Chemistry, B.S.

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.

Courses in the chemistry major have prerequisites, so they must be taken in the correct order. Most advanced courses are taught only once a year. Students should consult their academic advisors and plan their course schedules carefully.

They should take CHEM:2021 Fundamentals of Chemical Measurements during the first semester of the second year.

Typical chemistry course schedules and a regression list are available at Undergraduate Program in Chemistry on the Department of Chemistry website.

Before the third semester begins: math through calculus I; CHEM:1110 Principles of Chemistry I and CHEM:1120 Principles of Chemistry II, or equivalent coursework.

Before the fifth semester begins: CHEM:2021 Fundamentals of Chemical Measurements; inorganic chemistry; organic chemistry I, II, and lab; calculus II; and physics I and II.

Before the seventh semester begins: six more courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: three more courses in the major.

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

First Year
Fall
CHEM:1110 Principles of Chemistry I 4
MATH:1850 Calculus I 4
RHET:1030 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences 3
CSI:1600 Success at Iowa 2

Spring
CHEM:1120 Principles of Chemistry II 4
ENGL:1200 The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
MATH:1860 Calculus II 4

Second Year
Fall
CHEM:2021 Fundamentals of Chemical Measurements 3
CHEM:2230 Organic Chemistry I for Majors 3
PHYS:1611 Introductory Physics I 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course 4 - 5

Hours 15-17

Spring
CHEM:2240 Organic Chemistry II for Majors 3
CHEM:2420 Organic Chemistry Laboratory for Majors 3
CHEM:3250 Inorganic Chemistry 3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course 4 - 5

Hours 14-15

Third Year
Fall
CHEM:3530 Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory 3
CHEM:4270 Advanced Inorganic Chemistry 3
CHEM:4431 Physical Chemistry I 3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course 4 - 5

Hours 16-17

Spring
CHEM:4432 Physical Chemistry II 3
Science elective course 3
Elective course 3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts 3

Hours 15-16

Fourth Year
Fall
BIOC:3110 Biochemistry 3
CHEM:3110 Analytical Chemistry I 3
CHEM:3440 Physical Measurements 3
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion 3
Elective course 2 - 3

Hours 14-15

Spring
CHEM:3120 Analytical Chemistry II 3
CHEM:3430 Analytical Measurements 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

Hours 15

Total Hours 121-129
a. Enrollment in chemistry courses requires completion of a placement exam.

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

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

d. 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.

e. 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.

f. Students should take CHEM:2021 during the first semester of the second year.

g. Typically this course is offered in fall semesters only. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.

h. Typically this course is offered in spring semesters only. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.

i. Students are required to complete 6 s.h. in science electives and research toward the major; refer to the catalog for list of approved courses.

j. 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.

k. Students who want an ACS certified degree must complete one of these optional courses: BIOC:3110 or BIOC:3120.

l. 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.