

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Major

The Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major is designed to give students a detailed understanding of the chemistry of living matter. Careers exist in medical, pharmaceutical, food processing, and agricultural laboratories. Graduates also will have excellent preparation for graduate school or schools of medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, and business.

Biochemistry Minor

A minor in Biochemistry also is available. Contact the department (<https://www.ndsu.edu/chemistry>) for details.

Major Requirements

Major: Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

General Education Requirements

First Year Experience (F):

UNIV 189	Skills For Academic Success (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take UNIV 189.)	1
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Communication (C):

ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
ENGL 321	Writing in the Technical Professions	3
or ENGL 324	Writing in the Sciences	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3

Quantitative Reasoning (R):

MATH 165	Calculus I	4
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Science & Technology (S):

PHYS 251 & 251L	University Physics I and University Physics I Laboratory	5
PHYS 252 & 252L	University Physics II and University Physics II Laboratory	5

Humanities & Fine Arts (A): Select from current general education list	6
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Social & Behavioral Sciences (B): Select from current general education list	6
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Wellness (W): Select from current general education list	2
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Cultural Diversity (D): Select from current general education list	
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Global Perspectives (G): Select from current general education list	
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Total Credits	41
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College Requirements

Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree – An additional 6 credits in Humanities or Social Sciences*

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree – An additional 12 credits Humanities and Social Sciences* and proficiency at the second year level in a modern foreign language.

* Humanities and Social Sciences may be fulfilled by any course having the following prefix: ADHM, ANTH, ARCH, ART, CJ, CLAS, COMM, ECON, ENGL, FREN, GEOG, GERM, HDFS, HIST, LA, LANG, MUSC, PHIL, POLS, PSYC, RELS, SOC, SPAN, THEA, WGS, or any course from the approved list of general education courses in humanities and social sciences (general education categories A and B). These credits must come from outside the department of the student's major.

Major Requirements

General Education Requirements	40
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Science and Mathematics College Requirements	6-12
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Biochem & Molecular Biology Requirements	
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BIOC 460	Foundations of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology I	3
BIOC 460L	Foundations of Biochemistry I Laboratory	1
BIOC 461	Foundations of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology II	3
BIOC 465	Principles of Physical Chemistry and Biophysics *	4
BIOC 473	Methods of Biochemical Research	3
BIOC 474	Methods of Recombinant DNA Technology	3
BIOC 483	Cellular Signal Transduction Processes and Metabolic Regulations	3
BIOC 487	Molecular Biology of Gene Expression	3
BIOL 150 & 150L	General Biology I and General Biology I Laboratory	4
Select one of the following:		4
CHEM 150 & CHEM 160	Principles of Chemistry I and Principles of Chemistry Laboratory I	
CHEM 121 & 121L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Laboratory	
Select one of the following:		4
CHEM 151 & CHEM 161	Principles of Chemistry II and Principles of Chemistry Laboratory II	
CHEM 122 & 122L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Laboratory	
CHEM 341	Organic Chemistry I	3
CHEM 342	Organic Chemistry II	3
CHEM 353	Majors Organic Chemistry Laboratory I	1
CHEM 354	Majors Organic Chemistry Laboratory II	2
CHEM 380	Chemistry Junior Seminar	1
CHEM 431	Analytical Chemistry I	3
CHEM 491	Seminar	2
MATH 166	Calculus II	4
MICR 350 & 350L	General Microbiology and General Microbiology Lab	5
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics	3
ZOO 315	Genetics	3
Upper-Level Science Electives		
300-400 level courses in BIOL, BIOC, BOT, ZOO, CHEM, CSCI, MICR, PSCI, PHYS, PPTH, or STAT. No more than 6 credits from one prefix may apply. Research credits (CHEM 494/BIOC 494) may count towards 3 of these credits.		9
Degree Requirements: 1 credit to reach 122		1
Total Credits		122-128

* CHEM 364 Physical Chemistry I & CHEM 365 Physical Chemistry II will satisfy this requirement and 2 credits of upper-level science electives.

Degree Notes:

- Except for courses offered only as pass/fail grading, no course may be taken Pass/Fail.

Minor Requirements

Biochemistry Minor

Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 16

Required Courses

All minor courses must be selected in consultation with a Biochemistry adviser.

Total Credits

16

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Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.

- The student and adviser will complete a substitution form with the courses to be used for the biochemistry minor. This form will also require the signature of the department chairperson before being submitted to the Office of Registration and Records for verification of minor program completion.
- Note: This minor will not be available for view in the Student Advisement/Requirement Report in Campus Connection.