DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

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The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (http://www.twu.edu/chemistry-biochemistry/) offers programs leading to the B.S. in Biochemistry and in Chemistry, both with or without certification by the American Chemical Society (ACS) and to the M.S. in Chemistry. The ACS certified degrees are recommended to those students interested in pursuing advanced degrees in chemistry or biochemistry. The B.S. in Biochemistry is recommended for those students interested in pursuing careers in health-related professions. Academic minors are offered in chemistry and in general science. Teacher certification to teach general science and physical science in secondary schools is also offered.

The objectives of the undergraduate chemistry program are to lead the student to

1. achieve an understanding of the chemical and physical behavior of material substances and of the energy changes accompanying this behavior and
2. to prepare students for advanced degrees, teaching, or professional careers in the sciences. The programs offered prepare the students for graduate studies in chemistry or biochemistry, admission to medical, dental, or pharmacy school, or a career as a professional chemist or teacher.

Graduates are employed as chemists, scientists, and managers in research, development, and production positions in a variety of settings and fields including pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, food products, forensics, agricultural chemicals, medical research, and environmental law enforcement. Others go on to earn masters and doctoral degrees. Pre-professional graduates have successfully earned medical/dental/pharmacy degrees from medical/dental/pharmacy schools in and outside of Texas.

Students who have taken advanced chemistry courses in high school may earn advanced placement credit for CHEM 1113. Advanced placement may be earned by a satisfactory score on the Advanced Placement Examination in Chemistry or on a departmentally-administered examination.

For more information about the Department, please visit the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (http://www.twu.edu/chemistry-biochemistry/) webpage.

Undergraduate Degrees Offered

- B.S. in Biochemistry (American Chemical Society Certification) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/chemistry-biochemistry/chemistry-bs-acs/)
- B.S. in Biochemistry (for Pre-Health Majors) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/chemistry-biochemistry/biochemistry-bs/)
- B.S. in Chemistry (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/chemistry-biochemistry/chemistry-bs/)
- B.S. in Chemistry (Environmental Chemistry) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/chemistry-biochemistry/chemistry-bs-environmental/)
- B.S. in Chemistry (American Chemical Society Certification) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/chemistry-biochemistry/chemistry-bs-american-chemical-society-certification/)
- B.S. in Chemistry/Biochemistry (7-12 Science Certification) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/chemistry-biochemistry/chemistry-bs-7-12-science-teacher/)
- B.S. in Chemistry/Biochemistry (6-12 Physical Science Teacher Certification) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/chemistry-biochemistry/chemistry-bs-6-12-physical-science-teacher/)

Course Load

Recommended course loads for both chemistry and biochemistry majors are 14-18 semester credit hours per semester, but students are ultimately responsible for developing individual course load plans with their academic advisors. When determining course loads, students should be prepared to spend a minimum of two hours outside of class for each lecture period and at least one-half hour outside of class for laboratories in order to be successful in these courses.

Special Requirements for Majors

Only courses in which a grade of C or higher is earned may be counted toward a departmental major. In addition, to register for any course required for the major, a grade of C or better in any of its prerequisites is required. Finally, any course required for the degree cannot be taken more than two times in order to achieve a passing grade (C or higher). All students pursuing the ACS certified degree must also register for CHEM 4983 and CHEM 4991. A paper describing the research project must be written and approved by the ACS for certification.

Graduate Courses

Please refer to the Graduate Catalog (http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/) for information regarding graduate courses.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/). The following degrees have additional secondary admission criteria:

- B.S. in Chemistry/Biochemistry (7-12 Science Certification) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/chemistry-biochemistry/chemistry-bs-7-12-science-teacher/)
- B.S. in Chemistry/Biochemistry (6-12 Physical Science Certification) (http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/chemistry-biochemistry/chemistry-bs-6-12-physical-science-teacher/)

Faculty

*ANDERSON, MARY E., Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, B.A., Hollins College; Ph.D., Cornell University

*BRITT, BILLY MARK, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, B.S., Millsaps College; Ph.D., University of Oregon
Courses

Chemistry Courses

CHEM 1001. Horizons of Chemistry and Biochemistry I: Career Possibilities. Explores career possibilities in biochemistry and chemistry. Weekly classes, enhanced by speakers and field experiences, will illustrate the many applications of these fields to contemporary issues and career paths. May not be used to satisfy any core science requirement. One lecture hour a week. Credit: One hour.

CHEM 1011. Introductory Chemistry Laboratory. (TCCN CHEM 1106) Laboratory to be taken concurrently with CHEM 1011. Co-requisite: CHEM 1013. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.

CHEM 1013. Introductory Chemistry. (TCCN CHEM 1305) General principles and laws of chemistry; structure of matter and periodicity of the elements; special areas such as equilibrium, colloids, nuclear chemistry, and solutions. Prerequisite: Adequate score on placement examination or grade of C or higher for SCI 1003. Satisfies three hours Life & Physical Sciences Core (30). Co-requisite: CHEM 1011. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 1021. Introduction to Organic and Physiological Chemistry Laboratory. (TCCN CHEM 1107) Laboratory to be taken concurrently with CHEM 1023. Co-requisite: CHEM 1023. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.

CHEM 1023. Introduction to Organic and Physiological Chemistry. (TCCN CHEM 1307) Nomenclature and reactions of aliphatic and aromatic compounds; introduction to the chemistry of carbohydrates, fats, proteins, and nucleic acids and their metabolism. Prerequisite: One year of high school chemistry and a passing score on placement examination or grade of C or higher for CHEM 1013. Satisfies three hours Life & Physical Sciences Core (30). Co-requisite: CHEM 1021. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 1101. Horizons of Chemistry and Biochemistry II: Current Applications. Explores how chemistry and biochemistry impact contemporary life through new developments such as gene therapy, designer steroids, new drug therapies, and dietary supplements. Examines current events to further develop interests in and perspectives on chemistry and biochemistry. May not be used to satisfy any core science requirement. One lecture hour a week. Credit: One hour.

CHEM 1111. General Chemistry Laboratory I. (TCCN CHEM 1111) Laboratory to be taken concurrently with General Chemistry I. Co-requisite: CHEM 1113. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.

CHEM 1113. General Chemistry I. (TCCN CHEM 1311) Introduction to the principles of chemistry, primarily for biology and allied health majors: classification of matter, elements and compounds; stoichiometry; acids and bases; gases; thermochemistry; periodic law; atomic and molecular structure. Prerequisites: One year of high school chemistry and a passing score on placement examination, or a minimum grade of C in CHEM 1013. Satisfies three hours Life & Physical Sciences Core (30). Co-requisite: CHEM 1111. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 1121. General Chemistry Laboratory II. (TCCN CHEM 1112) Laboratory to be taken concurrently with General Chemistry II. Co-requisite: CHEM 1111. Co-requisite: CHEM 1123. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.

CHEM 1123. General Chemistry II. (TCCN CHEM 1312) A continuation of the introduction to the principles of chemistry, primarily for biology and allied health majors: Solids, liquids, and solutions; oxidation-reduction; reaction rates; equilibrium; thermodynamics; electrochemistry; chemistry of the common elements; and nuclear chemistry. Satisfies three hours Life & Physical Sciences Core (30). Prerequisite: A minimum grade of C in CHEM 1113. Co-requisite: CHEM 1121. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.


CHEM 1213. Principles of Chemistry I. Development of the principles of chemistry, primarily for chemistry and biochemistry majors, from an atoms first approach: atoms and compounds, atomic and molecular structure, stoichiometry, chemical reactions, thermochemistry, states of matter. Prerequisites: One year of high school chemistry and a passing score on placement examination, or a minimum grade of C in CHEM 1013; must be a chemistry or biochemistry major or permission of the instructor. Satisfies three hours Life & Physical Sciences Core (30). Co-requisite: CHEM 1211. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 1221. Principles of Chemistry Laboratory II. Laboratory taken concurrently with Principles of Chemistry II. Prerequisite: CHEM 1211. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.

CHEM 1223. Principles of Chemistry II. A continuation of the development of the principles of chemistry, primarily for chemistry and biochemistry majors, from an atoms first approach: solutions, equilibrium, thermodynamics, kinetics, and main group chemistry. Prerequisites: Minimum grade of C in CHEM 1213 or permission of instructor. Satisfies three hours Life & Physical Sciences Core (30). Co-requisite: CHEM 1221. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 2213. Organic Chemistry I. (TCCN CHEM 2323) Theories of covalent molecular structure; hydrocarbons and derived halides; aromaticity; mechanisms of free radical, nucleophilic, and electrophilic substitutions; and of additions and eliminations. Prerequisite: CHEM 1123 and CHEM 1121, or CHEM 1223 and CHEM 1221, with a grade of C or higher. Co-requisite: CHEM 2211. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 3221. Organic Chemistry Laboratory II. Introduction to the practice of organic synthesis and to classical methods of compound identification. Prerequisites: CHEM 2211 and 2213 with a grade of C or higher. Co-requisite: CHEM 3223. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.

CHEM 3223. Organic Chemistry II. Continuation of CHEM 2213. Organic compounds of oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur; alcohols and ethers; organic acids and bases; carbonyl compounds; compounds of biological origin. Prerequisite: CHEM 2213 with a grade of C or higher. Co-requisite: CHEM 3221. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 3313. Physical Chemistry for the Life Sciences. Equilibrium thermodynamics, kinetics, and spectroscopy with an emphasis on applications to biochemical systems. Prerequisite: CHEM 1123 with a grade of C or higher. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 3331. Quantitative Chemical Analysis Laboratory. Application of various methods and techniques used in analytical chemistry, statistical treatment of data, gravimetric and titrimetric methods, spectrophotometric and chromatographic techniques. Prerequisite: CHEM 1123 or CHEM 1223. Co-requisite: CHEM 3333. Four laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.

CHEM 3333. Quantitative Chemical Analysis. Theoretical principles of various methods involved in quantitative determinations, statistical treatment of data, gravimetric and titrimetric methods, spectrophotometric and chromatographic techniques. Prerequisite: CHEM 1123 or CHEM 1223 with a grade of C or higher. Co-requisite: CHEM 3331. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 3411. Physical Chemistry Laboratory I. Introduction to experimental measurement of physical properties and change, record keeping, data analysis, and report writing. Co-requisite: CHEM 3413. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.

CHEM 3413. Physical Chemistry I. Introductory theories of physical chemistry covering states of matter, equilibrium thermodynamics, and kinetic processes. Prerequisites: MATH 2023, PHYS 2163, CHEM 3223, and CHEM 3334. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 3421. Physical Chemistry Laboratory II. Continuation of CHEM 3411. Emphasis on spectroscopic measurement. Prerequisite: CHEM 3411. Co-requisite: CHEM 3423. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.

CHEM 3423. Physical Chemistry II. Continuation of CHEM 3413. Introductory quantum theory, atomic and molecular structure, spectroscopy, and statistical thermodynamics. Prerequisite: CHEM 3413. Co-requisite: CHEM 3421. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 3632. Biochemistry I Laboratory. Biochemical techniques: analysis, purification and characterization of amino acids, proteins, and nucleic acids, including enzyme assays and kinetics. Lab skills include record keeping, computer utilization, safety, chromatography, electrophoresis, and spectroscopy. Prerequisite: CHEM 3223 with a grade of C or higher. Co-requisite: CHEM 3633. Five laboratory hours a week. Credit: Two hours.

CHEM 3633. Biochemistry I. Fundamental structure and chemistry of biomolecules (proteins, nucleic acids, carbohydrates, and lipids) and their biologically relevant interactions. Prerequisite: CHEM 3223 with a grade of C or higher. Co-requisite: CHEM 3632. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 3643. Biochemistry II. Biochemistry of metabolic pathways (mammalian) using normal and disease states as examples. Metabolism of carbohydrates, amino acids, lipids, and nucleic acids, energy metabolism, and their integration. Prerequisite: CHEM 3633 with a grade of C or higher. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 3711. Environmental Chemistry Laboratory I. Environmental chemistry lab with focus on water chemistry: the analysis of natural waters, ground water and man-made water, wastewater treatment, acid-base equilibrium, precipitation and dissolution, oxidation-reductions, complexation applied to water chemistry, analytical methods used in environmental analysis. Co-requisite: CHEM 3713. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.

CHEM 3713. Environmental Chemistry I. Exploration of environmental chemistry with focus on water chemistry: the chemistry of natural surface waters, ground waters and man-made water; wastewater treatment; acid-base equilibrium; precipitation and dissolution, oxidation-reductions, complexation applied to water chemistry; analytical methods used in environmental analysis. Prerequisites: CHEM 3221 and CHEM 3223. Co-requisite: CHEM 3711. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 4001. Research Presentations in Chemistry and Biochemistry. To prepare chemistry and biochemistry students for presentations of research results at scientific meetings. Prerequisite: Senior standing or permission of the Chair. One seminar hour a week. Credit: One hour.

CHEM 4311. Instrumental Analysis Laboratory. Major concepts of instrumental analysis and certain instrumental techniques most commonly used in analytical chemistry; emphasizes the use of modern, commercial instrumentation to perform quantitative and qualitative analyses of the physical properties and chemical composition of samples; representative experiments in several of the analytical methods covered in CHEM 4313. Co-requisite: CHEM 4313. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.

CHEM 4313. Instrumental Analysis. Fundamental principles underlying chemical methods and modern analytical techniques; introduction to various modern analytical instrumentation including spectroscopic methods (FTIR, UV-Vis spectroscopy, luminescence, Raman, atomic spectroscopy), chromatography, electrochemistry, and mass spectrometry. Prerequisites: CHEM 3313 and CHEM 3413. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.


CHEM 4513. Inorganic Chemistry. Survey of periodic relationships of elements, chemical bonding, acid-base theory, coordination compounds, electronic structure of atoms and molecules, inorganic nomenclature, symmetry and group theory, and other selected topics. Prerequisite: CHEM 3413 with grade of C or higher. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 4903. Special Topics. Lectures or conferences on recent developments in chemical theory or practice. May be repeated with change of topic for additional credit. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.
CHEM 4911. Independent Study. Independent student readings or experimentation in chemistry. Prerequisites: Junior standing and permission of the department chair. Credit: One hour.

CHEM 4912. Independent Study. Independent student readings or experimentation in chemistry. Prerequisites: Junior standing and permission of the department chair. Credit: Two hours.

CHEM 4913. Independent Study. Independent student readings or experimentation in chemistry. Prerequisites: Junior standing and permission of the department chair. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 4953. Cooperative Education. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 4956. Cooperative Education. Credit: Six hours.

CHEM 4981. Undergraduate Research. Original research at the undergraduate level. Formal, written report required. May be taken for honors credit and repeated for additional credit. Prerequisite: Permission of the department chair. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 4983. Undergraduate Research. Original research at the undergraduate level. Formal, written report required. May be taken for honors credit and repeated for additional credit. Prerequisite: Permission of the department chair. Nine laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

CHEM 4991. Senior Thesis. The writing of a thesis based on original research at the undergraduate level. May be taken for honors credit only. Prerequisites: CHEM 4981 or CHEM 4983, and permission of the department chair. Credit: One hour.

Physics Courses


PHYS 1141. Principles of Physics Laboratory II. (TCCN PHYS 1102) Experimental laboratory work on topics from PHYS 1143 correlated with its lecture material. Co-requisite: PHYS 1143. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.

PHYS 1143. Principles of Physics II. (TCCN PHYS 1302) Introductory algebra-based physics. Electricity and magnetism, light, and atomic and nuclear physics. May not be substituted for PHYS 2163. Satisfies three hours Life & Physical Sciences Core (30). Prerequisite: PHYS 1133 with a grade of C or higher. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

PHYS 2151. General Physics Laboratory I. (TCCN PHYS 2125) Experimental laboratory work on topics from PHYS 2153 correlated with its lecture materials. Corequisite: PHYS 2153. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.


PHYS 2161. General Physics Laboratory II. (TCCN PHYS 2126) Experimental laboratory work on topics from PHYS 2163 correlated with its lecture material. Co-requisite: PHYS 2163. Three laboratory hours a week. Credit: One hour.

PHYS 2163. General Physics II. (TCCN PHYS 2326) A continuation of PHYS 2153. Introductory calculus-based physics for science majors; electricity and magnetism, light, and atomic and nuclear physics. Satisfies three hours Life & Physical Sciences Core (30). Prerequisite: PHYS 2153 with a grade of C or higher. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.


Science Courses

SCI 1114. Sustainable Physical Science. (TCCN PHYS 1415) Theory and practice of sustainability in the context of the physical sciences. Cycle of matter and energy in the environment, formation and consumption of resources, laws of motion and thermodynamics, properties of waves, and nature of electric charge. Satisfies four hours Life & Physical Sciences Core (30). Three lecture and two laboratory hours a week. Credit: Four hours.

SCI 1123. General Life Science. (TCCN PHYS 1408) Life processes as they are based on physical chemical principles. Manifestation of different life forms in various organisms in adaption to diverse environments. Satisfies three hours Life & Physical Sciences Core (30). Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SCI 2103. Introduction to Environmental Chemistry: Global Perspectives. (TCCN ENVR 1401) Chemical principles in the context of significant environmental issues. Topics include energy, biogeochemical cycles; issues such as the ozone layer, global warming and acid rain, and assessment of environmental risk. Satisfies three hours Life & Physical Sciences Core (30). Satisfies Global Perspectives graduation requirement. Two lecture and two laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SCI 2113. Earth Science: Global Perspectives. (TCCN GEOL 1401) Nature of science and scientific inquiry as revealed through an integrated investigation of global sustainability issues (population, water, food, energy, etc) critical to survival in the 21st century. The influence of resource wealth on political leverage and alignments. Satisfies three hours Life & Physical Sciences Core (30). Satisfies Global Perspectives graduation requirement. Two lecture and two laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SCI 3013. Community Conversation in Sustainability. Sustainability issues from scientific, sociological, and business perspectives. Topics include the impacts of energy production, food production, industry, and our modern lifestyle on our local and global community with an emphasis on systems and possible solutions. Satisfies Global Perspectives graduation requirement. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SCI 3033. Water in a Changing Environment. Sustainability issues of water from an American Southwestern to global perspective; combines the science, sociology, and economics of water quality and availability of transboundary water systems in a changing environment. Satisfies Global Perspectives graduation requirement. Two lecture and two laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.
SCI 3133. Climate Change: A Human Perspective. Study of climate change with a synthesis of meteorology, geology, oceanography, astronomy, and anthropology. Examines past, present, and future climate change in the context of natural and anthropogenic forcing with special focus on man’s impact on the climate and climate’s impact on man. Satisfies Global Perspectives graduation requirement. Two lecture and two laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SCI 3153. History of Modern Science. An exploration of the development of the sciences in their social and political context; science from the Newtonian revolution to present. Satisfies Global Perspectives graduation requirement. Two lecture and two laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.


SCI 4923. Building Sustainable Communities. Capstone course for certificate in Science, Society, and Sustainability. Integration of concepts from science, sociology, and economics to synthesize sustainable solutions to community issues. Requires completion of a civic engagement project with a public presentation of sustainable solutions for a selected complex civic issue. Prerequisite: Completion of 12 hours towards Science, Society, and Sustainability certificate. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.