

CHEMISTRY-BIOLOGY DUAL MAJOR

Bachelor of Science

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Chemistry-Biology Dual Major Program Mission Statement

The mission of the chemistry-biology dual-major program is to educate each student about the nature of chemistry, biology and biochemistry, and to prepare the student with sufficient knowledge and skills to pursue productive work in chemistry, biology or biochemistry in a professional or graduate school, or in the workforce, and to pursue enlightened living and community involvement.

Program Description

This specially designed BS degree program (not a double major) allows interested students to obtain a degree combining courses in chemistry and biology within a four-year timeframe. We believe the Dual-Major BS degree graduates possess a strong knowledge base in both chemistry and biology and are particularly competitive for professional schools and for biochemical/biomedical research.

Chemistry-Biology Dual Major Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate will:

1. Apply the major concepts, principles and theories of chemistry and biochemistry to solve problems.
2. Demonstrate safe and ethical laboratory and synthesis skills to obtain accurate results.
3. Search for chemical and biochemical literature, perform research, and create new scientific knowledge.
4. Communicate the chemical or biochemical research results in written or oral presentation.

What You Will Study

The Program consists of 42 credits of required chemistry courses, 27-28 credits of required and elective biology courses, 20 credits of required mathematics and physics courses, 3 credits in the Natural Science Sequence, and about 27 credits of General Education. The science and mathematics curriculum for this Dual-Major Program is as follows:

REQUIRED CHEMISTRY COURSES 42 CREDIT HOURS		
CHEM 101	General Chemistry I and Lab	4 credits
CHEM 102	General Chemistry II and Lab	4 credits
CHEM 201	Organic Chemistry I and Lab	4 credits
CHEM 202	Organic Chemistry II and Lab	4 credits
CHEM 251	Quantitative Analysis and Lab	4 credits
CHEM 362	Instrumental Analysis and Lab	4 credits
CHEM 410	Biochemistry	4 credits
CHEM 411	Advanced Organic Chemistry	3 credits
CHEM 420	Advanced Biochemistry	3 credits
CHEM 412	Physical Chemistry I	3 credits
CHEM 494	Proposal Writing in Chemistry	1 credit
CHEM 495	Research in Chemical Science	3 credits
CHEM 496	Seminar in Chemical Science	1 credit
REQUIRED BIOLOGY COURSES – 27-28 CREDIT HOURS		
BIOL 130	Introductory Biology for Majors and Lab	4 credits
BIOL 215 OR BIOL 224	General Botany and Lab or General Zoology and Lab	4 credits
BIOL 251	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab	4 credits
BIOL 252	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab	4 credits
BIOL 331	Microbiology for Majors and Lab	4 credits
BIOL 332	Genetics and Lab	4 credits

BIOL XXX	300 or 400-level Electives and Labs	3-4 credits
REQUIRED MATHEMATICS COURSES – 12 CREDIT HOURS		
MATH 123	Pre-Calculus	4 credits
MATH 201	Calculus I	4 credits
MATH 202	Calculus II	4 credits
REQUIRED PHYSICS COURSES – 8 CREDIT HOURS		
PHSC 201	Introductory Physics I and Lab	4 credits
PHSC 202	Introductory Physics II and Lab	4 credits
REQUIRED NATURAL SCIENCE COURSE – 3 CREDIT HOURS		
NSCI 220 Or Math 240	Statistics in Science and Research or Probability and Statistics	3 credits

An AP score of 5 or higher may be used to fulfill the CHEM 101 and CHEM 102 requirement. The initial course in MATH and eligibility to take CHEM 101 will be determined based on math course placement.

Please note that many chemistry and biology classes have a lab. Although the lab is registered as a separate class, the credit hour totals above include the lab hours. The student must pass both the lecture and lab portion of the class with a minimum grade of C in order to receive any of the credit.

A student should consult with his/her academic advisor for selection of a 300- or 400-level biology elective course (BIOL XXX).

Admission Requirements

Students must gain general admission to the University of Charleston.

Additional Requirements

Students must meet all General Education required for graduation from the University of Charleston. Students should take care to fulfill prerequisites for upper division courses as noted in the course descriptions. In order to graduate, *students must earn a C or better in all courses required for the major.*