
CHEMICAL SCIENCES

FACULTY

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DEGREE PROGRAMS

- BA in Chemistry
- BS in Chemistry
Concentrations: Biochemistry, Environmental Chemistry, Professional Chemistry
- BS in Chemistry–Geology (offered jointly with the Department of Earth Sciences)
- MAT - General Science
- MAT - Physical Science

UNDERGRADUATE MINORS

- Biochemistry
- Chemistry

The Department of Chemical Sciences offers programs leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. These programs are designed to provide the skills and knowledge necessary to prepare students for successful careers in the chemical, pharmaceutical or biotech industries, for chemical research, teaching, oceanography and environmental science or for further study in graduate degree programs and professional schools.

The department is housed in the Conant Science building and maintains a suite of modern scientific instrumentation that is used for both teaching and research purposes. This includes electrochemical equipment, a nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer, an atomic absorption spectrometer (AA), several infrared (IR) spectrometers, an ultraviolet-visible spectropho-

tometer (UV/Vis), and a luminescence spectrometer. Other equipment includes a gas chromatograph (GC), a gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer and a high pressure liquid chromatograph.

Students, staff and faculty maintain an atmosphere of informal interaction, both inside and outside the classroom and laboratory. Many students participate in Chemistry Club activities, which include seminars by area scientists, visits to academic and industrial laboratories, and special social events. Students are encouraged to participate in research and together with faculty and often attend American Chemical Society (ACS) and other professional meetings throughout the country to present their research results.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

BACHELOR OF ARTS/BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

The chemistry major, with a concentration in biochemistry, environmental chemistry, or professional chemistry, leads to the BS degree. These programs are designed for students who plan a career as a professional chemist or biochemist either immediately after graduation or after graduate work in a chemically related discipline. Satisfactory performance (a 3.0 average or better) in any of these programs gives students the preparation required to obtain an assistantship or fellowship in graduate school. The biochemistry and the professional chemistry programs are both certified by the American Chemical Society.

The chemistry major (without a concentration) leads to the BA degree. This program is designed for students who wish to prepare for fields such as medicine, dentistry, secondary school teaching, chemical or pharmaceutical sales, pharmacy, environmental sciences or veterinary medicine. A minimum number of chemistry courses are required so that a program of other courses suited to the individual's interests may be developed in consultation with the student's adviser.

Additionally, the department offers a chemistry-geology major jointly with the Department of Earth Sciences. It also participates in preprofessional advising for students interested in medicine and dentistry or oceanography. Additional information may be found in the "Interdisciplinary and Preprofessional Programs" section of this catalog.

Students interested in any of the programs offered by the department should enroll in CHEM 141 Chemi-

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cal Principles I and calculus (MATH 151 or MATH 141) in the fall semester of their first year. Additionally, students interested in biochemistry should also enroll in BIOL 121. In the spring semester of the first year, students will normally take CHEM 100 Computers in Chemistry in addition to continuing with CHEM 142 Chemical Principles II and the second semester of calculus. Students need not decide among the various programs within the department until the spring of their second year. Because of the sequential nature of many courses required in our programs we urge new students to consult with a chemistry faculty member in addition to the regular freshman advisers during the first year registration process.

CHEMISTRY MAJOR (LEADING TO A BA DEGREE)

CHEM 100 Computers in Chemistry (COMP 100 is an acceptable substitute)
 CHEM 141-142 Chemical Principles I-II
 CHEM 242 Intermediate Inorganic Chemistry
 CHEM 343-344 Organic Chemistry I-II
 CHEM 381-382 Physical Chemistry I-II
 CHEM 461 General Biochemistry I
 MATH 151-152 Calculus I-II (MATH 141-142 are acceptable substitutes with the permission of the adviser*)
 PHYS 243-244 General Physics I-II (PHYS 181-182 are acceptable substitutes with permission of adviser*)

* Note: MATH 141-142 and PHYS 181-182 are not acceptable as substitutes in the professional chemistry program.

Core Curriculum Requirements

A minimum of 120 earned hours is required for graduation. These earned hours include Core Curriculum Requirements as specified in the “Undergraduate Academic Programs” section of this catalog. For additional graduation requirements, see the “Undergraduate Academic Policies” section of this catalog.

CHEMISTRY MAJOR WITH A CONCENTRATION IN BIOCHEMISTRY (LEADING TO A BS DEGREE; APPROVED BY THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY)

All of the courses required for the chemistry major, except CHEM 242, plus the following additional courses:
 CHEM 444 Advanced Inorganic Chemistry
 CHEM 462 General Biochemistry II
 CHEM 466 Advanced Biochemistry Laboratory

BIOL 121 General Biology I
 BIOL 200 Cell Biology
 BIOL 321 Genetics
 BIOL 428 Microbiology

One of the following:

CHEM 241 Quantitative Chemical Analysis
 CHEM 250 Instrumentation
 CHEM 450 Instrumental Analysis

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CHEMISTRY MAJOR WITH A CONCENTRATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY (LEADING TO A BS DEGREE)

All of the courses listed for the chemistry major, plus the following additional courses:

CHEM 290 Environmental Chemistry
 CHEM 450 Instrumental Analysis
 CHEM 490 Special Topics in Chemistry
 BIOL 121 General Biology I
 EASC 100 Physical Geology
 BIOL 122 General Biology II
 or
 EASC 101 Historical Geology

Select one course from the following:

BIOL 225 Ecology
 BIOL 420 Limnology
 EASC 240 Hydrology
 EASC 283 Structural Geology
 EASC 284 Geomorphology
 EASC 311 Geochemistry

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CHEMISTRY MAJOR WITH A CONCENTRATION IN PROFESSIONAL CHEMISTRY (LEADING TO A BS DEGREE; APPROVED BY THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY)

All of the courses required for the chemistry major* plus the following additional courses:
 CHEM 241 Quantitative Chemical Analysis
 CHEM 444 Advanced Inorganic Chemistry
 CHEM 450 Instrumental Analysis
 CHEM 492 Laboratory Techniques
 MATH 251 Calculus III

One additional mathematics course selected from the following:

MATH 110 Elementary Statistics I
 MATH 120 Introduction to Linear Algebra
 MATH 200 Probability and Statistics
 MATH 202 Linear Algebra
 MATH 316 Differential Equations

* Note: MATH 141-142 and PHYS 181-182 are not acceptable as substitutes in the professional chemistry program.

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CHEMISTRY-GEOLOGY MAJOR (LEADING TO A BS IN CHEMISTRY-GEOLOGY)

A major in chemistry-geology is offered jointly with the Department of Earth Sciences. (See the catalog section entitled “Interdisciplinary and Preprofessional Programs” for detailed information.)

DOUBLE MAJOR WITH ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Students may choose a double major in chemistry or chemistry-geology and elementary education, early childhood education or special education for licensure purposes. Please contact the Department of Chemical Sciences and the appropriate education department for further information.

MINOR IN SECONDARY (HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL OR PREK-12 SPECIALIST) EDUCATION

Students may major in Chemistry and minor in secondary (high school, grades 8-12; middle school (grades 5-8 or PreK-12 specialist) education. Successful completion of these programs will lead to Massachusetts Initial Teacher Licensure. Please refer to the “Department of Secondary Education and Professional Programs” for specific teacher licensure and program requirements.

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18 credits in chemistry.
 CHEM 141-142 Chemical Principles I and II
 CHEM 343-344 Organic Chemistry I and II
 CHEM 100 Computers in Chemistry
 or
 one other chemistry course at the 200 level or higher

BIOCHEMISTRY MINOR

CHEM 141-142 Chemical Principles I and II
 CHEM 343-344 Organic Chemistry I and II
 CHEM 461-462 General Biochemistry I and II

HONORS PROGRAM

The honors program in chemistry provides highly motivated chemistry majors with opportunities to enhance their academic program through intensive scholarly study and research designed to be of assistance in post-graduate employment or in the pursuit of an advanced degree in chemistry. Contact the Department of Chemical Sciences for further information concerning eligibility and application.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Graduate Program Coordinator: Dr. Edward Brush

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING CHEMISTRY

This program is inactive.

GENERAL SCIENCE

For current information concerning this program, consult the “Physics” section of this catalog.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

The MAT in Physical Science degree was developed for high school and middle school subject area teachers who have an initial license in chemistry, earth science or physics and are seeking a professional license in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This MAT program is defined to meet the “appropriate master’s degree” requirement, which is part of the criteria for professional stage licensure, as set forth in the most recent Massachusetts Department of Education licensure regulations.

Students should consult the “School of Graduate Studies” section of this catalog for information regarding program policy and procedures.

For current information concerning program requirements, consult the “Physics” section of this catalog.

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