Program Overview

Students will gain a specialized body of knowledge that furthers their academic development, proficiency in laboratory techniques, and professional growth.

Application Requirements

The items listed below are required for admission consideration for applicable semesters of entry during the current academic year. Submission instructions, additional details, and changes to admission requirements for semesters other than the current academic year can be found on The Graduate College's website (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu). International students should review the International Admission Documents page (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/admission-documents/international/) for additional requirements.

- completed online application
- $55 nonrefundable application fee
  or
- $90 nonrefundable application fee for applications with international credentials
- baccalaureate degree in chemistry from a regionally accredited university
- official transcripts from each institution where course credit was granted
- minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work (plus any completed graduate courses)
- GRE not required
- statement of purpose discussing career goals and undergraduate experiences
- two letters of recommendation regarding the student’s academic potential and undergraduate research experience

TOEFL, PTE, or IELTS Scores

Non-native English speakers who do not qualify for an English proficiency waiver:

- official TOEFL iBT scores required with a 78 overall
- official PTE scores required with a 52 overall
- official IELTS (academic) scores required with a 6.5 overall and minimum individual module scores of 6.0

This program does not offer admission if the scores above are not met.

Degree Requirements

The Master of Arts (M.A.) degree with a major in Chemistry requires 30 semester credit hours.

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Comprehensive Examination Requirement

A written comprehensive examination given by three graduate faculty members is required. A second attempt is allowed if the student fails to pass.

Students who do not successfully complete the requirements for the degree within the timelines specified will be dismissed from the program.

Master's level courses in Chemistry and Biochemistry: CHEM

Courses Offered

Chemistry (CHEM)

CHEM 5110. Seminar in Chemistry.
A course designed to acquaint the graduate student with current research areas in chemistry. May be repeated twice for total of 3 semester hour credit.
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5195. Professional Development of Graduate Assistants.
This course is designed to develop and enhance graduate assistants’ laboratory instruction abilities. Topics covered in the course include effective lecture techniques, laboratory safety, theory and practical knowledge on laboratory experiments and laboratory section management. This course does not earn graduate credit.
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Graduate Assistantship|Exclude from Graduate GPA
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

CHEM 5199B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

CHEM 5285. Laboratory Development Practice.
This course develops the laboratory instructional abilities of post-baccalaureate students seeking either 8-12 Chemistry or 8-12 Physical Science Teaching Certification. Topics include both traditional laboratory techniques and guided inquiry techniques, safety, laboratory management, pedagogical theory and practical knowledge of laboratory experiments.
2 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
CHEM 5295. Professional Development of Graduate Assistants.  
This course is designed to develop and enhance graduate assistants’ 
laboratory instruction abilities. Topics covered in the course include 
effective lecture techniques, laboratory safety, theory and practical 
knowledge on laboratory experiments and laboratory section 
management. This course does not earn graduate credit.  
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Graduate Assistantship|Exclude from Graduate GPA  
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

CHEM 5299B. Thesis.  
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollment. The 
student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for 
overlay.  
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

CHEM 5310. Medicinal Chemistry.  
This course surveys modern approaches to drug discovery and 
mechanisms of drug action with the focus on molecular structures of 
drugs. Examples of drug discovery for the chemotherapy of cancer, 
microbial and cardiovascular diseases will be examined.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5312. Organometallic Chemistry.  
This course will survey the structure, bonding, and reactivity of 
organometallic complexes. Homogeneous catalysis of the transition 
metals as well as the main group elements along with specialized 
“seminal research papers” in the field of organometallic chemistry will 
also be presented.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This course is designed for graduate chemistry and biochemistry majors. 
Sections of the course are devoted to the theory and practice of mass 
spectrometry. Application to chemistry, biochemistry, biology and 
materials science will be explored.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5320. Modern Molecular Modeling.  
The application of computational techniques to molecular modeling. 
Topics covered include quantum mechanical modeling, force field 
based molecular modeling, energy minimization, molecular dynamics, 
vibrational spectra, solution of crystalline structures, diffraction patterns, 
molecular blends, phase equilibria, crystal morphology, physical property 
prediction, and mesoscale modeling. Prerequisites: CHEM 3340 with a 
grade of “D” or better or instructor approval.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Study of the relation of the following topics to structure and reactions 
of organic compounds: bonding, stereochemistry, acid-base concepts, 
physical organic chemistry, reactive species, and mechanisms.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5330. Physical Chemistry.  
Fundamentals of physical chemistry are surveyed, emphasizing 
application in the other chemical sub-disciplines. Topics include classical 
thermodynamics, kinetics, atomic structure, and molecular spectroscopy.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5333. Spectroscopy.  
Study of various spectrometric techniques in qualitative and structural 
analysis of chemical substances. Students who have completed 
CHEM 4333 or its equivalent may not take this course for master’s credit.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5341. Inorganic Chemistry.  
This course will review essential concepts in inorganic chemistry 
including atomic structure, bonding theory, acid-base chemistry, solid 
state structures, and coordination chemistry. Analytical techniques for 
characterizing inorganic structures will be discussed along with current 
topics in the field.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5351. Introduction to Polymers and Polymer Synthesis.  
This course is designed to develop the student’s general understanding 
of polymer history and importance as well as terminology, structure, and 
synthesis. The overall scope of the course will be to develop the student’s 
general knowledge of polymer synthesis and structure. Students who 
have completed CHEM 4351 or its equivalent may not take this course for 
master’s credit.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5353. Polymer Processing and Characterization.  
This course is designed to explore the areas of polymer processing 
and characterization. Students will be introduced to extrusion, 
injection molding, film formation, thermoforming, thermal-mechanical 
measurements, classical mechanical testing, thermal-optical 
measurements, and methods for determination of polymer molecular 
weight. Prerequisites: CHEM 5351 with a grade of “C” or better.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
CHEM 5355. Physical Chemistry of Polymers.
A study of the physical chemistry of polymers. Subjects covered include thermodynamics, kinetic polymerization, phase relationships, molecular geometry, spectroscopy of polymers, polymer physics and mechanical behavior; polymer blends, rheology, and polymer composites.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5365. Separation Methods in Chemical Analysis.
The principles of gas chromatography, capillary electrophoresis, and mass spectrometry are discussed with a balance among theory, practice, and application.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5370. Problems in Chemistry.
Open to graduate students on an individual basis by arrangement with the faculty member concerned. May be repeated once with different emphasis for additional credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5375. Biochemistry.
A course devoted to a study of the chemistry of carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, enzymes, and nucleic acids. A study of enzyme kinetics and thermodynamics of coupled reactions is included.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5381. Physical Biochemistry.
An introduction to the physical techniques of biochemistry with emphasis on the interpretation of experimental data obtained from electrophoresis, chromatography, immunological methods, ultracentrifugation, spectroscopy and emerging techniques.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5382. Enzymology.
A study of the chemical and physical properties of enzymes. Topics will include structure-function relationships, elucidation of chemical and kinetic mechanisms, and the role of enzymes in metabolism.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5383. Molecular Biology & Molecular Genetics.
This course addresses the basic genetic mechanisms of bacteria and eukaryotes and introduces some examples of the biochemical and genetic techniques employed to study cells, tissues, and organisms.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5384. Current Topics in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.
Course provides students with advanced knowledge in the areas of biochemistry and molecular biology. Topics include signal transduction and the molecular biology of cancer, as well as emerging topics in Genomics, Proteomics, and other new developments in biochemistry. May be repeated once for credit. Prerequisites: CHEM 5381 with a grade of "C" or better.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5385. Metabolism.
A study of biodegradation and biosynthesis of carbohydrates, lipids, amino acids, proteins, and nucleic acids. Students who have completed CHEM 4385 or its equivalent may not take this course for master's credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5386. Proteins.
This course will cover advanced biochemistry topics related to proteins. Topics will include protein structure, structure-function relationships, and current methodologies for examining proteins in addition to current findings in primary literature.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5387. Nucleic Acids Chemistry.
This course will cover advanced biochemistry topics related to nucleic acids. Topics will include nucleic acid structures and properties, catalytic nucleic acids, protein-nucleic acid interactions, higher order complexes of protein-nucleic acids, and current methodologies for examining nucleic acids in addition to current findings in primary literature. Prerequisite: CHEM 5383 with a grade of "C" or better.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5390. Supramolecular Chemistry.
This course is designed to be a survey of the nature of non-covalent interactions between host and guest species. Emphasis will be focused on the rational design of hosts, thermodynamic and kinetic parameters involved in binding and the applications of various binding/recognition phenomena.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CHEM 5395. Fundamentals of Research.
Course is designed to acquaint the beginning graduate student with materials and methods of chemical research. (MULT & MULP).
3 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 3 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Perspective|Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
CHEM 5399A. Thesis.
This course represents a student's initial thesis enrollment. No thesis credit is awarded until student has completed the thesis in CHEM 5399B.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

CHEM 5399B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

CHEM 5599B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.
5 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

CHEM 5999B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis.
9 Credit Hours. 9 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit