College of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

Chemistry BA (85-87 Credits)

Why major in Chemistry?

Chemistry is often referred to as the central science because of the way that it brings together mathematics, physics and computer science with biology, medicine, environmental science, forensic science, and earth science. It can involve either basic or applied studies in the broad areas of physical, organic, analytical, inorganic, or biochemistry. The Chemistry BA features less concentration in chemistry and is a good interdisciplinary option for students interested in studying an additional focus area. This degree provides background in chemistry needed by drug representatives, chemical sales representatives, or other fields in which a technical science background is useful.

Other Degree Options

BS Chemistry, BS Biochemistry, Chemistry – Forensic Science, Minors in Chemistry/Biochemistry, BAE Chemistry – Secondary Education

Career Opportunities

Pharmaceutical/Chemical Sales, Health Technologists/Technicians, Biological Scientists, Chemical Engineering



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Suggested/Sample Schedule for New Freshmen

Year	Fall	Winter	Spring	
Freshman	CHEM 171 (4 cr.) CHEM 171L (1 cr.) MATH 161 (5 cr.) ENGL 101 (5 cr.)	CHEM 172 (4 cr.) CHEM 172L (1 cr.) MATH 162 (5 cr.) ENGL 201 (5 cr.)	BACR (5 cr.) CHEM 173 (4 cr.) CHEM 173L (1 cr.) MATH 163 (5 cr.)	
Sophomore	BACR (5 cr.) CHEM 304 (6 cr.) PHYS 151 (4 cr.) PHYS 161 (1 cr.)	Diversity (5 cr.) Gen. Elective (5 cr.) PHYS 152 (4 cr.) PHYS 162 (1 cr.)	BACR (5 cr.) BACR (5 cr.) PHYS 153 (4 cr.) PHYS 163 (1 cr.)	
Junior	Gen. Elective (3 cr.) Gen. Elective (5 cr.) Upper Div Elective (5 cr.) CHEM 351 (4 cr.)	Gen. Elective (2 cr.) Gen. Elective (5 cr.) CHEM 352 (4 cr.) CHEM 372 (3 cr.)	Gen. Elective (5 cr.) Global (5 cr.) CHEM 353 (3 cr)	
Senior	Gen. Elective (5 cr.) Gen. Elective (5 cr.) CHEM 421 (4 cr.) CHEM 431 (1 cr.)	Upper Div Elective (5 cr.) Upper Div Elective (5 cr.) CHEM 422 (5 cr.) CHEM 432 (2 cr.)	CHEM 490 or CHEM 491 Gen. Elective (5 cr.) Upper Div Elective (5 cr.)	

My Plan

Year	Fall	Winter	Spring
Freshman			
Sophomore			
Junior			
Senior			

Course Number	Course Name	Cr.	Prerequisites	Quarters Offered
Required S	upporting Courses			
MATH 161	Calculus I	5	MATH 142	F,W,S
MATH 162	Calculus II	5	MATH 161	F,W,S
MATH 163	Calculus III	5	MATH 162	F,W,S
PHYS 151	General Physics I	4	MATH 161	F,W
PHYS 152	General Physics II	4	PHYS 151	W,S
PHYS 153	General Physics III	4	PHYS 152	F,S
PHYS 161	Mechanics Laboratory	1	MATH 142	F,W
PHYS 162	Heat and Optics Laboratory	1	MATH 142	W,S
PHYS 163	Electronics Laboratory	1	MATH 142	S

Core Courses

CHEM 171	General Chemistry I & Lab I	4	MATH 141, CHEM 100	F,W,S
CHEM 172	General Chemistry II & Lab II		CHEM 171	F,W,S
CHEM 173	General Chemistry III & Lab III	4	CHEM 172	F,W,S
CHEM 304	Quantitative Analysis	6	CHEM 173 & 173L	F,W
CHEM 351	Organic Chemistry	4	CHEM 173 & 173L	F,W
CHEM 352	Organic Chemistry	4	CHEM 351	W,S
CHEM 372	Organic Chemistry Lab I	3	CHEM 351	W,S
CHEM 421	Physical Chemistry	4	PHYS 153, MATH 162	F
CHEM 422	Physical Chemistry	4	CHEM 421	W
CHEM 431	Physical Chemistry Lab	1	CHEM 421	F
CHEM 432	Physical Chemistry Lab	2	CHEM 422	W

Chemistry Elective Courses (Choose 4 credits of 300-400 level CHEM courses)

Senior Thesis/Capstone Course

491 or 490 Sen	ior Thesis or Senior Capstone	4-6		F,W,S	
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Flight Plan to Success

	Fall		Win	inter Spring			
Fire	Take a first year seminar course Meet with your academic advisor every term		Attend at least three campus events/activities		Check out volunteer and service activities	Explore interests and	
First Year	Visit Career Services or take a Career Exploration course	Join a student club/organization in SAIL		Talk to professor in a major you're interested in pursuing			begin planning path at EWU
Seco	Meet with your advisor	Join a	science	Apply for summer internships			Declare major, participate
Second Year	Declare your Major!	Atten series	d a lecture	Use SOAR to track degree progress			in academic projects or research
Third Year	Meet with faculty advisor		ntment career	Prepare resu and have it reviewed by Career Advis	a	Apply for a summer internship	Work with faculty on a
	Attend lecture series	Ident Junio projec	•	Identify facu mentor for a possible dire study projec	ected		project, plan for life after college
Fourt	Meet with faculty advisor	Take (school? GRE, update ne and !	Complete directed-stu research pro	-		Graduate with a Chemistry/
Fourth Year	Apply for graduation	Updat letter resum	a job? te cover and ne, Visit the r Center	Use SOAR to track degree progress		Participate in Research & Creative Works Symposium	Biochemistry degree from EWU!