Program Overview

The Department of Chemistry offers both a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry. Within the B.S. degree, the department offers a concentration in Biochemistry. Both the Chemistry and Biochemistry B.S. degrees are approved by the American Chemical Society. These curricula are designed to prepare students for graduate school, professional school, or research positions in industry and governmental agencies. The B.A. degree provides less specialization in chemistry and greater opportunity for studies in other fields. This curriculum is recommended for those who wish to obtain a Standard Teaching Credential with Specialization in Secondary Teaching as well as for those students needing a broader background in science while still specializing in chemistry. The Department of Chemistry emphasizes hands-on learning with modern instrumentation including: a modern computational chemistry laboratory, GC-MS, AA, FT-IR, HPLC and a modern multi-nuclear FT-NMR. The faculty and staff train our majors on how use the instrumentation through our lab intensive courses and undergraduate research opportunities, and we make all of the instrumentation available for our majors to use independently.

A degree in chemistry will provide a solid preparation for a broad range of occupations, such as those listed to the right. A major factor influencing employability is preparation in a specialized field. We have active undergraduate research programs where you have the opportunity to specialize in a particular area of chemistry. The research areas include: biochemistry, physical chemistry, molecular modeling, inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, organometallic chemistry, floralscents, molecular electronics, marine chemistry, aqueous chemistry, trace metal analysis, and atmospheric chemistry. In general, the chemistry student with additional skills or a highly specialized emphasis has advantages in the job market and in getting accepted to graduate programs.

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Chemical Analyst
Chemical Engineer
Environmental Consultant
Food And Drug Inspector
Forensic Chemist
Genetic Engineer
Geochemist
Histochemist
Hazardous Materials Specialist
Inorganic Chemist
Laboratory Technician
Medical Technologist
Nutritionist
Organic Chemist
Patent Researcher
Pharmacologist
Pharmacy Technician
Physical Chemist
Quality Control Specialist
Research Assistant
Science Librarian
Scientific Journalist
Toxicologist

Careers listed may require additional education.

For more information about careers & employers, see the Chemistry Career Guide.

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