

Chemistry (CH)

Courses

CH 100 Discovering Chemistry Laboratory: 1 semester hour

Students will perform a variety of chemistry and/or physics laboratory experiments. Students will be able to define problems clearly, analyze data properly and draw appropriate conclusions. Based on their laboratory experiments, the students will then be able to construct inquiry-based laboratory exercises using appropriate resources. This course fulfills the requirement of the Natural World domain for transfer students who have not taken a laboratory based natural science course before transferring to Mount Mercy. This course is also for education majors who need additional credit hours for their endorsement areas. This course can be crosslisted with PH 100.

CH 101 Chemistry in the Kitchen: 4 semester hours

This course is designed to teach students a basic understanding of chemistry using food science. The course is for non-science majors. Major topics covered in this class include: the scientific method, chemicals and food, atomic structure and food molecules, chemical measurements and calculations, thermodynamics and energy, common chemical reactions, kinetics, acid-base chemistry, and nutrients. This course fulfills the Natural World Domain requirement for non-major students.

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 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 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: 4.5 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: 4.5 semester hours

This course focuses on the study of life at the molecular level. The course examines the structure and function of key biological macromolecules (proteins, nucleic acids, lipids and carbohydrates), enzymes (kinetics, catalytic and regulatory strategies), central metabolic pathways and their regulation (cellular respiration, gluconeogenesis, glycogen, fatty acid and lipids), cell membranes and signal-transduction pathways. The laboratory portion emphasizes techniques used to study and analyze proteins. Three hours of lecture and one four-hour laboratory per week. Prerequisites: CH 111, CH 112, CH 211, CH 212, BI 125 and BI 125L. (Offered fall semester).

CH 303 Biochemistry II: 3 semester hours

A continuation of CH 302. Topics include the metabolism of amino acids, proteins, and nucleotides, membrane lipids and steroids; the integration of metabolism; exploring sensory systems, immune systems, and drug development. Prerequisites: CH 111, CH 112, CH 211, CH 212, CH 302. (Offered winter term in even years).

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 399 Special Topics in Chemistry: 3 semester hours

Chemistry is a dynamic subject and this course is designed to present topics that may not have sufficient, sustained demand to be a regular course offering. The course is intended to provide an in-depth, advanced study of topics that are chosen with attention to student interest and faculty availability. This course may be repeated if topic is different. Prerequisite: CH 211 and permission of instructor.

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.