

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

Chemistry is concerned with the composition, structure, properties, and transformations of matter on the scale of atoms and molecules. Chemistry is the central science, having its foundation in mathematics and physics and, in turn, underlying the life sciences. It is theoretical and yet practical. The 5 major areas of chemistry are organic, inorganic, analytical, physical, and biochemistry.

The programs described here prepare students for graduate study and professional careers in academic research, industry, and engineering. They are also an excellent choice for students interested in the health sciences and preprofessional programs, including medicine, dentistry, law, and pharmacy.

Advanced Placement: The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (<https://www.bethel.edu/undergrad/academics/chemistry/>) requires a score of 4 or better on the AP exam in order for the exam to be used to fulfill course requirements in the majors it offers. Students with a score of 3 will receive elective credit and/or credit toward General Education requirements.

Pre-medicine and Other Healthcare Professional Programs

(See Healthcare (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/academic-programs/college-of-health-sciences/undergraduate-programs/healthcare-programs/>) section)

Chemical Engineering

A bachelor's degree in chemical engineering is available through a special dual degree program described in the Engineering section (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/arts-sciences/academic-programs-departments/engineering/>) of this catalog.

Programs in Chemistry and Biochemistry

Majors:

- B.A. in Biochemistry (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/academic-programs/college-of-arts-sciences-and-education/undergraduate-programs/chemistry/biochemistry-ba/>)
- B.A. in Chemistry (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/academic-programs/college-of-arts-sciences-and-education/undergraduate-programs/chemistry/chemistry-ba/>)
- B.A. in Education, Chemistry (9-12) (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/academic-programs/college-of-arts-sciences-and-education/undergraduate-programs/education/secondary-education-chemistry-9-12/>)
- B.A. in Education, General Science (5-8) (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/academic-programs/college-of-arts-sciences-and-education/undergraduate-programs/education/general-middle-school-science-5-8/>)
- B.S. in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/academic-programs/college-of-arts-sciences-and-education/undergraduate-programs/biochemistry-molecular-biology/>)
- B.S. in Chemistry (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/academic-programs/college-of-arts-sciences-and-education/undergraduate-programs/chemistry/chemistry-bs/>)

Minor:

- Minor in Chemistry (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/academic-programs/college-of-arts-sciences-and-education/undergraduate-programs/chemistry/chemistry-minor/>)

CHE 101 • Introduction to Chemistry 3 Credits

Overview of atoms—their composition, ability to form bonds, and to interact as molecules. Open to all students but tailored for nursing and allied health fields.

Corequisites: Concurrent registration in CHE 101D is required. Offered: Fall, Spring.

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CHE 101D • Introduction to Chemistry Lab 1 Credit

Laboratory experience accompanying CHE 101.

Corequisites: Concurrent registration in CHE 101 is required. Offered: Fall, Spring.

CHE 113 • General Chemistry I 3 Credits

Chemical properties and principles, structure and reactivity, stoichiometry, thermodynamics, atomic and molecular theory, and states of matter.

Prerequisites: Advanced high-school algebra. Corequisites: Concurrent registration in CHE 113D is required.

Offered: Fall, Spring. Special Notes: High school chemistry (with a grade of B or higher) or CHE 101/CHE 101D are strongly recommended prerequisites.

CHE 113D • General Chemistry I Lab 1 Credit

Laboratory experience accompanying CHE 113 to improve experimental skills such as accurate observation, data collection, and analysis while mastering techniques used by chemists for the precise measurements of mass, volume, and concentration. Small group collaboration and experimental design are included.

Corequisites: Concurrent registration in CHE 113 is required. Offered: Fall, Spring.

CHE 200 • Laboratory Safety and Chemical Hygiene 1 Credit

High standards of safety and chemical hygiene make the science laboratory a safe, comfortable, interesting place to work. Standards and federal/state guidelines pertaining to safety and hygiene in the laboratory are reviewed.

Prerequisites: CHE 113/CHE 113D. Offered: Fall, Spring.

CHE 214 • General Chemistry II 3 Credits

Study of solutions, chemical kinetics, thermodynamics, solution equilibria, acids and bases, electrochemistry, descriptive inorganic chemistry, and nuclear chemistry.

Prerequisites: CHE 113/CHE 113D with a C or higher. Corequisites: Concurrent registration in CHE 215 is required. Offered: Fall, Spring.

CHE 215 • General Chemistry II Lab 1 Credit

Laboratory experience accompanying CHE 214.

Corequisites: Concurrent registration in CHE 214 is required. Offered: Fall, Spring.

CHE 224 • Organic Chemistry I 3 Credits

Structure, nomenclature, function, and reactivity of organic compounds. Topics include bonding theory, acid-base reactions, conformational analysis, stereochemistry, nucleophilic substitution and elimination reactions, addition reactions, radical reactions, organic reaction mechanisms, and energy relations.

Prerequisites: CHE 214/CHE 215 with a C or higher. Corequisites: Concurrent registration in CHE 225 is required. Offered: Fall.

CHE 225 • Organic Chemistry I Lab 1 Credit

Laboratory experience accompanying CHE 224.

Corequisites: Concurrent registration in CHE 224 is required. Offered: Fall.

CHE 226 • Organic Chemistry II 3 Credits

Continues Organic Chemistry I by exploring the structure, nomenclature, function, and reactivity of additional organic compounds. Topics include the reactions of aromatic and carbonyl containing compounds, carbon-carbon bond-forming reactions, multi-step synthesis, and polymer chemistry. The chemistry of biological compounds such as carbohydrates, DNA, proteins, and lipids is also studied.

Prerequisites: CHE 224/CHE 225. Corequisites: Concurrent registration in CHE 227 is required. Offered: Spring.

CHE 227 • Organic Chemistry II Lab 1 Credit

Laboratory experience accompanying CHE 226. Includes single- and multi-step synthesis, purification, and identification of organic compounds. Infrared spectroscopy, 1D and 2D nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, mass spectroscopy, and computational chemistry used to explore the outcomes of organic reactions and their mechanisms.

Corequisites: Concurrent registration in CHE 226 is required. Offered: Spring.

CHE 304 • Essentials of Biochemistry 3 Credits

A survey of the structure, function, interactions, and chemical properties of the four major macromolecules: proteins, nucleic acids, lipids, and carbohydrates. Examination of primary metabolic pathways, bioenergetics, regulation, and homeostasis.

Prerequisites: CHE 224/CHE 225; BIO 120/BIO 120D or BIO 124/BIO 124D. *Offered:* Spring. *Special Notes:* Not open to students who have taken CHE 388/CHE 389.

CHE 312 • Quantitative Analysis 3 Credits

Principles and practice of modern quantitative analysis. Acid-base and ionic equilibria. Statistics, method selection and development, chromatography, and electrochemistry.

Prerequisites: CHE 214/CHE 215. *Corequisites:* Concurrent registration in CHE 313 is required. *Offered:* Spring.

CHE 313 • Quantitative Analysis Lab 1 Credit

Fundamental quantitative analysis techniques laboratory experience accompanying CHE 312. Topics include solution preparation, statistics, titrations, spectroscopy, and chromatography.

Corequisites: Concurrent registration in CHE 312 is required. *Offered:* Spring.

CHE 320 • Instrumental Analysis 3 Credits

Methods of instrumental analysis. Study of chemical and physical principles and practical application of spectroscopy, spectrometry, chromatography and electroanalysis. Fundamental electronic circuitry and computer data acquisition and control.

Prerequisites: CHE 226/CHE 227 or CHE 312/CHE 313. *Offered:* Fall, odd # years.

CHE 344 • Thermodynamics, Kinetics, and Statistical Mechanics 3 Credits

Physical chemistry of the laws of thermodynamics and their application to phase and chemical equilibria. Chemical kinetics of reaction rates and reaction mechanisms. Statistical mechanics as it relates spectroscopy with thermodynamics and kinetics.

Prerequisites: CHE 214/CHE 215; [PHY 202/PHY 202D; PHY 206/PHY 207 or PHY 292/PHY 292D; PHY 296/PHY 297]; MAT 125. *Corequisites:* Concurrent registration in CHE 345 is required. *Offered:* Fall.

CHE 345 • Thermodynamics, Kinetics, and Statistical Mechanics Lab 1 Credit

Laboratory experience accompanying CHE 344. Includes hands-on experience with physiochemical systems and computational modeling.

Corequisites: Concurrent registration in CHE 344 is required. *Offered:* Fall.

CHE 348 • Quantum Chemistry and Spectroscopy 3 Credits

Physical chemistry of the laws of quantum mechanics applied to atoms and molecules. Quantum mechanical solutions of model systems and their application to chemical spectroscopy. Methods of computational chemistry and experience with modern programs.

Prerequisites: CHE 214/CHE 215; [PHY 202/PHY 202D; PHY 206/PHY 207 or PHY 292/PHY 292D; PHY 296/PHY 297]; MAT 125. *Offered:* Spring, even # years.

CHE 364 • Inorganic Chemistry 3 Credits

Chemistry of elements and their compounds, including symmetry, bonding theories, solid-state chemistry, coordination compounds, organometallics, and bioinorganic compounds.

Prerequisites: CHE 224/CHE 225. *Offered:* Spring, odd # years.

CHE 388 • Biochemistry I 3 Credits

Physical and chemical properties of living systems with an emphasis on macromolecular interaction, structure, and function. Structure, classification, purification, and function of nucleic acids, proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids, including membrane transport and enzymology.

Prerequisites: BIO 120/BIO 120D or BIO 124/BIO 124D; CHE 226/CHE 227. *Corequisites:* Concurrent registration in CHE 389 is required. *Offered:* Fall. *Special Notes:* Not open to students who have taken CHE 304. BIO 128/BIO 128D is a recommended prerequisite.

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CHE 389 • Biochemistry I Lab 1 Credit

Standard biochemical techniques laboratory experience accompanying CHE 388. Topics included are protein expression, protein purification, and spectrophotometric assays as well as with advanced biomolecule analysis using NMR and GC-MS.

Corequisites: Concurrent registration in CHE 388 is required. *Offered:* Fall.

CHE 393 • Research 1-4 Credits

Utilization of the techniques and understanding of chemical principles on a term project. Use of original literature to formulate and conduct an original laboratory or computational research project under the supervision of a chemistry faculty member.

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor. *Offered:* Fall, January, Spring. *Special Notes:* May only be taken for credit once.

CHE 395 • Chemistry Seminar: Research and Professional Development 1 Credit

Students search the chemical literature and develop a proposal for their capstone research project. Discussion of chemical careers, graduate and professional school preparation, and ethical conduct in science.

Prerequisites: CHE 200 (may be taken concurrently); Junior standing; Major in biochemistry, chemistry, or biochemistry/molecular biology. *Offered:* Spring.

CHE 396 • Biochemistry II 3 Credits

Metabolic pathways, bioenergetics, metabolic regulation, and metabolism of macromolecules (carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, and nucleotides). Macromolecular synthesis of RNA, DNA, and proteins, including an introduction to biotechnology.

Prerequisites: CHE 388/CHE 389. *Corequisites:* Concurrent registration in CHE 397 is required. *Offered:* Spring.

CHE 397 • Biochemistry II Lab 1 Credit

Laboratory experience accompanying CHE 396. Laboratory includes mammalian cell culture techniques and bioassays, and plant biochemical techniques including lipid extraction and analysis. RNA and DNA, PCR, and gene expression.

Corequisites: Concurrent registration in CHE 304 or CHE 396 is required. *Offered:* Spring.

CHE 490 • Chemistry Seminar: Research 2 Credits

Students pursue an original research project in chemistry or biochemistry supported by a faculty mentor. Required time commitment is approximately 3.5 hours per week per credit, including a weekly meeting with faculty mentor.

Prerequisites: CHE 395 and Consent of instructor. *Offered:* Fall, Spring.

CHE 491 • Advanced Research 1-4 Credits

Students continue an original research project in chemistry or biochemistry supported by a faculty mentor. Required time commitment is approximately 3.5 hours per week per credit, including a weekly meeting with faculty mentor.

Prerequisites: CHE 490 and Consent of instructor. *Offered:* Fall, January, Spring. *Special Notes:* This course is repeatable for credit.

CHE 492 • Chemistry Seminar: Summer Research 0 Credit

Student pursues an original research project in chemistry or biochemistry alongside a faculty mentor. Time commitment is approximately 40 hours per week for 9 weeks. Registration is limited by the availability of research funding, and requires mutual agreement of a student and faculty member.

Prerequisites: CHE 395 and Consent of Instructor. *Offered:* Summer.

CHE 494 • Chemistry Seminar: Research Presentation 1 Credit

Students prepare and deliver formal presentations, both oral and written, of their research results. Seminar meets weekly for discussion of current topics.

Prerequisites: CHE 490 or CHE 492. *Offered:* Spring.