

Chemistry Major

Major Requirements

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.
Minimum Credits Required: 120

University Degree Requirements

For complete details on these and other university degree requirements, refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section in the University Catalog.

1. Minimum of 120 semester credits (some programs may exceed this minimum).
2. Complete the University General Education requirements.
3. Minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
4. Minimum of 30 credits in resident at NDSU.
5. Minimum of 36 upper level credits (courses numbered 300 or higher).
6. Students with transfer credit must meet the NDSU 30 credits in residence (#4). Of these 30 credits in residence, a minimum of 15 credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 credits must be in the student's declared major curricula.

University General Education Requirements

A list of university approved general education courses along with the administrative policies governing the requirement and the categories is available here (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Category C: Communication		12
Category R: Quantitative Reasoning		3
Category S: Science and Technology		10
Category A: Humanities and Fine Arts		6
Category B: Social and Behavioral Sciences		6
Category W: Wellness		2
Category D: Cultural Diversity		
Category G: Global Perspectives		
Category L: Digital Literacy		
Total Credits		39

Major Requirements

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

Code	Title	Credits
Chemistry Core Requirements		
Select one from the following:		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:		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 and Biochemistry 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 ¹	3
BIOC 460L	Foundations of Biochemistry I Laboratory	1
CHEM 491		2
ENGL 321 or ENGL 324	Writing in the Technical Professions Writing in the Sciences	3
MATH 128	Introduction to Linear Algebra	1
MATH 165	Calculus I	4
MATH 166	Calculus II	4
MATH 259	Multivariate Calculus	3
PHYS 251 & 251L	University Physics I and University Physics I Laboratory	5
PHYS 252 & 252L	University Physics II and University Physics II Laboratory	5

Program Option

Select one of the five options listed below to complete the major. 12-33

Total Credits 74-95

Option 1: ACS Certified Chemistry

Code	Title	Credits
CHEM 425 & CHEM 429	Inorganic Chemistry I and Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory ¹	5
CHEM 432 & 432L	Analytical Chemistry II and Analytical Chemistry II Laboratory ¹	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 ¹	3
BIOC 473	Methods of Biochemical Research ¹	4
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 ¹	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	
MICR 352	The Science Toolkit: Skills for Scientific Success	
BIOL 370	Cell Biology	

Total Credits 33

Option 3: Coating & Polymeric Materials

Code	Title	Credits
CHEM 425 & CHEM 429	Inorganic Chemistry I and Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory ¹	5

CHEM 471	Physical Chemistry Laboratory	2
CHEM 432 & 432L	Analytical Chemistry II and Analytical Chemistry II Laboratory ¹	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 ¹	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 ¹	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

Program Notes:

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

Accelerated Program Notes:

- This major is eligible as an accelerated program for the student to earn a B.S./B.A. in Chemistry and a M.S. in Chemistry. Students may complete either a thesis or non-thesis option in the master's program.

¹ Students in the accelerated program may substitute the 600 level course equivalent to use in both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs. **No more than 15 credits of 600 level coursework can apply to the undergraduate degree program.**