inorganic Chemistry 4
- CHEM 2320 Chemical Analysis 3
- CHEM 2330 Chemical Analysis Laboratory 2
- CHEM 4420/5420 Physical Chemistry I 3

**Physics:**
- Select one of the following:
  - PHYSICS 1511 & PHYSICS 1512 General Physics I and General Physics II 8
  - PHYSICS 1701 & PHYSICS 1702 Physics I for Science and Engineering and Physics II for Science and Engineering 8

**Science and Science Education:**
- SCI ED 3300/5300 Orientation to Science Teaching 4
- SCI ED 4800/5800 Methods for Teaching Secondary Science or MTSS 3

**Teaching:**
- TEACHING 3129 Secondary and Special-Area Classroom Management 1

**Total Hours** 45

* Has prerequisite of satisfactory score on ALEKS exam or subsequent remediation.

### Notes:

1. Well-prepared students may substitute CHEM 1130 for CHEM 1110 and CHEM 1120; these students must also substitute CHEM 2210 and CHEM 2230 and CHEM 2220 for CHEM 2040.

### Electives 14

**Total Hours** 19-22

*These courses have additional prerequisites.

### Materials Science and Technology Minor

This is an interdisciplinary minor that is jointly offered by the Departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Physics, and Applied Engineering & Technical Management.

Materials science and the use of materials in technology requires the use of concepts from multiple disciplines. This interdisciplinary minor gives students the broad foundation they need to learn about the science of materials and an introduction to how these scientific principles are used in the development and application of materials in new technology. This minor is complementary preparation to a major in Chemistry and Biochemistry, Physics or Manufacturing Engineering Technology for students who are interested in working in industry or going on to advanced study in materials science.

### Required:

**Choose one of the following three options:**

#### Option 1 Chemistry (8 hours)
- CHEM 1110 General Chemistry I
- CHEM 1120 General Chemistry II

OR
## Option 2 Chemistry (5 hours)

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## Option 3 Chemistry/Technology (7 hours)

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## Additional requirements (all three options)

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**Total Hours** 22-26

* There are additional prerequisite courses that must be taken along with the required courses in some options – choose the option that aligns with the courses for your major.

Prerequisites for TECH 3127: TECH 1024; MATH 1150 or MATH 1420.

Prerequisite or corequisites for PHYSICS 1701: MATH 1420.

Prerequisite or corequisites for PHYSICS 1702: MATH 1421.

* Students who have declared a Materials Science and Technology Minor may take these courses after completing CHEM 1020 Chemical Technology and TECH 3127 Applied Thermodynamics in place of the usual CHEM 1120 General Chemistry II prerequisite.

& These courses are taken by students in the Manufacturing Engineering Technology major.

# Prerequisite for CHEM 2320: CHEM 1120 or CHEM 1130.

Prerequisite for PHYSICS 4750/5750: PHYSICS 4100/5100 and PHYSICS 4110/5110.

## Biochemistry, B.S.

University Goal: Communication

Program Goal 1: Students will be able to effectively communicate chemical information to colleagues and the public.

Outcome 1: Students will be able to prepare and produce scientific written communications using standard chemistry style and format.

Outcome 2: Students will be able to prepare and deliver an oral presentation on chemical topics.

University Goal: Content Knowledge

Program Goal 2: Students will apply chemical knowledge.

Outcome 3: Students will demonstrate proficient knowledge and application of chemistry content.

University Goal: Critical Thinking

Program Goal 3: Students will be able to think critically about chemistry.

Outcome 4: Students will be able to plan the collection of the data needed to test a hypothesis in chemistry.

Program Goal 4: Students will demonstrate the skills needed to successfully conduct experiments and analyze data.

Outcome 5: Students will conduct experimental measurements and evaluate the accuracy and reliability of data.

## Biochemistry, B.A.

University Goal: Communication

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University Goal: Content Knowledge

Program Goal 2: Students will apply chemical knowledge.

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University Goal: Critical Thinking

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## Chemistry, B.S.

University Goal: Communication
Chemistry, B.A.

University Goal: Communication

Program Goal 1: Students will be able to effectively communicate chemical information to colleagues and the public.

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Program Goal 4: Students will demonstrate the skills needed to successfully conduct experiments and analyze data.

Outcome 5: Students will conduct experimental measurements and evaluate the accuracy and reliability of data.

Chemistry Teaching, B.A.

University Goal: Communication

Program Goal 1: Students will be able to effectively communicate chemical information to colleagues and the public.

Outcome 1: Students will be able to prepare and produce scientific written communications using standard chemistry style and format.

Outcome 2: Students will be able to prepare and deliver an oral presentation on chemical topics.

Program Goal 2: Students will apply chemical knowledge.

Outcome 3: Students will demonstrate proficient knowledge and application of chemistry content.

Program Goal 3: Students will be able to think critically about chemistry.

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Program Goal 4: Students will demonstrate the skills needed to successfully conduct experiments and analyze data.

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