

Department of Chemistry

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The Department of Chemistry offers two degree programs: the Bachelors of Science (B.S.) and the Bachelors of Arts (B.A.) degrees. A total of 124 hours is required to complete each degree program. Our chemistry degree programs provide an excellent foundation for career paths in graduate school, teaching, medicine, pharmacy, dental, and numerous industry positions.

The B.S. degree program offers three additional concentrations: the American Chemical Society (ACS) concentration, the Pre-Medical concentration, and the Pre-Pharmacy concentration. The ACS concentration is designed to prepare graduates for a career in industry or to further their education through graduate studies. The American Chemical Society (ACS) has continually approved the department and its curriculum since 1941, certifying degrees earned by completing the B.S. degree with the ACS concentration. The Pre-Medical concentration is intended to aid students in meeting medical school pre-requisites. This concentration combines required biology courses with specific chemistry courses designed to prepare students for the rigors of medical schools, dental schools, or other professional schools. Our Pre-Medical concentration is based on the pre-requisites required by the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC). The Pre-Pharmacy concentration is designed to meet the pre-requisites for the School of Pharmacy at the University of Mississippi. These requirements mirror those of other pharmacy schools, but students who wish to attend other pharmacy schools should communicate this information to their advisor.

The B.A. degree program has a stronger liberal arts emphasis and could serve as a preparation for a secondary teaching career, chemical sales, or further study at a professional school.

The Department of Chemistry also offers a M.S. (non-thesis and thesis) and Ph.D. in Chemistry (see the Graduate Catalog for description of programs and requirements for more information on these advanced degrees).

Chemistry Minor Requirements

Students in other majors may earn a minor in Chemistry by achieving at least a 2.00 average in a total of 22 hours of chemistry (CH) courses with 14 of the hours in upper-division courses (3000-4000 level), and a minimum of 11 of the total hours completed at MSU. Students interested in a chemistry minor should contact the Academic Coordinator.

B.S. in Chemistry

General Education and College Requirements

English Composition

EN 1103	English Composition I	3
or EN 1163	Accelerated Composition I	
EN 1113	English Composition II	3
or EN 1173	Accelerated Composition II	

Foreign Language

2 semesters - one Foreign Language (see advisor)	6
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Humanities

Literature - see A&S requirements	3
History - see A&S requirements	3

Mathematics

MA 1713	Calculus I	3
MA 1723	Calculus II	3

Fine Arts

See A&S requirements	3
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Natural Sciences

See Major Core - Consult Advisor for specifics	9-12
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Social Sciences

Must be from 2 different areas and must be selected from University/ A&S Core	6	
PSY 1013	General Psychology (required for pre-medicine)	

Major Core

Student should check for prerequisites for all courses. See advisor.

CH 1141	Professional Chemistry: Paths	1
CH 1234	Integrated Chemistry I ¹	4
CH 1244	Integrated Chemistry II ²	4
CH 2141	Professional Chemistry: Tools	1
CH 2311	Analytical Chemistry I Laboratory	1
CH 2313	Analytical Chemistry I	3
CH 3141	Professional Chemistry: Literature	1
CH 4141	Professional Chemistry: Research	1
CH 4213	Advanced Inorganic Chemistry I	3
CH 4351	Analytical Chemistry Laboratory II	1
CH 4353	Analytical Chemistry II	3
CH 4554	Integrated Organic I ³	4
CH 4564	Integrated Organic II ⁴	4
CH 4711	Senior Seminar	1

Oral Communication Requirement

Satisfied by successful completion of CH 1141, 2141, 3141, 4141, and 4711.

Writing Requirement

Satisfied by successful completion of CH 3141, 4141, and 4711.

Computer Literacy

Satisfied by successful completion of CH 1141, 2141, 2313, 3141, 4141, 4351, and 4711.

¹ CH 1234 can be replaced by CH 1213 and CH 1211

² CH 1244 can be replaced by CH 1223 and CH 1221

³ CH 4554 can be replaced by CH 4513 and CH 4511

⁴ CH 4564 can be replaced by CH 4523 and CH 4521

Choose one of following paths to complete the B.S. degree:

B.S. with non-A.C.S. certification

Choose one of the following:

CH 4413 & CH 4411	Thermodynamics and Kinetics and Physical Chemistry Laboratory I	4
CH 4423 & CH 4421	Quantum Mechanics and Spectroscopy and Physical Chemistry Laboratory II	
CH 4403 & CH 4411	Biophysical Chemistry and Physical Chemistry Laboratory I	
CH 4403 & CH 4421	Biophysical Chemistry and Physical Chemistry Laboratory II	
Chemistry Elective ¹		6
PH 2213 or PH 1113	Physics I General Physics I	3
PH 2223 or PH 1123	Physics II General Physics II	3
PH 2233 or PH 1133	Physics III General Physics III	3

General Electives

Number of credit hours needed to bring the total number of credit hours to 124. Consult advisor.

Total Hours**124**

¹ Advisor approved chemistry or biochemistry courses 3000-level and above.

A.C.S. concentration

CH 3213	Inorganic Chemistry	3
CH 4212	Advanced Inorganic Laboratory	2

CH 4413	Thermodynamics and Kinetics	3
CH 4411	Physical Chemistry Laboratory I	1
CH 4423	Quantum Mechanics and Spectroscopy	3
CH 4421	Physical Chemistry Laboratory II	1
CH 4603	Undergraduate Research	3
BCH 4603	General Biochemistry I	3
PH 2213	Physics I	3
PH 2223	Physics II	3
PH 2233	Physics III	3
MA 2733	Calculus III	3

General Electives

Number of credit hours needed to bring the total number of credit hours to 124. Consult advisor.

Total Hours **124**

Pre-Medical concentration

Student should check for prerequisites for all courses. See advisor.

CH 4403 & CH 4411	Biophysical Chemistry and Physical Chemistry Laboratory I	4
BCH 4603	General Biochemistry I	3
BCH 4613	General Biochemistry II	3
PH 2213 or PH 1113	Physics I General Physics I	3
PH 2223 or PH 1123	Physics II General Physics II	3
PH 2233 or PH 1133	Physics III General Physics III	3

Technical and General Electives

BIO 1134	Biology I	4
BIO 1144	Biology II	4
BIO 2103 or BCH 4713	Cell Biology Molecular Biology	3
BIO 3304	General Microbiology	4
BIO 3103 or BIO 4133	Genetics I Human Genetics	3
BIO 3504	Comparative Anatomy	4
BIO 4413	Immunology	3
BIO 4514	Animal Physiology	4

General Electives

Number of credit hours needed to bring the total of credit hours to 124. Consult advisor.

Total Hours **124**

Pre-Pharmacy Concentration**Required Courses**

CH 1213	Chemistry I ¹	3
CH 1211	Investigations in Chemistry I ¹	1
CH 1223	Chemistry II ²	3
CH 1221	Investigations in Chemistry II ²	1
CH 4513	Organic Chemistry I ³	3
CH 4511	Organic Chemistry Laboratory I ³	1
CH 4523	Organic Chemistry II ⁴	3
CH 4521	Organic Chemistry Laboratory II ⁴	1
BCH 4603	General Biochemistry I	3

BIO 1134	Biology I	4
BIO 1144	Biology II	4
BIO 3014	Human Physiology	4
BIO 3304	General Microbiology	4
BIO 4405	Pathogenic Microbiology	5
BIO 3103	Genetics I	3
or BIO 4133	Human Genetics	
PHI 3323	Medical Ethics	3
EN 1103	English Composition I	3
EN 1113	English Composition II	3
ST 2113	Introduction to Statistics	3
MA 1713	Calculus I	3
PH 1113	General Physics I	3
PH 1123	General Physics II	3
CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
EC 2123	Principles of Microeconomics	3

Electives

Social and Behavioral Science Electives ⁵	6
Humanities and Fine Arts Electives ⁶	9

General Electives

To bring the total number of credit hours up to 92

- ¹ CH 1213 and CH 1211 can be replaced by CH 1234
- ² CH 1223 and CH 1221 can be replaced by CH 1244
- ³ CH 4513 and CH 4511 can be replaced by CH 4554
- ⁴ CH 4523 and CH 4521 can be replaced by CH 4564
- ⁵ At MSU EC 2113 Principles of Macroeconomics is a pre-requisite for the required course EC 2123 (see above), and EC 2113 will count as one social science elective. In addition to EC 2113 one course from either Psychology, Sociology, Political Science, or Anthropology is required.
- ⁶ At least 3 credit hours required in each of the two main areas. Humanities Electives should be chosen from the areas: English Literature, Foreign Language, History, Religion or Philosophy

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EN 1103	English Composition I	3
or EN 1163	Accelerated Composition I	
EN 1113	English Composition II	3
or EN 1173	Accelerated Composition II	

Foreign Language

3 semesters - one Foreign Language (see advisor)	9
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Humanities

Literature - see General Education courses	3
History - see General Education courses	3
Philosophy - see A&S Core	3
Electives (Must be from 2 different areas) See A&S Core	9

Math

See A&S requirements	6
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Fine Arts

See A&S requirements	3
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Natural Sciences

See Major Core - Consult advisor for specifics	9-12
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Social Sciences

See A&S requirements	6
Social Sciences Electives - See advisor ⁵	12

Major Core

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CH 3141	Professional Chemistry: Literature	1
CH 3213	Inorganic Chemistry	3
CH 4141	Professional Chemistry: Research	1
CH 4554	Integrated Organic I ³	4
CH 4564	Integrated Organic II ⁴	4
CH 4711	Senior Seminar	1

Chemistry Electives - See advisor ⁶	7
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PH 1113	General Physics I	3
or PH 2213	Physics I	
PH 1123	General Physics II	3
or PH 2223	Physics II	
PH 1133	General Physics III	3
or PH 2233	Physics III	

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General Electives 20-23

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Total Hours 124

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⁵ Must be from 2 different areas and must cross 4 disciplines over the 18 hours. Only one Economics allowed.

⁶ Advisor approved chemistry courses 3000-level and above