School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Biochemistry (BS)

The Biochemistry program at UT Dallas, administered through the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, draws on faculty from the Departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, and researchers from UT Southwestern Medical School to provide courses and research opportunities to its majors. The Biochemistry major bridges the gap between modern Chemistry and Biology. The curriculum, designed to prepare students for either graduate work in the Biological Sciences, the Chemical Sciences, or for entry-level positions in the biotechnology industry, builds on a base of biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics to provide the student the opportunity to develop essential theoretical and practical skills.

UT Southwestern Medical School

UT Dallas Biochemistry majors may perform their research in the laboratories of faculty members from the departments of Biochemistry, Internal Medicine, Pharmacology and Physiology at UT Southwestern, as available.

Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)

View an Example of Degree Requirements by Semester

Chemistry and Biochemistry Faculty

Distinguished Chair in Natural Sciences and Mathematics; Dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics: Bruce M. Novak
Cecil and Ida Green Distinguished Chair in Systems Biology; Professor of Chemistry: A. Dean Sherry
Professors: Kenneth J. Balkus Jr., Julia Chan, Rockford K. Draper, John P. Ferraris, Inga H. Musselman, Mihaela C. Stefan, Jie Zheng
Associate Professors: Jung-Mo Ahn, Michael C. Biewer, Gregg R. Dieckmann, Warren J. Goux, Steven O. Nielsen, Paul Pantano, John W. Sibert IV, Ronald A. Smaldone
Assistant Professors: Sheena D'Arcy, Sheel Dodani, Jeremiah J. Gassensmith, Jiyong Lee, Gabriele Meloni
Research Professor: Duck Joo (D. J.) Yang
Senior Lecturers: Sergio Cortes, Sandhya R. Gavva, Nimanka Panapitiya, Yanping Qin, Amandeep Sra, Claudia Taenzler
Professors Emeritus: Richard A. Caldwell

Biological Sciences Faculty

Professors: Lee A. Bulla, Rockford K. Draper, Juan E. González, Lawrence J. Reitzer, Stephen Spiro, Li Zhang, Michael Qiwei Zhang
Professors Emeritus: Hans Bremer, Donald M. Gray
Clinical Professor: David Murchison
Associate Professors: Gail A. M. Breen, John G. Burr, Jeff L. DeJong, Ernest M. Hannig, Tae Hoon Kim, Dennis L. Miller, Kelli Palmer, Zhenyu Xuan

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours

Communication: 6 semester credit hours

COMM 1311 Survey of Oral and Technology-based Communication
RHET 1302 Rhetoric

Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours

MATH 2417 Calculus
or MATH 2413 Differential Calculus

Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours

CHEM 1311 General Chemistry
or CHEM 1315 Honors Freshman Chemistry
CHEM 1312 General Chemistry II
or CHEM 1316 Honors Freshman Chemistry II

Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Language, Philosophy and Culture core courses (see advisor)

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Creative Arts core courses (see advisor)

American History: 6 semester credit hours

Select any 6 semester credit hours from American History core courses (see advisor)

Government / Political Science: 6 semester credit hours

GOVT 2305 American National Government
GOVT 2306 State and Local Government

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Social and Behavioral Sciences core courses (see advisor)
Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours

MATH 2417 Calculus I$^{3, 4}$
  or MATH 2413 Differential Calculus$^{3, 4}$
MATH 2419 Calculus II$^{3, 4}$
  or MATH 2414 Integral Calculus$^{3, 4}$
PHYS 2125 Physics Laboratory I$^{3, 5}$

II. Major Requirements: 66-68 semester credit hours

Major Preparatory Courses: 29-31 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum

BIOL 2111 Introduction to Modern Biology Workshop I
BIOL 2311 Introduction to Modern Biology I
CHEM 1111 General Chemistry Laboratory I
  or CHEM 1115 Honors Freshman Chemistry Laboratory I
CHEM 1112 General Chemistry Laboratory II
  or CHEM 1116 Honors Freshman Chemistry Laboratory II
CHEM 1311 General Chemistry I$^3$
  or CHEM 1315 Honors Freshman Chemistry I$^3$
CHEM 1312 General Chemistry II$^3$
  or CHEM 1316 Honors Freshman Chemistry II$^3$
CHEM 2123 Introductory Organic Chemistry Laboratory I$^6$
CHEM 2125 Introductory Organic Chemistry Laboratory II$^6$
CHEM 2323 Introductory Organic Chemistry I$^6$
CHEM 2325 Introductory Organic Chemistry II$^6$
CHEM 2401 Introductory Quantitative Methods in Chemistry

MATH Sequence - Students may choose one of the following sequences:

I. MATH 2413 Differential Calculus$^{3, 4}$
  and MATH 2414 Integral Calculus$^{3, 4}$
  and MATH 2415 Calculus of Several Variables

OR

II. MATH 2417 Calculus I$^{3, 4}$
  and MATH 2419 Calculus II$^{3, 4}$
  and MATH 2451 Multivariable Calculus with Applications
PHYS 2125  Physics Laboratory I
PHYS 2126  Physics Laboratory II
PHYS 2325  Mechanics
   or PHYS 2421  Honors Physics I Mechanics and Heat
PHYS 2326  Electromagnetism and Waves
   or PHYS 2422  Honors Physics II Electromagnetism and Waves

Major Core Courses: 37 semester credit hours

BIOL 3101  Classical and Molecular Genetics Workshop
BIOL 3102  Eukaryotic Molecular and Cell Biology Workshop
BIOL 3161  Biochemistry Workshop I
BIOL 3162  Biochemistry Workshop II
BIOL 3301  Classical and Molecular Genetics
BIOL 3302  Eukaryotic Molecular and Cell Biology
BIOL 3380  Biochemistry Laboratory
BIOL 3361  or CHEM 3361  Biochemistry I
BIOL 3362  or CHEM 3362  Biochemistry II
CHEM 3321  Physical Chemistry I
CHEM 3322  Physical Chemistry II
CHEM 3472  Instrumental Analysis

Any two upper-division Chemistry or Biology electives (8 semester credit hours) not taken to fulfill above.

III. Elective Requirements: 10-12 semester credit hours

Free Electives: 10-12 semester credit hours

The plan must include sufficient upper-division credit to total 51 upper-division semester credit hours.

STAT 2332  Introductory Statistics for Life Sciences is strongly recommended.

Fast Track Baccalaureate/Master’s Degrees

Undergraduate students at UT Dallas with strong academic records who intend to pursue the MS in Chemistry at UT Dallas may apply for a Fast Track plan of study which involves taking selected graduate courses as an upper-level student. After Fast Track admission to the graduate program, 15 semester credit hours of graduate courses with an earned grade of B or better can be used toward completion of the baccalaureate degree and to satisfy requirements for the master’s degree. Interested students should contact the undergraduate advisor well in advance of the junior year to prepare a sequence.
permitting maximal advantage to be taken of the catalog's regulations (see catalog.utdallas.edu/2018/undergraduate/policies/graduate-courses) regarding Undergraduate Registration for Graduate Courses.

1. Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of UNIV 1010 and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.

2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from institutions of higher education. The courses listed are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.

3. A required Major course that also fulfills Core Curriculum requirement. Semester credit hours are counted in the Core Curriculum.

4. Three semester credit hours of Calculus are counted to fulfill the Mathematics Core Requirement with the remaining one semester credit hour to be counted under Component Area Option Core.

5. Six semester credit hours of Chemistry are counted under Science core, and one semester of Physics (PHYS 2125) are counted under Component Area Option core.

6. Indicates a prerequisite class to be completed before enrolling for upper-division classes.

7. Students will take one of the two Physics sequences: PHYS 2325 and PHYS 2326 or PHYS 2421 and PHYS 2422 with accompanying labs.

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