

# Chemistry

The ACS certified Chemistry major is the basic chemistry degree designed for students seeking careers in the chemical industry, or careers in law, government, journalism, business, etc., that would benefit from a strong background in the physical sciences and mathematics. Many B.S. graduates go on to M.S. or Ph.D. studies. Other degree options include a biochemistry option (also ACS certified), a polymers option (also ACS certified), a pre-professional option, and a chemistry education option.

Students may apply for scholarships available from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and the Department of Coatings and Polymeric Materials (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2017-18/undergraduate/colleges/science-mathematics/coatings-polymeric-materials>). See the College/Departmental Scholarships (<https://www.ndsu.edu/bisonconnection/finaid/scholarships>) page on the NDSU One Stop web site.

## Pre-Professional Chemistry Option

This option is designed for students interested in medical, dental, optometry, or veterinary professional school, but who wish to have an alternative career path to careers in industry, law, government, journalism, business, etc., that would benefit from a strong background in the physical sciences and mathematics. This option also provides excellent preparation for graduate study in biochemistry, biotechnology, and molecular biology.

## Polymers Option (ACS Certified)

This program is for students who wish to prepare for a career as a chemist in coatings and polymers industries, or for graduate school in polymer chemistry. This is the only program in the U.S. that combines an ACS-certified B.S. degree in Chemistry with a coatings and polymeric materials curriculum. Students have numerous opportunities to participate in the summer research and cooperative programs sponsored by the industry. Scholarship support from the Department of Coatings and Polymeric Materials (<https://www.ndsu.edu/cpm>) is available to students who elect this option.

## Pre-Chemistry Education Option

This option is designed for the student interested in a disciplinary major in chemistry, but who is also considering becoming a chemistry and physics teacher. The curriculum includes physics coursework beyond the usual chemistry major to enable the graduate to teach physics in most states. For teacher certification, students must apply to the School of Education (<https://www.ndsu.edu/education>) to enroll in the additional requirements. ACS certification may be earned by taking CHEM 471 Physical Chemistry Laboratory, CHEM 429 Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory, and CHEM 432 Analytical Chemistry II/CHEM 432L Analytical Chemistry II Laboratory, as additional courses.

Scholarships starting in the sophomore year are available for students in the Chemical Education option.

## Major Requirements

### Major: Chemistry

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

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

### General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degree

- A list of approved general education courses is available here (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2017-18/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).
- General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review the major, minor, and program emphases requirements for minimum grade restrictions, should they apply.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication (C)</b>		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning (R) <sup>†</sup></b>		3
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		10
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		6
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) <sup>†</sup></b>		6
<b>Wellness (W) <sup>†</sup></b>		2
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) <sup>*†</sup></b>		

**Global Perspectives (G) <sup>\*\*†</sup>**

Total Credits	39
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\* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† May be satisfied with courses required in the major. Review major requirements to determine if a specific upper division writing course is required.

**College Requirements**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>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. *</b>		12
<b>Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree – An additional 6 credits in Humanities or Social Sciences *</b>		6

\* 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**

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

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Chemistry Core Requirements</b>		
Select one from the following (May satisfy general education category R):		4
CHEM 121 & 121L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Laboratory	
CHEM 150 & CHEM 160	Principles of Chemistry I and Principles of Chemistry Laboratory I	
Select one from the following (May satisfy general education category S):		4
CHEM 122 & 122L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Laboratory	
CHEM 151 & CHEM 161	Principles of Chemistry II and Principles of Chemistry Laboratory II	
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 364	Physical Chemistry I	3
CHEM 365	Physical Chemistry II	3
CHEM 380	Chemistry Junior Seminar	1
CHEM 431 & 431L	Analytical Chemistry I and Analytical Chemistry I Laboratory	5
CHEM 471	Physical Chemistry Laboratory (Not required for Pre-professional and Chemistry Education Options)	2
BIOC 460	Foundations of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology I	3
BIOC 460L	Foundations of Biochemistry I Laboratory	1
CHEM 491	Seminar	2
<b>Related Required Courses</b>		
ENGL 321 or ENGL 324	Writing in the Technical Professions (May satisfy general education category C) or Writing in the Sciences	3
MATH 128	Introduction to Linear Algebra	1
MATH 165	Calculus I (May satisfy general education category R)	4
MATH 166	Calculus II	4
MATH 259	Multivariate Calculus	3
PHYS 251 & 251L	University Physics I and University Physics I Laboratory (May satisfy general education category S)	5

PHYS 252 & 252L	University Physics II and University Physics II Laboratory	5
<b>Option</b>	<b>Select one of the five options listed below to complete the major.</b>	<b>12-32</b>
Total Credits		74-94

### Select one of the five options to complete major requirements (12-32 credits):

#### Option 1: ACS Certified Chemistry

Code	Title	Credits
CHEM 425 & CHEM 429	Inorganic Chemistry I and Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory	5
CHEM 432 & 432L	Analytical Chemistry II and Analytical Chemistry II Laboratory	4
MATH 266	Introduction to Differential Equations	3
Total Credits		12

#### Option 2: ACS Certified w/Biochemistry Option

Code	Title	Credits
BIOC 461	Foundations of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology II	3
BIOC 473	Methods of Biochemical Research	3
BIOC 474	Methods of Recombinant DNA Technology	3
BIOL 150 & 150L	General Biology I and General Biology I Laboratory	4
CHEM 425 & CHEM 429	Inorganic Chemistry I and Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory	5
MATH 266	Introduction to Differential Equations	3
MICR 350 & 350L	General Microbiology and General Microbiology Lab	5
Select 6 credits of the following (Biology):		6
BIOL 315 & 315L	Genetics and Genetics Laboratory	
BOT 380	Plant Physiology	
MICR 352	General Microbiology II	
ZOO 370	Cell Biology	
Total Credits		32

#### Option 3: Coating & Polymeric Materials

Code	Title	Credits
CHEM 425 & CHEM 429	Inorganic Chemistry I and Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory	5
CHEM 471	Physical Chemistry Laboratory	2
CHEM 432 & 432L	Analytical Chemistry II and Analytical Chemistry II Laboratory	4
CPM 473	Polymer Synthesis	3
CPM 474 & CPM 484	Applied Polymer Science and Coatings I Laboratory	5
CPM 475 & CPM 485	Coatings' Materials Science and Coatings II Laboratory	5
MATH 266	Introduction to Differential Equations	3
Total Credits		27

#### Option 4: Pre-Professional Option

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL 150 & 150L	General Biology I and General Biology I Laboratory	4

BIOL 220 & 220L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	4
BIOL 221 & 221L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	4
CHEM 425	Inorganic Chemistry I	3
MATH 266 or STAT 330	Introduction to Differential Equations Introductory Statistics	3
MICR 350 & 350L	General Microbiology and General Microbiology Lab	5
Total Credits		23

**Option 5: Chemistry Pre-Education Application must be made to the School of Education in order to obtain a teaching degree**

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL 150 & 150L	General Biology I and General Biology I Laboratory	4
CHEM 425	Inorganic Chemistry I	3
EDUC 321	Introduction to Teaching	3
EDUC 322	Educational Psychology	3
MATH 266 or STAT 330	Introduction to Differential Equations Introductory Statistics	3
PHYS Elective		3
Recommended for Education Option		
BIOL 151 & 151L	General Biology II and General Biology II Laboratory	4
GEOL 105 & 105L	Physical Geology and Physical Geology Lab	4
Total Credits		27

## Minor Requirements

### Chemistry Minor

#### Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 19

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
CHEM 121	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 121L	General Chemistry I Laboratory	1
CHEM 122	General Chemistry II	3
CHEM 122L	General Chemistry II Laboratory	1
<b>Electives</b>		11
300-400 level courses in chemistry, biochemistry, or coatings & polymeric materials; one lab course required.		
Total Credits		19

### Minor Requirements and Notes

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