Chemistry and Biochemistry (MA,MS,PhD)

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Requirements for Admission

Admission to the graduate program in the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department is evaluated on the basis of the applicant's GRE scores and undergraduate records including the transcript and letters of recommendation. TSE and TOEFL scores are required for foreign applicants for whom English is not the first language. Admission is selective and competitive based on the number of well-qualified applicants and the limits of available faculty and facilities. Those who meet stated minimum academic requirements are not guaranteed admission, nor are those who fail to meet those requirements necessarily precluded from admission if they offer other appropriate strengths.

Requirements for the Degrees

MA in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

A minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate-level courses is required with an overall B average (3.00). A minimum of 18 credit hours must be course work at the 600 level or above (excluding pre-candidacy study, research, thesis or dissertation credits) as specified in the PhD requirements listed below. A maximum of 12 credit hours, 500 level or greater, may be taken in other departments toward the 30 credit hour requirement. No thesis is required. The MA degree requires successful completion of a series of cumulative examinations.

MS in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

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non-credit one-hour special seminar, <u>CHEM 865</u>-010 (new student seminar). Graduate students must also register for one of the topical seminar series (<u>CHEM 865</u>-XXX - Biochemistry Seminar, Organic/Inorganic Seminar, Physical/Analytical Seminar), as well as Colloquia (<u>CHEM 865</u>-XXX). A thesis is required. Thesis must not represent more than six credit hours. Thesis and/or research must represent a minimum of 6 and a maximum of twelve credit hours toward the 30 credit hour requirement.

PhD in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

A minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate-level courses is required with an overall B average (3.00). The department course requirements are a minimum of eighteen credit hours in graduate level courses (600-level or higher) excluding research and dissertation (CHEM 868 and CHEM 969). At least nine of these must be taken outside the student's division. Specific course requirements for each division are listed below. Scientific courses offered by other Departments may be counted as courses outside the student's division, if approved by the faculty in the student's division. The student must achieve at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 in the courses that fulfill this requirement. The course requirements, including the division's requirements, should be satisfied within four semesters of entering the program with a bachelor's degree.

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Specific course requirements by division are outlined below. If a student wished to take courses other than those specified, then each of these courses must be approved in writing: (a) at the Fall and Spring advisements for first-year graduate students by the representative from the respective Division on the Graduate Curriculum

other departments toward the 30 credit hour requirement.

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The remaining courses satisfying the departmental course requirement of 18 credits in graduate level coursework can be selected from offerings in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, or appropriate graduate level courses in other Departments.

All students pursuing a degree program in Chemistry and Biochemistry need to secure the written permission from both their research advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies prior to enrolling in any course not bearing a CHEM-6XX or CHEM-8XX designation.

Analytical Chemistry: Six credit hours of graduate analytical courses from the list below plus six additional credit hours of graduate coursework approved by the research advisor.

CHEM Analytical Spectroscopy <u>620</u> CHEM Chemical Separations 621 CHEM Electroanalytical Chemistry 622 CHEM Chemometrics 623 **CHEM** Principles of Mass 624 Spectrometry **CHEM** Heterogeneous Atmospheric 625 Chemistry CHEM **Chemical Sensors** 628 CHEM Surface Chemistry and 629 Analysis Special topics in analytical <u>CHEM</u> chemistry (may be repeated <u>820</u> for credit when topics vary)

Biochemistry: At least 9 credits in graduate-level biochemistry courses. CHEM 641 must be taken as one of these courses unless this requirement is waived by the Biochemistry Division. The

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Analytical Spectroscopy
Chemical Separations
Electroanalytical Chemistry
Chemometrics
Principles of Mass
Spectrometry
Heterogeneous Atmospheric
Chemistry
Chemical Sensors
Surface Chemistry and
Analysis
Special topics in analytical chemistry (may be repeated for credit when topics vary)

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CHEM Biochemistry 641 CHEM Biochemistry 642 **CHEM** Intermediary Metabolism 643 **CHEM** Mechanisms of Enzyme 644 Catalysis CHEM Protein Structure and 645 Function CHEM **DNA-Protein Interactions** 646 **CHEM** Biochemistry of Nucleic 684 Acids **CHEM Biophysical Chemistry** 686

Inorganic Chemistry: Nine credit hours from the following courses:

CHEM Advanced Inorganic

651 Chemistry I

CHEM 652

CHEM Bioinorganic Chemistry

653

CHEM Advanced Inorganic

654 Chemistry II

Organic Chemistry:

CHEM Advanced Organic Chemistry:

633 Physical
CHEM Advanced Organic Chemistry:

634 Advanced Organic Chemistry
Synthesis and Reactivity

Two additional courses (6 credit hrs) with a CHEM-63X or CHEM-83X designation (one of these courses may be audited)

It is strongly recommended that the courses taken outside of Organic Chemistry should be chosen from the following list:

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CHEM
641BiochemistryCHEM
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651Advanced InorganicChemistry I

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651 CHEM	Chemistry I	652 CHEM	Advanced Inorganic
652	Organometallic Chemistry	654	Chemistry II
CHEM	Advanced Inorganic		•
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Physical Chemistry: A minimum of three courses Physical Chemistry: A minimum of three courses from among the following: from among the following: **CHEM CHEM** Quantum Chemistry Quantum Chemistry <u>671</u> <u>671</u> **CHEM** Advanced Quantum **CHEM** Advanced Quantum <u>672</u> <u>672</u> Chemistry Chemistry **CHEM CHEM** Chemical Dynamics Chemical Dynamics 674 674 CHEM **CHEM** Structure and properties of Structure and properties of <u>678</u> <u>678</u> surfaces surfaces One may substitute for one of these three courses One may substitute for one of these three courses from related three-credit courses upon the approval from related three-credit courses upon the approval of the research advisor. of the research advisor.