

CHEMISTRY - BA

The Bachelor of Arts program, through the availability of a generous number of electives, gives the student a firm and broadly-based foundation in chemistry, with the option of pursuing other educational objectives involving specialization in at least one other field in depth. This objective is accomplished by means of the BA program flexibility and by the inclusion of a minor area of study in another discipline. Additional elective hours allow further diversification.

The BA degree offers somewhat more flexibility than the BS program, in terms of tailoring a program of study that combines chemistry with an interest in subject areas such as biochemistry, biology, business, computer science, education, forensics, medicine or physics. Although the BA program may in any specific case turn out to be a somewhat less technical curriculum, it meets the needs of many students who plan to use chemistry as a springboard to a career in chemical sales, marketing, law, technical writing, teaching at a pre-college level, science journalism, etc., to name only a few possibilities.

A BA degree in Chemistry coupled with a minor in Biology, or completion of a biological chemistry track, is excellent preparation for a variety of careers in the health-related disciplines. In particular, a BA degree in Chemistry is excellent and proven preparation for medical and dental schools, and affords the superior student the opportunity to maintain flexibility for a broad spectrum of medical or dental careers.

Although not required for the BA program, abundant research opportunities are available to students. The BA program also permits and encourages non-technical elective courses.

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Semester Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
CHEM 100	Horizons in Chemistry	1
CHEM 119	Fundamentals of Chemistry I ¹	4
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	3
MATH 151 or MATH 171	Engineering Mathematics I or Calculus I	4
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
CHEM 120	Fundamentals of Chemistry II ¹	4
MATH 152 or MATH 172	Engineering Mathematics II or Calculus II	4
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
General elective ²		4
Semester Credit Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
CHEM 227	Organic Chemistry I ¹	3

CHEM 231	Techniques of Organic Chemistry	2
PHYS 206	Newtonian Mechanics for Engineering and Science	3
PHYS 226	Physics of Motion Laboratory for the Sciences	1
POLS 207	State and Local Government	3
Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)		3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Spring

CHEM 228	Organic Chemistry II ¹	3
CHEM 234	Organic Synthesis and Analysis ³	3
PHYS 207	Electricity and Magnetism for Engineering and Science	3
PHYS 227	Electricity and Magnetism Laboratory for the Sciences	1
POLS 206	American National Government	3
Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)		3

Semester Credit Hours 16

Third Year

Fall

CHEM 315	Fundamentals of Quantitative Analysis	3
CHEM 318	Quantitative Analysis Laboratory	1
CHEM 327	Physical Chemistry I	3
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)		3
General electives ²		6

Semester Credit Hours 16

Spring

CHEM 325	Physical Chemistry Laboratory I	1
CHEM 328	Physical Chemistry II	3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)		3
General electives ²		9

Semester Credit Hours 16

Fourth Year

Fall

CHEM 326	Physical Chemistry Laboratory II	1
CHEM 481	Seminar ³	2
Select one of the following:		3
BICH 410	Comprehensive Biochemistry I	
BICH 411	Comprehensive Biochemistry II	
BICH 440	Biochemistry I	
BICH 441	Biochemistry II	
CHEM 362	Descriptive Inorganic Chemistry	
CHEM 415	Analytical Chemistry	
CHEM 446	Organic Chemistry III	
CHEM 456	Chemical Biology	
CHEM 462	Inorganic Chemistry	

CHEM 464	Nuclear Chemistry	
CHEM 466	Polymer Chemistry	
CHEM 468	Materials Chemistry of Inorganic Materials	
CHEM 470	Industrial Chemistry	
CHEM 483	Green Chemistry	
CHEM 489	Special Topics in...	
PHYS 309	Modern Physics	
General electives ²		9
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
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CHEM 468	Materials Chemistry of Inorganic Materials	
CHEM 483	Green Chemistry	
CHEM 489	Special Topics in...	
PHYS 309	Modern Physics	
General electives ²		9
Semester Credit Hours		12
Total Semester Credit Hours		120

taken on an S/U basis. A maximum of 6 hours of these courses may be included on the degree plan.

Electives should be chosen in consultation with the chemistry advisor and should be selected to meet the residency requirement (36 hours at 300-400-level must be taken at Texas A&M).

¹ Choose a section designated for chemistry majors.

² Select any course 100-499 not used elsewhere except AERS 100-299 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/aers/>); CHEM 222, CHEM 242; MATH 102, MATH 140, MATH 142, MATH 167, MATH 168; MLSC 100-299 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/mlsc/>); NVSC 100-299 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/nvsc/>); PHYS 201, PHYS 202, PHYS 205. General elective hours must be used to complete a required minor approved by the granting department.

³ This is a designated C- or W-course.

Graduation requirements include a requirement for 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses. A course satisfying a Core category, a college/department requirement, or a general elective can be used to satisfy this requirement.

Chemistry majors may take CHEM 485 or CHEM 491 as elective courses. The total hours of CHEM 485 and CHEM 491 taken on a graded (A-F) basis may not exceed 9. Additional hours of these courses may be