

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, BS

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

Before the third semester begins: CHEM:1110 Principles of Chemistry I, CHEM:1120 Principles of Chemistry II, and two semesters of advanced math (e.g., Calculus I, Calculus II, or Biostatistics).

Before the fifth semester begins: BIOL:1411 Foundations of Biology, BIOL:1412 Diversity of Form and Function, CHEM:2210 Organic Chemistry I or CHEM:2230 Organic Chemistry I for Majors, CHEM:2220 Organic Chemistry II or CHEM:2240 Organic Chemistry II for Majors, and CHEM:2410 Organic Chemistry Laboratory or CHEM:2420 Organic Chemistry Laboratory for Majors.

Before the seventh semester begins: PHYS:1611 Introductory Physics I or PHYS:1511 College Physics I, PHYS:1612 Introductory Physics II or PHYS:1512 College Physics II, BMB:3150 Development of Senior Research Project, one semester of BMB:3993 Undergraduate Biochemistry Research for students planning to take BMB:4999 Advanced Undergraduate Biochemistry Research, BMB:3120 Biochemistry and Molecular Biology I, BMB:3130 Biochemistry and Molecular Biology II, BMB:3140 Experimental Biochemistry, two science electives, and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: BMB:4240 Biophysics and Advanced Biochemistry or CHEM:4430 Principles of Physical Chemistry or CHEM:4431 Chemical Thermodynamics or CHEM:4432 Quantum Mechanics and Chemical Kinetics, a science elective, and at least 3 s.h. of BMB:4999 Advanced Undergraduate Biochemistry Research.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
Students in good academic standing can switch from the BA to the BS degree program after completing one semester of organic chemistry (CHEM:2210 Organic Chemistry I or CHEM:2230 Organic Chemistry I for Majors).		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
CHEM:1110	Principles of Chemistry I ^{b, c}	4
MATH:1850	Calculus I ^{c, d}	4
ENGL:1200	The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
	or RHET:1030 or Rhetoric	
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
	Elective course ^e	1
Hours		14-15
Spring		
CHEM:1120	Principles of Chemistry II ^c	4
RHET:1030	Rhetoric	3 - 4
	or ENGL:1200 or The Interpretation of Literature	
MATH:1860	Calculus II	3 - 4
	or STAT:3510 or Biostatistics	
	GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion ^f	3
	Elective course ^e	1
Hours		14-16
Second Year		
Fall		
BIOL:1411	Foundations of Biology ^c	4
CHEM:2210	Organic Chemistry I	3
	or CHEM:2230 or Organic Chemistry I for Majors	
	GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^f	3
	GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course ^g	4 - 5
	Elective course ^e	2
Hours		16-17
Spring		
BIOL:1412	Diversity of Form and Function ^c	4
CHEM:2220	Organic Chemistry II	3
	or CHEM:2240 or Organic Chemistry II for Majors	
CHEM:2410	Organic Chemistry Laboratory	3
	or CHEM:2420 or Organic Chemistry Laboratory for Majors	
	Major: science elective (consult with advisor) ^h	3
	GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^g	4 - 5
Hours		17-18
Third Year		
Fall		
BMB:3120	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology I	3

BMB:3993	Undergraduate Biochemistry Research	3
PHYS:1511 or PHYS:1611	College Physics I ^c or Introductory Physics I	4
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture ^f		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course ^g		4 - 5

Hours 17-18

Spring

BMB:3130	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology II	3
BMB:3140	Experimental Biochemistry	2
BMB:3150	Development of Senior Research Project	2
PHYS:1612 or PHYS:1512	Introductory Physics II ^c or College Physics II	4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^g		4 - 5
Elective course ^e		1

Hours 16-17

Fourth Year

Fall

BMB:4999	Advanced Undergraduate Biochemistry Research	3
CHEM:4431 or BMB:4240 or CHEM:4430	Chemical Thermodynamics ⁱ or Biophysics and Advanced Biochemistry or Principles of Physical Chemistry	3
Major: science elective (consult with advisor) ^h		3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^f		3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^f		3

Hours 15

Spring

BMB:4999	Advanced Undergraduate Biochemistry Research	3
CHEM:4432 or CHEM:4431 or BMB:4240	Quantum Mechanics and Chemical Kinetics ⁱ or Chemical Thermodynamics or Biophysics and Advanced Biochemistry	3
Major: science elective (consult with advisor) ^h		3
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GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences ^f		3

Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)^j

Hours 15

Total Hours 124-131

a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.

b Enrollment in chemistry courses requires completion of a placement exam.

c Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.

d Enrollment in math courses requires completion of a placement exam.

e Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.

f GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.

g Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.

h Students are required to complete 9 s.h. in advanced science electives approved by biochemistry advisor.

i Students must complete BMB:4240 and one course from CHEM:4430, CHEM:4431, CHEM:4432.

j Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.