Program

BS in Chemistry
Options in:
  Biochemistry
  Professional Chemistry
BS in Biochemistry
American Chemical Society Certificate in Chemistry
Minor in Chemistry
Pre-professional Programs:
  Dentistry
  Medicine
  Optometry
  Pharmacy
  Pre-physical Therapy
Single Subject Teaching
  Credential in Science

Faculty and Facilities

Behind the scenes in almost any area—medicine, transportation, agriculture, the environment, computing, entertainment, law, psychology, and the arts—is an army of chemists and chemical technicians who help prepare materials, analyze evidence, create new substances, and answer the “What is it?” questions that are presented each day. They help clean the environment, cure the ill, convict the guilty, and keep us fed, clothed, sheltered, and healthy. And we will continue to need more of these kinds of services to help clean our environment, defeat the next epidemic, and improve our energy efficiency.

The B.S. in Chemistry includes a broad selection of courses in the sciences and in mathematics that provides an excellent background for careers in a wide range of fields, or as preparation for professional schools, especially medicine (including dentistry and pharmacy).

Upon completion of the series of courses prescribed by American Chemical Society guidelines, students may be certified as professional chemists and awarded the American Chemical Society Certificate in Chemistry.

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The Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree: 128 units

See “Requirements for the Bachelor’s Degree” in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

A suggested Major Academic Plan (MAP) has been prepared to help students meet all graduation requirements within four years. Please request a plan from your major advisor or view it and other current advising information on the CSU, Chico Web.

General Education Requirements: 48 units

See “General Education Requirements” in the University Catalog and the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings. The course requirements marked below with an asterisk (*) may also be applied toward General Education.

Biol 151 may be used to fulfill General Education Breadth Area B2 for the Option in Biochemistry.

Cultural Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

See “Cultural Diversity” in the University Catalog. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education.

American Institutions Requirement: 6 units

See the “American Institutions Requirement” under “Bachelor's Degree Requirements.” This requirement is normally fulfilled by completing HIST 130 and POLS 155. Courses used to satisfy this requirement do not apply to General Education.

Literacy Requirement:

See “Mathematics and Writing Requirements” in the University Catalog. Writing proficiency in the major is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of a course in your major which has been designated as the Writing Proficiency (WP) course for the semester in which you take the course. Students who earn below a C– are required to repeat the course and earn a C– or better to receive WP credit. See the Class Schedule for the designated WP courses for each semester. You must pass ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a C– or better before you may register for a WP course.

Course Requirements for the Major: 70–78 units

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree. Additional required courses, depending upon the selected option or advising pattern, are outlined following the degree core program requirements.

The Option in Professional Chemistry: 70–72 units

The Option in Biochemistry: 76–78 units

Major Core Program: 53 units

Lower-Division Core: 36 units

Mathematics Requirement: 12 units

3 courses required:

MATH 120 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: Completion of ELM requirement; both MATH 110 and MATH 111 (or high school equivalent); a score that meets department guidelines on a department administered calculus readiness exam.

MATH 121 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: MATH 120.

MATH 220 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: MATH 121.

Physics Requirement: 12 units

3 courses required:

PHYS 204A Mechanics 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: High school physics or faculty permission. Concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of MATH 121 (second semester of calculus) or equivalent.

PHYS 204B Electricity and Magnetism 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: MATH 121, PHYS 204A with a grade of C– or higher.

PHYS 204C Heat/Wave Motion/Sound/Light 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: MATH 121, PHYS 204A with a grade of C– or higher.

Lower-Division Chemistry Requirement: 12 units

3 courses required:

CHEM 111 General Chemistry 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: Second year high school algebra; one year high school chemistry. (One year of high school physics and one year of high school mathematics past Algebra II are recommended.)

CHEM 112 General Chemistry 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 111.

CHEM 270 Organic Chemistry 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 112.

Upper-Division Core: 17 units

7 courses required:

CHEM 300 The Chemical Literature 1.0 FA WP
Prerequisites: ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a grade of C– or higher, CHEM 270.

CHEM 320 Quantitative Analysis 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 112.

CHEM 331 Physical Chemistry 3.0 FA
Prerequisites: CHEM 320, MATH 220, PHYS 204B, PHYS 204C.

CHEM 332 Physical Chemistry 3.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 331.

CHEM 370 Organic Chemistry 3.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 270.

CHEM 370M Organic Chemistry Laboratory 2.0 SP
Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 370.

CHEM 400 Senior Seminar in Chemistry 1.0 SP

Major Option Course Requirements: 17–25 units

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required dependent upon the option chosen. Students must select one of the following options for completion of the major course requirements.

The Option in Professional Chemistry: 17–19 units

8 courses required:

CHEM 361 Intermediate Inorganic Chem 2.0 FA
Prerequisites: CHEM 320, MATH 220, PHYS 204B, PHYS 204C.

CHEM 362 Intermediate Inorganic Chem 2.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 361.

CHEM 381 Integrated Chemistry Lab I 2.0 FA
Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 331 and CHEM 361.

CHEM 382 Integrated Chemistry Lab II 2.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 331, CHEM 361, CHEM 381; concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 331.

CHEM 420 Instrumental Analysis 2.0 FA
Prerequisites: CHEM 331, CHEM 361, CHEM 381; concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 331.

CHEM 420L Instrumental Analysis Lab 2.0 FA
Prerequisites: CHEM 381, CHEM 382.

CHEM 420R Integrated Chem Discussion 1.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 331, CHEM 361, CHEM 381; concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 331.

CHEM 451 Biochemistry 3.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 370.

CHEM 475 Advanced Organic Laboratory 2.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 370.

CHEM 477 Seminar Organic Spectroscopy 1.0 FS
Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 370.

CHEM 490 Research in Chemistry 1.0–2.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 332.

CHEM 491 Research Project 3.0 FA
Prerequisites: Open by invitation to chemistry majors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; faculty permission.

CHEM 492 Research Project 3.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 491. Not open to students who have completed CHEM 499H; faculty permission.

CHEM 495 Selected Topics in Chemistry 1.0–3.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 320, CHEM 331, CHEM 381, CHEM 420.

CHEM 496 Selected Topics in Chemistry 1.0–3.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 331, CHEM 370, CHEM 451.

CHEM 499H Honors Research Project 3.0 FS WP
Prerequisites: ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a grade of C– or higher, CHEM 120, CHEM 131, CHEM 332, CHEM 370M, MATH 220, PHYS 204A, PHYS 204C; faculty permission.

The Option in Biochemistry: 23–25 units

6 courses required:

BIOL 151 Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: Recommend CHEM 111 or concurrent enrollment.
The Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry

Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree: 120 units

See "Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree" in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

A suggested Major Academic Plan (MAP) has been prepared to help students meet all graduation requirements within four years. Please request a plan from your major advisor or view it and other current advising information on the CSU, Chico Web.

Please see General Education, Cultural Diversity, American Institutions, and Literacy Requirements under the BS in Chemistry.

BIOI 151 may be used to fulfill General Education Breadth Area B2.

Course Requirements for the Major: 73–75 units

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree.

Lower-Division Requirements: 36 units

9 courses required:

- BIOI 151 Prin of Cell and Molec Biology 4.0 FS
- CHEM 111 General Chemistry 4.0 FS
- CHEM 112 General Chemistry 4.0 FS
- CHEM 270 Organic Chemistry 4.0 FS
- PHYS 202A General Physics 4.0 FS
- PHYS 202B General Physics 4.0 FS
- MATH 120 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 4.0 FS
- MATH 121 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 4.0 FS
- MATH 122 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 4.0 FS

The remaining lower-division units are selected from the university offerings to provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

Grading Requirement:

All courses taken to fulfill major course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as Credit/No Credit grading only.

Advising Requirement:

Advising is mandatory for all majors in this degree program. Consult your department chair or undergraduate advisor for specific information.

Honors in the Major

Honors in the Major is a program of independent work in your major. It involves six units of honors course work completed over two semesters. The Honors in the Major program allows you to work closely with a faculty mentor in your area of interest on an original performance or research project. This year-long collaboration allows you to work in your field at a professional level and culminates in a public presentation of your work. Students sometimes take their projects beyond the University for submission in professional journals, presentation at conferences, or competition in shows. Such experience is valuable for graduate school and later professional life. Your Honors work will be recognized at your graduation, on your permanent transcript, and on your diploma. It is often accompanied by letters of commendation from your mentor in the department or the department chair.

Some common features of Honors in the Major program are:

1. You must take 6 units of Honors in the Major course work. At least 3 of these units are independent study (399, 499FH) as specified by your department. You must complete each class with a minimum grade of B.
2. You must have completed 9 units of upper-division course work or 21 overall units in your major before you can be admitted to Honors in the Major. Check the requirements for your major carefully, as there may be specific courses that must be included in these units.
3. Your cumulative GPA should be at least 3.5 or within the top 5% of majors in your department.
4. Your GPA in your major should be at least 3.5 or within the top 5% of majors in your department.
5. Most students apply for or are invited to participate in Honors in the Major during the second semester of their junior year. Then they complete the 6 units of course work over the two semesters of their senior year.
6. Your honors work culminates with a public presentation of your honors project.

While Honors in the Major is part of the Honors Program, each department administers its own program. Please contact your major department or major advisor to apply.

The Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry

Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree: 120 units

See "Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree" in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

A suggested Major Academic Plan (MAP) has been prepared to help students meet all graduation requirements within four years. Please request a plan from your major advisor or view it and other current advising information on the CSU, Chico Web.

Please see General Education, Cultural Diversity, American Institutions, and Literacy Requirements under the BS in Chemistry.

BIOL 151 may be used to fulfill General Education Breadth Area B2.

Course Requirements for the Major: 73–75 units

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree.

Lower-Division Requirements: 36 units

9 courses required:

- BIOL 151 Prin of Cell and Molec Biology 4.0 FS
- CHEM 111 General Chemistry 4.0 FS
- CHEM 112 General Chemistry 4.0 FS
- CHEM 270 Organic Chemistry 4.0 FS
- PHYS 202A General Physics 4.0 FS
- PHYS 202B General Physics 4.0 FS
- MATH 120 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 4.0 FS
- MATH 121 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 4.0 FS
- MATH 122 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 4.0 FS

The remaining lower-division units are selected from the university offerings to provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

Grading Requirement:

All courses taken to fulfill major course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as Credit/No Credit grading only.

Advising Requirement:

Advising is mandatory for all majors in this degree program. Consult your department chair or undergraduate advisor for specific information.

Honors in the Major

Honors in the Major is a program of independent work in your major. It involves six units of honors course work completed over two semesters. The Honors in the Major program allows you to work closely with a faculty mentor in your area of interest on an original performance or research project. This year-long collaboration allows you to work in your field at a professional level and culminates in a public presentation of your work. Students sometimes take their projects beyond the University for submission in professional journals, presentation at conferences, or competition in shows. Such experience is valuable for graduate school and later professional life. Your Honors work will be recognized at your graduation, on your permanent transcript, and on your diploma. It is often accompanied by letters of commendation from your mentor in the department or the department chair.

Some common features of Honors in the Major program are:

1. You must take 6 units of Honors in the Major course work. At least 3 of these units are independent study (399, 499FH) as specified by your department. You must complete each class with a minimum grade of B.
2. You must have completed 9 units of upper-division course work or 21 overall units in your major before you can be admitted to Honors in the Major. Check the requirements for your major carefully, as there may be specific courses that must be included in these units.
3. Your cumulative GPA should be at least 3.5 or within the top 5% of majors in your department.
4. Your GPA in your major should be at least 3.5 or within the top 5% of majors in your department.
5. Most students apply for or are invited to participate in Honors in the Major during the second semester of their junior year. Then they complete the 6 units of course work over the two semesters of their senior year.
6. Your honors work culminates with a public presentation of your honors project.

While Honors in the Major is part of the Honors Program, each department administers its own program. Please contact your major department or major advisor to apply.
CHEM 455L Biochemistry Laboratory 2.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 320, CHEM 451; CHEM 370 or CHEM 370M.

1 course selected from:

BIOL 411 Cell Biology 4.0 FA
Prerequisites: BIOL 153, BIOL 360.

BIOL 412 Bacterial Physiology 4.0 SP
Prerequisites: BIOL 321, BIOL 360. CHEM 270. CHEM 451 is recommended.

BIOL 414 Plant Physiology 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: BIOL 108 or BIOL 153; CHEM 108 or CHEM 270; or faculty permission.

BIOL 416 Vertebrate Physiology 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: BIOL 152, BIOL 153; CHEM 108 or CHEM 270.

BIOL 417 Cell Physiology 3.0 SP
Prerequisites: BIOL 152; CHEM 309 or CHEM 270.

BIOL 464 Medical Genetics 3.0 SP
Prerequisites: BIOL 360.

BIOL 466 Immunology 4.0 SP
Prerequisites: BIOL 153.

BIOL 470 Medical Bacteriology 5.0 FA WP
Prerequisites: BIOL 321, BIOL 466. CHEM 270. Immunization against tetanus and diphtheria required.

BIOL 472 Microbial Genetics 4.0 FA
Prerequisites: BIOL 466. BIOL 321 is recommended.

CHEM 332 Physical Chemistry 3.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 331.

Electives Requirement:
To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

Grading Requirement:
All courses taken to fulfill major course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as Credit/No Credit grading only.

Advising Requirement:
Advising is mandatory for all majors in this degree program. Consult your department chair or undergraduate advisor for specific information.

American Chemical Society Certificate in Chemistry

Course Requirements for the Certificate: 72 units

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this certificate:

Students who complete this program will be awarded a degree in chemistry which will be certified by the American Chemical Society as well as a certificate from CSU, Chico. (Note: ACS requirements change only rarely, but interested students should verify requirements with the Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.) Current requirements include the 53-unit core required in the chemistry major and the following additional 20 units. These courses also satisfy the Option in Professional Chemistry.

8 courses required:

CHEM 361 Intermediate Inorganic Chem 2.0 FA
Prerequisites: CHEM 320, MATH 220, PHYS 204B, PHYS 204C.

CHEM 362 Intermediate Inorganic Chem 2.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 361.

CHEM 381 Integrated Chemistry Lab I 2.0 FA
Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 331 and CHEM 332.

CHEM 382 Integrated Chemistry Lab II 2.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 331, CHEM 361, CHEM 381; concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 331.

Corequisites: CHEM 382R.

CHEM 382R Integrated Chem Discussion 1.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 331, CHEM 361, CHEM 381; concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 331.

CHEM 420 Instrumental Analysis 2.0 FA
Prerequisites: CHEM 332, CHEM 382.

CHEM 420L Instrumental Analysis Lab 2.0 FA
Prerequisites: CHEM 381, CHEM 382.

CHEM 451 Biochemistry 3.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 370.

3 units selected from:

CHEM 473 Synthetic Organic Chemistry 1.0-3.0 FA
Prerequisites: CHEM 370; CHEM 370L or CHEM 370M.

CHEM 474 Physical Organic Chemistry 3.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 332, CHEM 370.

CHEM 475 Advanced Organic Laboratory 2.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 370.

CHEM 452 Biochemistry 3.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 451.

CHEM 455L Biochemistry Laboratory 2.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 320, CHEM 451; CHEM 370 or CHEM 370M.

CHEM 490 Research in Chemistry 1.0–2.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 332.

CHEM 491 Research Project 3.0 FA
Prerequisites: Open by invitation to chemistry majors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; faculty permission.

CHEM 492 Research Project 3.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 491. Not open to students who have completed CHEM 499H; faculty permission.

CHEM 499H Honors Research Project 3.0 FS WP
Prerequisites: ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a grade of C- or higher; CHEM 320, CHEM 331, CHEM 332, CHEM 370M, MATH 220, PHYS 204A, PHYS 204B, PHYS 204C; faculty permission.

With permission of the Chemistry Department, other courses may be substituted.

Pre-Professional Programs

Pre-Dentistry: 32 units recommended

Entrance into dental school requires from two to four years of pre-dental training. Ordinarily a pre-dental student should plan on pursuing a bachelor's degree program. It is not necessary that this degree be in one of the sciences.

Details about entrance requirements differ considerably from one dental school to another. Further information should be sought from one of the pre-dental advisors and from the booklet entitled, Entrance Requirements of American Dental Schools.

The following list represents the California State University equivalent of the requirements and recommendations common to practically all of the American Dental Schools.

Recommended Courses

BIOL 151 Prin of Cell and Molec Biology 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: Recommend CHEM 111 or concurrent enrollment.

BIOL 152 Prin Ecol, Evol, Org Biology 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: BIOL 151; recommend CHEM 112 or concurrent enrollment.

CHEM 111 General Chemistry 4.0 FS *
Prerequisites: Second-year high school algebra; one year high school chemistry. (One year of high school physics and one year of high school mathematics past Algebra II are recommended.)

CHEM 112 General Chemistry 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 111.

CHEM 270 Organic Chemistry 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 112.

CHEM 370 Organic Chemistry 3.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 270.

ENGL 130 Academic Writing 3.0 FS *
Prerequisites: English Placement Test.

PHYS 202A General Physics 4.0 FS *
Prerequisites: High school physics or faculty permission. High school trigonometry and second-year high school algebra or equivalent (MATH 501 and MATH 118 at CSU, Chico).

PHYS 202B General Physics 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: PHYS 202A.

Pre-Medicine

It is recommended that pre-medical students plan to obtain a degree in a field of science, such as chemistry or biology. While students may apply for admission to medical school any time after their junior year, the majority of those admitted have completed a four-year degree, and a sizable number are admitted only after additional graduate work. The BS in Chemistry, therefore, is also appropriate for those seeking advanced training in graduate schools or employment in fields related to medicine. See also the Pre-Medicine program under Biological Sciences.

Lower-Division Courses

BIOL 151 Prin of Cell and Molec Biology 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: Require CHEM 111 or concurrent enrollment.

BIOL 152 Prin Ecol, Evol, Org Biology 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: BIOL 151; recommend CHEM 112 or concurrent enrollment.

CHEM 111 General Chemistry 4.0 FS *
Prerequisites: Second-year high school algebra; one year high school chemistry. (One year of high school physics and one year of high school mathematics past Algebra II are recommended.)

CHEM 112 General Chemistry 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 111.

CHEM 270 Organic Chemistry 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 112.

MATH 120 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 4.0 FS *
Prerequisites: Completion of ELM requirement; both MATH 118 and MATH 119 (or high school equivalent); a score that meets department guidelines on a department administered calculus readiness exam.

MATH 121 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: MATH 120.

PHYS 202A General Physics 4.0 FS *
Prerequisites: High school physics or faculty permission. High school trigonometry and second-year high school algebra or equivalent (MATH 051 and MATH 118 at CSU, Chico).

PHYS 202B General Physics 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: PHYS 202A.

**Upper-Division Courses**

CHEM 320 Quantitative Analysis 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 112.

CHEM 370 Organic Chemistry 3.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 270.

CHEM 370L Organic Chem Laboratory 1.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 370 may be taken as a prerequisite or concurrently with CHEM 370L.

CHEM 451 Biochemistry 3.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 370.

**Recommended Upper-Division Electives**

BIOL 430 Genetics 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: BIOL 153 or permission of instructor.

BIOL 416 Vertebrate Physiology 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: BIOL 152, BIOL 153; CHEM 108 or CHEM 270.

BIOL 426 Embryology 4.0 SP
Prerequisites: BIOL 152, BIOL 153, or faculty permission.

BIOL 430 Comparative Anat: Vertebrates 4.0 FA
Prerequisites: BIOL 152, BIOL 153.

**Pre-Optometry**

The requirements for optometry schools vary widely. The student should see the pre-optometry advisor in the Chemistry Department and the catalog of the school of his/her choice. The prospective student is encouraged to consult the Department Chair for further information.

**Pre-Pharmacy**

The requirements for pharmacy schools vary widely. The student should see the pre-pharmacy advisor in the Chemistry Department and the catalog of the school of his/her choice. The prospective student is encouraged to consult the Department Chair for further information.

**Pre-Physical Therapy**

See the listings under Biological Sciences.

**Forensic Science and Graduate Programs in Criminalistics**

Entry-level employment and graduate programs in criminalistics commonly require a major in one of the physical or biological sciences, including a year of general chemistry and a course in quantitative analysis. Please see the Anthropology section for a program in Forensic Identification.

**The Minor in Chemistry**

**Course Requirements for the Minor: 23 units**

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this minor.

**Lower-Division Courses: 12 units**

3 courses required:

CHEM 111 General Chemistry 4.0 FS *
Prerequisites: Second-year high school algebra; one year high school chemistry. (One year of high school physics and one year of high school mathematics past Algebra II are recommended.)

CHEM 112 General Chemistry 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 111.

CHEM 270 Organic Chemistry 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 112.

**Upper-Division Courses: 11 units**

3 courses required:

CHEM 320 Quantitative Analysis 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 112.

CHEM 370 Organic Chemistry 3.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 270.

CHEM 370L Organic Chem Laboratory 1.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 370 may be taken as a prerequisite or concurrently with CHEM 370L.

3 units selected from:

CHEM 300 The Chemical Literature 1.0 FA WP
Prerequisites: ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a grade of C– or higher, CHEM 270.

CHEM 331 Physical Chemistry 3.0 FA
Prerequisites: CHEM 320, MATH 220, PHYS 204B, PHYS 204C.

CHEM 347 Radiation/Radioisotopes 1.0–3.0 FS
Prerequisites: Completion of 4 units of physics or physical science and 5 units of chemistry.

CHEM 360 Descriptive Inorganic Chem 3.0 Inq
Prerequisites: CHEM 112.

CHEM 398 Special Topics 1.0–3.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 270.

CHEM 399 Special Problems 1.0–3.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 112, faculty permission.

CHEM 411 Chemistry Teaching Methods 3.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 112, CHEM 270. CHEM 320 is recommended.

CHEM 440 Environmental Chemistry 3.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 112.

CHEM 445 Environmental Toxicology 2.0 SP
Prerequisites: CHEM 100 or CHEM 270.

CHEM 451 Biochemistry 3.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 370.

CHEM 475 Advanced Organic Laboratory 2.0 FS
Prerequisites: CHEM 370.

CHEM 477 Seminar Organic Spectroscopy 1.0 FS
Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 370.

CHEM 491 Research Project 3.0 FS
Prerequisites: Open by invitation to chemistry majors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; faculty permission.

**The Single Subject Matter Preparation Program in Science With a Concentration in Chemistry**

Course requirements for the Single Subject Matter Preparation Program, 83-88 units, in conjunction with the Professional Education Program, leads to a Single Subject Teaching Credential.

In most majors, candidates for this credential will normally fulfill the single subject matter preparation program by completing the appropriate education option in the major. Any exceptions to this procedure are noted at the end of this section. In addition to the single subject matter preparation program, completion of an additional professional education program is required to qualify for a California teaching credential. Professional education (credential) programs are available through the School of Education. For prerequisites and other admission requirements to professional education programs, see the “Education” chapter of this catalog.

Your departmental credential advisor is responsible for verifying that the subject matter preparation program has been completed. If you are interested in obtaining a teaching credential, confer with the appropriate credential advisor early in your University career. Department credential advisors can assist you in planning an educational program that meets both major and credential requirements.

Subject matter preparation requirements are governed by federal and state legislative action and approval of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Requirements may change between catalogs. Please consult your departmental credential advisor for current information.

The BS in Chemistry with either option described above and the additional courses listed below, along with a professional education program, fulfill all requirements for the single subject matter preparation program in science with a concentration in chemistry.

4 courses required:

BIOL 151 Prin of Cell and Molec Biology 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: Recommend CHEM 111 or concurrent enrollment.

BIOL 152 Prin Ecol, Evol Biology 4.0 FS
Prerequisites: BIOL 151; recommend CHEM 112 or concurrent enrollment.

GEOS 101 Physical Geology 3.0 FS *
Prerequisites: High school physics or physics is recommended; students with no previous science courses are advised to enroll in GEOS 101. No college credit for those who have passed GEOS 101.

GEOS 300 Earth System Science 3.0 FA WP
Prerequisites: ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a grade of C– or higher; CHEM 107 or equivalent; PHYS 202A, PHYS 202B.

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Daniel D. Clark, 2005, Assist Professor, PhD, Utah State U.
Daniel J. Edwards, 2005, Assist Professor, PhD, UC Davis.
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Donald B. Alger, 1968, Professor Emeritus, PhD, Washington State U.
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Karl F. Kumbi, 1964, Professor Emeritus, PhD, U Kansas.
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Barbara Oviedo Mejia, 1971, Professor Emerita, PhD, UC Davis.
Rodney H. Quacchbia, 1969, Professor Emeritus, PhD, U Washington.
Floyd E. Reese, 1956, Professor Emeritus, PhD, Purdue U.
Eugene Darrah Thomas, 1965, Professor Emeritus, PhD, Ohio State U.
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Chemistry Course Offerings
Please see the section on “Course Description Symbols and Terms” in the University Catalog for an explanation of course description terminology and symbols, the course numbering system, and course credit units. All courses are lecture and discussion and employ letter grading unless otherwise stated. Some prerequisites may be waived with faculty permission. Many syllabi are available on the Chico Web.

CHEM 100 Chemistry and Current Issues 3.0 Fa/Spr
Designed for non-science majors, this course will examine contemporary science issues and use this context to provide an understanding of the basic chemical processes that govern our lives. Students will learn how scientists study chemical processes, decipher them, and develop them to meet our needs. The importance of the relationship between science and technology and the public’s understanding of these issues will also be explored. 2.0 hours lecture, 2.0 hours activity. This is an approved General Education course.

Prerequisites: Previous chemistry course recommended.
A brief introduction of the general principles of chemistry specifically related to nursing, followed by a brief survey of organic and biochemistry with an emphasis on practical applications to the nursing profession. A completely online course for experienced nurses completing a BS in Nursing.

CHEM 105 Nursing Chemistry 4.0 Fall
Corequisites: CHEM 105.

Prerequisites: Intermediate Algebra.
A survey of the principles of chemistry, primarily for students in agriculture, industry and technology, and pre-nursing. 3.0 hours lecture, 3.0 hours laboratory. This is an approved General Education course.

CHEM 107 General Chemistry for Applied Sciences 4.0 Fa/Spr
Corequisites: CHEM 107.

Prerequisites: CHEM 107 or CHEM 111 or equivalent.
A survey of organic chemistry primarily for agriculture, industry and technology, and pre-nursing students. 3.0 hours lecture, 3.0 hours laboratory.

CHEM 111 General Chemistry 4.0 Fa/Spr
Corequisites: CHEM 111.

Prerequisites: Second-year high school algebra; one year high school chemistry. One year of high school physics and one year of high school mathematics past Algebra II are recommended.
Principles of chemistry for students in science, medical, and related professions. Atomic structure, chemical bonding, stoichiometry, periodic table, gases, solids, liquids, solutions, and equilibrium. 3.0 hours lecture, 3.0 hours laboratory. This is an approved General Education course.

CHEM 111X General Chemistry Problem Session 1.0 Fa/Spr
Corequisites: CHEM 111.

Prerequisites: CHEM 111.
Designed to supplement CHEM 111 with additional applications of general chemistry. Provides the student with the opportunity for additional assistance in developing problem-solving abilities. 2.0 hours activity. Credit/no credit grading only.

CHEM 112 General Chemistry 4.0 Fa/Spr
Corequisites: CHEM 111.

A continuation of CHEM 111. Chemical energetics, rates of reaction, acids and bases, solubility, oxidation-reduction, and nuclear chemistry. 3.0 hours lecture, 3.0 hours laboratory. CAN CHEM 4.

CHEM 112X General Chemistry Problem Session 1.0 Fa/Spr
Corequisites: CHEM 112.

Designed to supplement CHEM 112 with additional applications of general chemistry. Provides the student with the opportunity for additional assistance in developing problem-solving abilities. 2.0 hours activity. Credit/no credit grading only.

CHEM 180 Scientific Glass Blowing 1.0 Spring
Corequisites: CHEM 107 or CHEM 111.

Instruction and practice in scientific glass-blowing. 3.0 hours laboratory. Credit/no credit grading only.

CHEM 270 Organic Chemistry 4.0 Fa/Spr
Prerequisites: CHEM 112.

An introduction to the theory and mechanism of organic reactions. To be followed by CHEM 370, which completes the two-semester sequence for science majors. 3.0 hours lecture, 3.0 hours laboratory.

CHEM 300 The Chemical Literature 1.0 Fall
Prerequisites: CHEM 107 or CHEM 270.

An introduction to the use of Chemical Abstracts, Chemische Central-blatt, Patent Indexes, and other reference compilations. 2.0 hours activity. This is a writing proficiency, WP, course; a grade of C– or better certifies writing proficiency for majors.

CHEM 320 Quantitative Analysis 4.0 Fa/Spr
Prerequisites: CHEM 112.

Precision and accuracy in measurements, interpretation of data by statistical analysis, and development of good quantitative techniques. Analysis by gravimetry, titrimetry, potentiometry, chromatography, and spectrometry. 2.0 hours discussion, 6.0 hours laboratory.

CHEM 331 Physical Chemistry 3.0 Fall
Prerequisites: CHEM 107 or CHEM 320.

Thermodynamics of solids, liquids, gases, and solutions; electrochemistry, kinetics, chemical equilibria, introduction to quantum mechanics, and chemical statistics.

CHEM 332 Physical Chemistry 3.0 Spring
Prerequisites: CHEM 311.

A continuation of CHEM 331.

CHEM 345 Toxicology 1.0 Spring
Prerequisites: CHEM 108 or CHEM 270.

A brief introduction to the principles of toxicology and presentation of facts about current issues related to toxic substances.

CHEM 347 Radiation and Radioisotopes 1.0–3.0 Fa/Spr
Prerequisites: Completion of 4 units of physics or physical science and 5 units of chemistry.

This course is a special topic offered for 1.0–3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. Radiochemical techniques, detection, and measurement of radiation, or radiation safety. You may take this course more than once for a maximum of 3.0 units.

CHEM 350 Introductory Biochemistry 3.0 Fa/Spr
Prerequisites: CHEM 108.

A survey of biochemistry, principally for agriculture, child development, and nursing students. Normally not open to chemistry or biological sciences majors.

CHEM 350L Introductory Biochemistry Laboratory 1.0 Fa/Spr
Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 350.

Fundamental laboratory studies and examination of the major classes of biologically important compounds. Principally for agriculture, child development, and nursing students. Normally not open to chemistry or biological sciences majors. 3.0 hours laboratory.

CHEM 360 Descriptive Inorganic Chemistry 3.0 Inquire
Prerequisites: CHEM 112.

A systematic study of inorganic substances, with emphasis on environmental aspects of the chemical behavior of the elements and their compounds.

CHEM 361 Intermediate Inorganic Chemistry 2.0 Fall
Prerequisites: CHEM 320, MATH 220, PHYS 204B, PHYS 204C.

CHEM 362  Intermediate Inorganic Chemistry  2.0 Spring  
Prerequisites: CHEM 361.  
A continuation of CHEM 361.

CHEM 370  Organic Chemistry  3.0 Fa/Spr  
Prerequisites: CHEM 270.  
Lecture continuation of the theory and mechanisms of organic reaction.

CHEM 370L  Organic Chemistry Laboratory  1.0 Fa/Spr  
Prerequisites: CHEM 370 may be taken as a prerequisite or concurrently with CHEM 370L.  
Laboratory continuation of the theory and mechanisms of organic reactions.  Completes the two-semester sequence for science majors.  3.0 hours laboratory.

CHEM 370M  Organic Chemistry Laboratory  2.0 Spring  
Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 370.  
Laboratory continuation of the theory and mechanisms of organic reactions.  Completes the two-semester sequence for chemistry majors.  6.0 hours laboratory.

CHEM 381  Integrated Chemistry Laboratory I  2.0 Fall  
Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 331 and CHEM 361.  
Integrated application of concepts and techniques in analytical, inorganic, and physical chemistry.  6.0 hours laboratory.

CHEM 382  Integrated Chemistry Laboratory II  2.0 Spring  
Prerequisites: CHEM 331, CHEM 361, CHEM 381; concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 331.  
Corequisites: CHEM 382R.  
A continuation of CHEM 381.  6.0 hours laboratory.

CHEM 382R  Integrated Chemistry Discussion  1.0 Spring  
Prerequisites: CHEM 331, CHEM 361, CHEM 381; concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 332.  
Integrated applications of concepts and techniques in analytical, inorganic, and physical chemistry.

CHEM 390  Special Problems in Science Education  1.0–3.0 Fa/Spr  
Prerequisites: CHEM 111, faculty permission.  
This course is a supervised study in science outreach to K–14 schools and is offered for 1.0–3.0 units.  You must register with a supervising faculty member.  3.0 hours supervision.  You may take this course more than once for a maximum of 3.0 units. Credit/no credit grading only.

CHEM 398  Special Topics  1.0–3.0 Fa/Spr  
This course is for special topics offered for 1.0–3.0 units.  Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections.  See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered.

CHEM 399  Special Problems  1.0–3.0 Fa/Spr  
Prerequisites: CHEM 112, faculty permission.  
This course is an independent study of special problems and is offered for 1.0–3.0 units.  You must register directly with a supervising faculty member.  You may take this course more than once for a maximum of 6.0 units. Credit/no credit grading only.

CHEM 400  Senior Seminar in Chemistry  1.0 Spring  
Presentation and discussion of topics from chemical literature.  2.0 hours activity.

CHEM 411  Chemistry Teaching Methods  3.0 Spring  
Prerequisites: CHEM 112, CHEM 270. CHEM 320 is recommended.  
This is a special course for science majors and minors who plan on pursuing a career in chemistry education at the secondary school level.  Topics include laboratory and stockroom management, planning and running high school-level chemistry laboratory experiments, and mastery of chemistry content related to the high school curriculum.  Students also have the opportunity to function as teaching assistants in lower-division chemistry laboratories.  2.0 hours lecture, 2.0 hours activity.

CHEM 420  Instrumental Analysis  2.0 Fall  
Prerequisites: CHEM 332, CHEM 382.  
Corequisites: CHEM 420.  
Theory and procedures used in separations and instrumental analysis.

CHEM 420L  Instrumental Analysis Laboratory  2.0 Fall  
Prerequisites: CHEM 381, CHEM 382.  
Corequisites: CHEM 420.  
Laboratory experience to accompany CHEM 420.  6.0 hours laboratory.

CHEM 425  Basic Instrumental Analysis  3.0 Spring  
Prerequisites: CHEM 111, CHEM 112.  
Basic theory and practices of analytical instruments. Care and use of instruments; interpretation of results.  2.0 hours discussion, 2.0 hours activity.

CHEM 433  Chemical Thermodynamics  3.0 Fa/Spr  
Prerequisites: CHEM 332.  
Principles of thermodynamics, application to methods in chemical problems, introduction to the use of statistical thermodynamics, and calculations of thermodynamic functions from spectroscopic data.

CHEM 440  Environmental Chemistry  3.0 Spring  
Prerequisites: CHEM 112.  
A general study of the chemistry of the geosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere; special focus on the sources and fates of inorganic environmental pollutants.

CHEM 445  Environmental Toxicology  2.0 Spring  
Prerequisites: CHEM 108 or CHEM 270.  
A brief introduction to the principles of toxicology and presentation of facts about current issues related to toxic substances, with special emphasis on environmental aspects of topics presented in CHEM 345.

CHEM 451  Biochemistry  3.0 Fa/Spr  
Prerequisites: CHEM 370.  
A general study of the chemistry of biomolecules. Conformation and function of enzymes and other proteins; metabolism, energy generation, and storage; brief discussion of chemistry of DNA replication, transcription and translation, and of important physiological processes.

CHEM 452  Biochemistry  3.0 Spring  
Prerequisites: CHEM 451.  
Advanced topics in biochemistry. Biosynthesis of lipids, steroids, amino acids, and nucleotides. Comprehensive study of the chemical role of DNA and RNA in replication, transcription, protein synthesis, and viral activity.

CHEM 453L  Biochemistry Laboratory  2.0 Fa/Spr  
Prerequisites: CHEM 320, CHEM 451; CHEM 370L or CHEM 370M; or faculty permission.  
Separation, identification, and/or analysis of biological materials by modern procedures, such as spectrophotometry, chromatography (gas, paper, TLC, column, ion exchange), electrophoresis, enzymology, fluorimetry, and high-speed centrifugation.  6.0 hours laboratory.

CHEM 473  Synthetic Organic Chemistry  1.0–3.0 Fall  
Prerequisites: CHEM 370; CHEM 370L, or CHEM 370M.  
This course is offered for 1.0–3.0 units. Modern synthetic reactions and processes, with emphasis on rearrangement reactions, stereospecific methods, and synthetic design. You may take this course more than once for a maximum of 3.0 units.

CHEM 474  Physical Organic Chemistry  3.0 Spring  
Prerequisites: CHEM 332, CHEM 370.  
Resonance and orbital theory; mechanisms, kinetics, and thermodynamics of organic reactions.

CHEM 475  Advanced Organic Laboratory  2.0 Fa/Spr  
Prerequisites: CHEM 370.  
Application of modern techniques and spectroscopy in organic synthesis, product identification, reaction mechanisms, and natural product chemistry.  6.0 hours laboratory.

CHEM 477  Seminar in Organic Spectroscopy  1.0 Fa/Spr  
Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CHEM 370.  
Solving problems in organic chemistry using NMR, IR, UV, and mass spectral analysis.

CHEM 490  Research in Chemistry  1.0–2.0 Fa/Spr  
Prerequisites: CHEM 312.  
This course is an independent study offered for 1.0–2.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. Original laboratory or library investigation under individual faculty supervision. You may take this course more than once for a maximum of 4.0 units.

CHEM 491  Research Project  3.0 Fall  
Prerequisites: Open by invitation to chemistry majors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; faculty permission.  
A research project within chemistry or an interdisciplinary project which involves chemistry. Students will be involved with design, library, laboratory, and data analysis aspects of a research problem.

CHEM 492  Research Project  3.0 Spring  
Prerequisites: CHEM 491. Not open to students who have completed CHEM 499H; faculty permission.  
A continuation of CHEM 491.
CHEM 495 Selected Topics in Physical, Analytical, Inorganic Chemistry
1.0–3.0 Fa/Spr
Prerequisites: CHEM 332, CHEM 361, CHEM 382, CHEM 420.
This course is a special topic offered for 1.0–3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. Presentation of topics of current interest, such as in Physical: theories of x-ray diffraction, spectroscopy, NMR, etc.; Inorganic: reaction mechanisms, non-aqueous solvents; Analytical: ion exchange, selective ion electrodes. Three-hour laboratory optional. You may take this course more than once for a maximum of 3.0 units.

CHEM 496 Selected Topics in Organic and Biochemistry
1.0–3.0 Spring
Prerequisites: CHEM 331, CHEM 370, CHEM 451.
This course is a special topic offered for 1.0–3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. Presentation of topics of current interest, such as in Organic: heterocyclic, polymer, organometallic, and natural product chemistry; Biochemistry: biosynthesis and metabolism, enzymes, biophysical chemistry, and bioenergetics. You may take this course more than once for a maximum of 2.0 units.

CHEM 499H Honors Research Project
3.0 Fa/Spr
Prerequisites: ENGL 130 (or its equivalent) with a grade of C– or higher, CHEM 320, CHEM 331, CHEM 332, CHEM 370M, MATH 220, PHYS 204A, PHYS 204B, PHYS 204C; faculty permission.
Open by invitation to chemistry majors who have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Not open to students who have credit for CHEM 491 or CHEM 492. This is an “Honors in the Major” course. You may take this course more than once for a maximum of 6.0 units. This is a writing proficiency, WP, course; a grade of C– or better certifies writing proficiency for majors. ABC/no credit grading only.

CHEM 600 Special Topics in Chemistry
1.0–3.0 Fa/Spr
Prerequisites: CHEM 331, CHEM 332, faculty permission.
This course is a special topic offered for 1.0–3.0 units. Students must register directly with a supervising faculty member. Presentation of selected topics of current interest, with emphasis on recent developments. You may take this course more than once for a maximum of 3.0 units.

CHEM 610 Chemistry Seminar
1.0 Fa/Spr
Presentation and discussion of reports on current literature and special studies in chemistry.

CHEM 697 Independent Study
1.0–4.0 Fa/Spr
Prerequisites: Faculty permission.
This course is a graduate-level independent study offered for 1.0–4.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. Investigation involving scientific literature and laboratory or field experimentation. Maximum of 8 units of credit may be used for a master’s degree. You may take this course more than once for a maximum of 6.0 units.

CHEM 699T Master’s Thesis
1.0–6.0 Fa/Spr
This course is offered for 1.0–6.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. You may take this course more than once for a maximum of 6.0 units.