

Chemistry

College of Science, Engineering and Mathematics
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
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B.A., B.S. Degrees

Minimum Requirements for Degrees: 130 credits

Professional opportunities in chemistry have grown substantially with the creation of many synthetic products and the rapid introduction of chemical techniques in all branches of commerce. Graduates qualify for employment as teachers of chemistry; supervisors in industry; technical sales personnel; research chemists in federal, state, municipal, academic, or industrial laboratories; in pre-medicine; and as laboratory technicians. Graduates also find positions in the environmental sciences, oceanography and related interdisciplinary fields. Many chemistry graduates elect to pursue advanced M.S., Ph.D., pharmacology or M.D. degrees.

The chemistry curriculum offers an opportunity for broad scientific study. All students specializing in chemistry will meet basic requirements in general inorganic, analytical, organic and physical chemistry, as well as mathematics and physics. These may be supplemented, according to the interest of the student, by courses in biology, education, engineering, geophysics, geology and advanced courses in biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics.

Chemistry laboratories house instrumentation for nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometry, infrared, ultraviolet/visible, and atomic absorption spectrophotometry, mass spectrometry, gas chromatography and HPLC. Equipment for specialized gas chromatography/mass spectrometry, x-ray diffractometry, electron microscopy and liquid scintillating counting is available in cooperation with other UAF departments and institutes.

The American Chemical Society accredits the chemistry department's curricula.

Major—B.A. Degree

- Complete the general university requirements (page 106. As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH 200X; PHYS 103X and PHYS 104X, or PHYS 211X and PHYS 212X.)
- Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 109. As part of the B.A. degree requirements, complete: MATH 201X.)
- Complete the following program (major) requirements:

CHEM 105X—General Chemistry	4
CHEM 106X—General Chemistry	4
CHEM 202—Basic Inorganic Chemistry	3
CHEM 212—Chemical Equilibrium and Analysis	3
CHEM 313—Chemical Analysis of Dynamic Systems	2
CHEM 321—Organic Chemistry	3
CHEM 322—Organic Chemistry	3
CHEM 324—Organic Laboratory	4
CHEM 331—Physical Chemistry	3
CHEM 332—Physical Chemistry	3
CHEM 412—Instrumental Analytical Methods	3
CHEM 413W—Analytical Instrumental Laboratory	3
CHEM 434W—Instrumental Methods in Physical Chemistry	3
CHEM 481—Seminar	1
CHEM 482O—Seminar	2

- Complete the following:

MATH 202X—Calculus	4
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- Minimum credits required 130
* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

Major—B.S. Degree

- Complete the general university requirements (page 106. As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH 200X; PHYS 103X and PHYS 104X, or PHYS 211X and PHYS 212X.)
- Complete the B.S. degree requirements (page 112. As part of the B.S. degree, complete: MATH 201X. Chemistry foundation courses may be used toward partial fulfillment of the natural science requirement.)
- Complete the program (major) requirements as listed under Chemistry—B.A. Degree.
- Complete the following:

CHEM 402—Inorganic Chemistry**	3
CHEM 451—General Biochemistry	3
CHEM 488—Undergraduate Chemistry and Biochemistry Research**	4
- Minimum credits required 130
* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

** Advanced courses in the physical or biological sciences or mathematics may be substituted with permission of the head of the chemistry and biochemistry department. However, the student will not receive an ACS-certified degree.

Note: Upon completing the recommended curriculum and fulfilling all general university requirements, the student will receive a baccalaureate degree certified by the American Chemical Society.

Note: The electives must include at least 6 credits at the upper division level (to satisfy the UAF general degree requirements for 39 upper division).

Concentrations: Biochemistry/Molecular Biology, Environmental Chemistry, Juristic Chemistry

Biochemistry/Molecular Biology

- Complete the general university requirements (page 106. As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH 200X; PHYS 103X and PHYS 104X, or PHYS 211X and PHYS 212X.)
- Complete the B.S. degree requirements (page 112. As part of the B.S. degree requirements, complete: MATH 201X. Chemistry foundation courses may be used toward partial fulfillment of the natural science requirement.)
- Complete the following program (major) requirements:

BIOL 105X—Fundamentals of Biology I	4
BIOL 106X—Fundamentals of Biology II	4
BIOL 342—Microbiology (4)	
or BIOL 362—Principles of Genetics (4)	
or BIOL 418W—Developmental Biology (4)	
or BIOL 461—Cell Biology (4)	4
CHEM 105X—General Chemistry	4
CHEM 106X—General Chemistry	4
CHEM 212—Chemical Equilibrium and Analysis	3
CHEM 313—Chemical Analysis of Dynamic Systems	2
CHEM 321—Organic Chemistry	3
CHEM 322—Organic Chemistry	3
CHEM 324—Organic Laboratory	4

CHEM 331—Physical Chemistry	3
CHEM 332—Physical Chemistry	3
CHEM 413W—Analytical Instrumental Laboratory** (3) or CHEM 434W—Instrumental Methods in Physical Chemistry (3)	3
CHEM 451—General Biochemistry	3
CHEM 452W—Biochemistry Laboratory (3) or CHEM 488—Undergraduate Chemistry and Biochemistry Research (3)	3
CHEM 456—Advanced Biochemistry	3
CHEM 481—Seminar	1
CHEM 482O—Seminar	2
Major elective (approved by department head)***	6

4. Complete the following:	
MATH 202X—Calculus	4

5. Minimum credits required	130
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* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

** Requires CHEM 412 as prerequisite.

*** CHEM 202, 402 required for ACS-accredited degree.

Environmental Chemistry

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 106. As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH 200X; PHYS 103X and PHYS 104X, or PHYS 211X and PHYS 212X.)	
2. Complete the B.S. degree requirements (page 112. As part of the B.S. degree, complete: MATH 201X. Chemistry foundation courses may be used toward partial fulfillment of the natural science requirement.)	
3. Complete the following:*	
CHEM 105X—General Chemistry	4
CHEM 106X—General Chemistry	4
CHEM 202—Basic Inorganic Chemistry	3
CHEM 212—Chemical Equilibrium and Analysis	3
CHEM 313—Chemical Analysis of Dynamic Systems	2
CHEM 321, 322—Organic Chemistry	6
CHEM 324—Organic Laboratory	4
CHEM 331, 332—Physical Chemistry	6
CHEM 412—Instrumental Analytical Methods	3
CHEM 413W—Analytical Instrumental Laboratory	3
CHEM 434W—Instrumental Methods in Physical Chemistry	3
CHEM 451—General Biochemistry	3
CHEM 481—Seminar	1
CHEM 482O—Seminar	2
CHEM 488—Undergraduate Chemistry and Biochemistry Research (Environmental Topic)	2
4. Complete the following:	
MATH 202X—Calculus	4
STAT 300—Statistics	3
5. Complete 2 of the following courses:*	
BIOL 105X—Fundamentals of Biology I	4
BIOL 106X—Fundamentals of Biology II	4
GEOS 101X—The Dynamic Earth	4
GEOS 125X—Humans, Earth, and the Environment	4
ATM 101X—Weather and Climate of Alaska	4

6. Complete 1 of the following advanced courses:*	
BIOL 271—Principles of Ecology	4
BIOL 342—Microbiology	4
BIOL 443—Microbial Ecology	3
BIOL 480—Water Pollution Ecology	3
BIOL 483—Stream Ecology	3
ENVE 458—Energy and the Environment	3
NRM 380W—Soils and the Environment	3
ATM 401—Fundamentals of Atmospheric Science	3
CHEM 402—Advanced Inorganic Chemistry	3

7. Complete 1 of the following advanced courses:*	
BIOL 442W/O/2—Advanced Microbiology	4
CHEM 406—Atmospheric Chemistry	3
CHEM 408—Global Chemical Cycles	3
CHEM 456—Advanced Biochemistry	3
CE 441—Environmental Engineering	4
GEOS 417—Introduction to Geochemistry	3

8. Minimum credits required	130
* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.	

Juristic Chemistry

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 106. As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH 200X; PHYS 103X and PHYS 104X, or PHYS 211X and PHYS 212X.)	
2. Complete the B.S. degree requirements (page 112. As part of the B.S. degree, complete: MATH 201X. Chemistry foundation courses may be used toward partial fulfillment of the natural science requirement.)	
3. Complete the program (major) requirements as listed under Chemistry—B.A. degree.	
4. Complete the following chemistry requirements:*	
CHEM 402—Inorganic Chemistry	3
CHEM 451—General Biochemistry	3
CHEM 488—Undergraduate Chemistry and Biochemistry Research (Environmental Topic)	2
5. Complete the following justice requirements:*	
JUST 110—Introduction to Justice	3
JUST 222—Research Methods	3
JUST 251—Criminology	3
JUST 300X—Ethics and Justice**	3
JUST 354—Procedural Law	3
JUST 454W—Advanced Problems in Procedural Law	3
6. Minimum credits required	130

* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

** JUST 300X may not be used to fulfill core ethics requirement.

Requirements for Chemistry Teachers (grades 7–12)

1. Complete all the requirements of the chemistry B.A. or B.S. degree you wish to seek.
2. All prospective chemistry teachers must complete the following:
CHEM 451—General Biochemistry 3
CHEM 488—Undergraduate Chemistry and Biochemistry Research 4
3. All prospective science teachers must complete one of the following:
PHIL 380—Conceptual Foundations of Science (3)
or PHIL 382—Science and Technological Limits (3)
or PHIL 481—Philosophy of Science (3) 3

Note: We strongly recommend that prospective secondary science teachers seek advising from the UAF School of Education early in your undergraduate degree program so that you can be appropriately advised of the state of Alaska requirements for teacher licensure. You will apply for admission to the UAF School of Education's post-baccalaureate teacher preparation program, a one-year intensive program, during your senior year. Above requirements apply to all candidates who apply to the UAF School of Education Spring 2006 or later for licensure in Chemistry.

Minor

Chemistry

1. Complete the following foundation courses:
CHEM 105X—General Chemistry 4
CHEM 106X—General Chemistry 4
2. Complete the following approved electives
CHEM 202—Basic Inorganic Chemistry 3
CHEM 212—Chemical Equilibrium and Analysis* 3
CHEM 313—Chemical Analysis of Dynamic Systems* 2
CHEM 321—Organic Chemistry 3
CHEM 322—Organic Chemistry 3
3. Minimum credits required 21–22
** CHEM 324 may be substituted for both of these courses.*

Biochemistry

1. Complete the following foundation courses:
CHEM 105X—General Chemistry 4
CHEM 106X—General Chemistry 4
2. Complete the following:
CHEM 321—Organic Chemistry 3
CHEM 322—Organic Chemistry 3
CHEM 331—Physical Chemistry 3
CHEM 451—General Biochemistry 3
CHEM lab elective 200-level or above 3
3. Minimum credits required 23

Note: Page numbers refer to the UAF 2004–2005 academic catalog, which can be viewed online at www.uaf.edu/catalog/.

General University Requirements

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses. Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

COMMUNICATIONS (9)

Complete the following:

ENGL 111X (3) _____
ENGL 211X OR 213X (3) _____
COMM 131X OR 141X (3) _____

LIBRARY & INFORMATION SKILLS (0–1)

Complete the following:

LS 100X OR 101X (0–1) _____
OR Successful completion of library skills competency test.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

Complete either the following six courses:

ANTH 100X OR SOC 100X (3) _____
ECON/PS 100X (3) _____
HIST 100X (3) _____
ART/MUS/THR 200X, HUM 201X OR ANS 202X (3) _____
ENGL/FL 200X (3) _____
PHIL 322X, NRM 303X, COMM 300X,
PS 300X OR JUST 300X (3) _____

OR Complete 12 cr from the above list **PLUS** two semester-length courses in a single non-English or Alaska Native language at the university level **OR** three semester-length courses (9 cr) in American Sign Language.

MATHEMATICS (3–4)

Complete 3–4 credits from the following:

MATH 107X (3) _____
OR MATH 131X (except for BBA) (3) _____
OR MATH 161X (3) _____
MATH 200X (4) _____
MATH 201X (4) _____
MATH 202X (4) _____
MATH 262X (4) _____
MATH 272X (3) _____

NOTE: Additional 3 cr of math needed for degree requirements.

NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

Complete 8 credits from the following:

ATM 101X (4) _____
BIOL 103X OR 104X (4) _____
BIOL 105X–106X (8) _____
BIOL 111X–112X (8) _____
CHEM 100X (4) _____
CHEM 103X–104X (8) _____
CHEM 105X–106X (8) _____
GEOG 205X (4) _____
GEOS 100X OR 120X OR 125X (4) _____
GEOS 101X–112X (8) _____
MSL 111X (4) _____
PHYS 102X OR 175X (4) _____
PHYS 103X–104X (8) _____
PHYS 211X–212X (8) _____
PHYS 211X–213X (8) _____
PHYS 212X–213X (8) _____