

Chemistry

The chemistry major aims to deepen students' appreciation for and understanding of the atomic and molecular nature of matter, which informs us about our universe and ourselves to conserve and enhance our world. The chemistry major offers three tracks to the bachelor's degree: a chemistry track, a biochemistry track, and a forensic science track. All programs provide coursework for students that help them develop the intellectual competence and technical skills necessary in their chosen careers.

Career Opportunities

A chemistry degree is excellent preparation for a wide variety of career goals, such as:

- Medicine (MD or DO)
- Dentistry
- Pharmacy
- Veterinary medicine
- Physician's Assistant (PA)
- Graduate school in chemistry or chemical engineering
- Industrial research careers
- Quality Assurance and Control
- Formulations chemistry
- Forensic science/criminal investigations
- Pharmaceutical, biological, chemical, or technical sales or support
- Patent and Intellectual Property Law
- Medical/Clinical laboratory science

See the Graduate section (<http://catalog.mtmercy.edu/archives/2017-18/graduateprograms>) of this *Catalog* for more information on Graduate programs offered at Mount Mercy.

Major

Chemistry Track

CH 111	General Chemistry I	4.5
CH 112	General Chemistry II	4.5
CH 211	Organic Chemistry I	4.5
CH 212	Organic Chemistry II	4.5
CH 251	Analytical Chemistry	5
CH 302	Biochemistry	5
CH 370	Physical Chemistry	4.5
MA 164	Calculus I	4
PH 151	Principles of Physics I	4
PH 152	Principles of Physics II	4
Choose Two: *		6-9
CH 303	Biochemistry II	
CH 334	Instrumental Analysis	

Total Hours 50.5-53.5

* More electives will be added at a later date. Check with chemistry advisor for most up-to-date offerings.

Biochemistry Track

CH 111	General Chemistry I	4.5
CH 112	General Chemistry II	4.5
CH 211	Organic Chemistry I	4.5
CH 212	Organic Chemistry II	4.5

CH 251	Analytical Chemistry	5
CH 302	Biochemistry	5
CH 303	Biochemistry II	3
MA 164	Calculus I	4
BI 125	Foundations of Biology & Scientific Inquiry I	3
BI 125L	Biostatistics and Scientific Investigation I	1.5
BI 126	Foundations of Biology & Scientific Inquiry II	4.5
BI 303	Genetics	4.5
Choose One: *		3-5
CH 334	Instrumental Analysis	
CH 370	Physical Chemistry	
BI 315	General Microbiology	
BI 370	Cell and Molecular Biology	

Total Hours 51.5-53.5

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Forensic Science Track

CH 111	General Chemistry I	4.5
CH 112	General Chemistry II	4.5
CH 211	Organic Chemistry I	4.5
CH 212	Organic Chemistry II	4.5
CH 251	Analytical Chemistry	5
CH 302	Biochemistry	5
CJ 101	Introduction To Criminal Justice	3
CJ 350	Trial Evidence	3
BI 273	Human Anatomy	4.5

Choose one set: 12.5-13.5

Set A:

BI 125	Foundations of Biology & Scientific Inquiry I	
BI 125L	Biostatistics and Scientific Investigation I	
BI 126	Foundations of Biology & Scientific Inquiry II	
BI 303	Genetics	

Set B:

PH 151	Principles of Physics I	
PH 152	Principles of Physics II	
CH 370	Physical Chemistry	

Total Hours 51-52

Academic Requirements

A grade of C or above (C- does not count) in each required course for the major. To count toward the major, required chemistry courses must have been taken within the last five (5) years. Alternatively a student may elect to take standard examinations for specific courses provided by the ACS Division of Chemical Education and pass with a minimum 60% of the total score.

Students planning to pursue teacher education should follow the program guidelines within the Education section (<http://catalog.mtmercy.edu/archives/2017-18/curriculum/education>) of this *Catalog* and contact an advisor in the education division for assistance.

Minor

(30.5-31.5 hours with a minimum of 27.5 semester hours in chemistry courses):

CH 111	General Chemistry I	4.5
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CH 112	General Chemistry II	4.5
CH 211	Organic Chemistry I	4.5
CH 212	Organic Chemistry II	4.5
CH 251	Analytical Chemistry	5
Select one of the following:		4.5
CH 302	Biochemistry	
CH 334	Instrumental Analysis	
Select one of the following:		3
MA 139	Pre-Calculus	
MA 142	Mathematics Modeling	
MA 164	Calculus I	
Total Hours		30.5

Academic Requirements

A grade of C or above (C- does not count) in each required course for the minor. To count toward the minor, required chemistry courses must have been taken within the last five (5) years. Alternatively a student may elect to take standard examinations for specific courses provided by the ACS Division of Chemical Education and pass with a minimum 60% of the total score.

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Courses

CH 110 Introduction to Chemistry: 3 semester hours

This course is intended to provide an overview of fundamental concepts in chemistry, including: atomic and molecular structure, the nature of chemical bonding, chemical reactions, and stoichiometry, nomenclature, basic knowledge of thermodynamics and equilibrium, acids/bases, basic organic chemical nomenclature and reactivity. This course meets the needs of students not planning to take chemistry courses beyond CH 113. Students with minimal mathematical skills can use CH 110 as a preparatory course for CH 111 General Chemistry I. Three hours of lecture per week. Typically offered each fall and spring semester.

CH 110L Introduction to Chemistry Laboratory: 1.5 semester hour

This course is designed to accompany CH 110: Introduction to General Chemistry. Students in this course will encounter introductory-level experiments designed to develop hands-on laboratory skills. Topics may include: measurement, the scientific method, acid-base chemistry, colligative properties, chemical synthesis, calorimetry and gas laws. Students must also register for CH 110 (lecture); however, students who have already completed CH 110 with a grade of C or better (C- does not count) need not repeat CH 110.

CH 111 General Chemistry I: 4.5 semester hours

This course is an introduction to the field of chemistry, providing an understanding of the structures of atoms, molecules and ions and their interactions, and a foundation for the further study of chemistry. Three lectures and one three-hour lab weekly. Prerequisite: A Mathematics Pre-Algebra and Elementary Algebra Enhanced ACT subscore of 16 or higher; or a Mathematics score of 16 or higher on the former ACT; or completion of MA 008 with a grade of C or higher.

CH 112 General Chemistry II: 4.5 semester hours

This course is a continuation of CH 111. Topics covered are: chemical kinetics; equilibrium and thermodynamics; acids and bases; electrochemistry; survey of metals, nonmetals, and transition metals; complexes; nuclear chemistry. Three lectures and one three-hour lab weekly. Prerequisite: CH 111.

CH 113 Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry: 4.5 semester hours

This course is designed for nursing and non-science majors. It is a terminal course, not to be used as a prerequisite to further courses in chemistry. The course will focus on basic structure, formulas, nomenclature, and reactions of organic compounds. The fundamental concepts of biochemistry and metabolism of major molecules and their role in biological processes will be studied. Three lectures and an additional two-hour lab meets weekly. Prerequisite: high school chemistry.

CH 211 Organic Chemistry I: 4.5 semester hours

This course is an introduction to organic chemistry; an integrated presentation with emphasis on the theoretical aspects and mechanisms of reactions. Detailed discussion of alkanes, alkenes, alkynes, and stereochemistry. Three lectures and an additional three-hour lab meet weekly. Prerequisite: CH 111, CH 112.

CH 212 Organic Chemistry II: 4.5 semester hours

This course is a continuation of CH 211. Functional groups discussed in detail. The course will provide an introduction to absorption spectroscopy and qualitative identification of organic compounds; aromatic and heterocyclic compounds; macromolecules. Three lectures and one additional three-hour lab meet weekly. Prerequisite: CH 111, CH 112, CH 211.

CH 251 Analytical Chemistry: 5 semester hours

Theory and application of basic methods in quantitative analysis: titrimetric, gravimetric, chromatographic, potentiometric, and spectrophotometric determinations. Three lectures and one additional four-hour lab meet weekly. Prerequisites: CH 111, CH 112, MA 142 or MA 164.

CH 302 Biochemistry: 5 semester hours

This course focuses on the study of life at the molecular level. The course examines chemical reactions in living cells; central metabolic pathways; energy transformations, signal-transduction pathways; transmission of hereditary characteristics; molecular basis of certain diseases and other biological phenomena. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: CH 111, CH 112, CH 211, CH 212.

CH 303 Biochemistry II: 3 semester hours

A continuation of CH 302. Topics include metabolism of amino acids, proteins, and nucleic acids; DNA replication, repair, and recombination; RNA synthesis and processing; protein synthesis; and biochemical functions and concepts including mechanisms of actions, especially those related to normal healthy states to pathologic states. Prerequisites: CH 111, CH 112, CH 211, CH 212, CH 302.

CH 334 Instrumental Analysis: 4.5 semester hours

The course teaches the underlying principles and practical aspects of using modern instruments in chemical analysis. Students will understand the chemistry relevant to sampling, sample preparation, and the chemical processes occurring in each instrument - such as electron transfer, electron emission, light scattering and absorption, gas and liquid phase equilibria. Prerequisites: CH 111, CH 112, CH 211, CH 212, CH 251.

CH 370 Physical Chemistry: 4.5 semester hours

An introduction to physical chemistry. Topics covered include thermodynamics, kinetics, quantum chemistry, molecular structure and spectroscopy. Three hours of lecture and one three-hour laboratory weekly. Prerequisites: CH 111, CH 112, CH 211, CH 212, CH 251, MA 164.

CH 450 Chemistry Internship: 6 semester hours

This is a directed educational experience in employment situations under joint sponsorship by a faculty member and an employer. Students enrolled in this course will work with a community partner and are expected to perform duties as assigned by the community partner, who functions as the student's on-site supervisor. Internships are anticipated to mimic the employee-employer relationship and conform to standards prevalent at the community partner. Each credit hour of internship should correlate to approximately 40 hours of internship activities (activities are mainly determined by the specific job or projects assigned by the community partner). Students are required to: (1) Keep a journal during their internship reflecting on their experiences, new skills learned, etc. Due dates for the journal entries will be determined by the faculty instructor. (2) Meet (this may be done electronically, e.g. Facetime or Skype video conference) with the MMU instructor at least three times during the semester: at the beginning, near mid-term, and at the end of the semester (before the end of finals week), and (3) Complete an evaluation of the internship experience. Prerequisite: a successful application must be made in writing to a supervising chemistry instructor in the semester prior to the internship.

CH 451 Chemistry Research: 6 semester hours

This course provides a research opportunity for undergraduate students, which may include an introduction to relevant background material, technical instruction, identification of a meaningful project, data collection, analysis and dissemination. Projects and topics are determined by the faculty member in charge of the course and may relate to his/her research interests, or the interests of a student. This course will be offered based on faculty availability and student demand. Students may register for 1-6 credits per semester (1 semester credit= 40 project hours); students may repeat this course. Prerequisite: approval by advising instructor.