

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Biochemistry Option

Biochemistry deals with the chemical foundations and properties for all living processes. Research by biochemists increases our knowledge about chemicals and processes that govern the living world and has led to the discovery and development of new and improved medicines, agricultural breakthroughs, and other areas that unveil the mysteries of living things. Those interested in a rewarding career that provides financial security, promotes self-respect and offers the opportunity to work on stimulating and breakthrough projects, should consider a career in chemistry with a biochemistry option.

The biochemistry curriculum prepares students for careers in biochemistry, chemistry and biotechnology and provides an excellent basis for graduate and professional areas of study.

Chemistry students will...

- Gain a rigorous foundation in biochemistry, chemistry, science and math in the context of a broad university education.
- Interact closely with experienced faculty who are recognized for their writing, training, professional affiliations, and expertise.
- Study in the state-of-the-art, first-rate learning environment provided by the newly renovated Magill Hall of Science.
- Have opportunities to pursue research and scholarship that help develop independent thinking and problem solving.
- Have employment opportunities within the department that can provide chemistry-related work experience prior to graduation.

Career Planning

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. 100% of programs offer our students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching or research internship.

Approximately 35-40% of chemistry graduates pursue graduate or professional programs of study immediately upon graduation. The others pursue employment opportunities in chemistry or other fields. Employment opportunities for chemists exist in a variety of fields, such as biotechnology, biochemistry, chemical manufacturing, environmental monitoring and compliance, industrial hygiene, materials science, pharmaceutical manufacturing, product development, quality control, sales (pharmaceuticals, chemicals, instruments), and technical management.

The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students		
CL001	First Semester	Students connect academic career planning by completing an online career assessment
CL002	Second Semester	Students learn more about resources available to enhance academic and career planning
CL003	Junior Year	Students learn about continued career planning, job search strategies, and networking
CL004	Senior Year	Students learn about resume development, professional communication, interviewing, and transitioning to the first job from college

Internships, Employment Opportunities, and Graduate Schools of Recent Graduates

- Biokyowa
- Buzzi Unicem USA
- Eli Lilly
- Exxon Mobil
- Monsanto
- Pharmacia (currently part of Pfizer)
- PPG Industries
- Proctor and Gamble
- Sigma-Aldrich
- Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime laboratory
- Indiana University
- John Hopkins University
- Penn State University
- Purdue University
- Southern Illinois University (School of Medicine)
- Texas A & M
- University of Illinois (School of Medicine, Graduate School)
- University of Missouri – Columbia (School of Medicine, Graduate School)
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Wisconsin – Madison
- Washington University
- Numerous other graduate/professional programs of study and employers

Special Options with Chemistry

Southeast offers a Master of Natural Science in Applied Chemistry.

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This is a guide based on the 2017-2018 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use DegreeWorks to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

"Critical Courses" are italicized and bolded. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.

Required Courses:

- ___ **CH185** *General Chemistry (5)*
- ___ **CH186** *Foundations of Inorganic Chemistry (3)*
- ___ CH187 Inorganic Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis Laboratory (2)
- ___ CH271 Foundations of Analytical Chemistry (5)
- ___ CH311 Foundations of Physical Chemistry (4)
- ___ CH313 Physical Chemistry Laboratory (3)
- ___ **CH341** *Foundations of Organic Chemistry (4)*
- ___ CH342 Organic Chemistry Laboratory I (1)
- ___ CH498 Professional Presentation in Chemistry (1)
- ___ CH531 Foundations of Biochemistry (3)
- OR
- ___ UI331 Foundations of Biochemistry (3)
- ___ UI443 Professional Experience in Chemistry (3)

Biochemistry Option Courses:

- ___ BI173 Cell & Organismal Biology (4)
- ___ BI283 Genetics (4)
- ___ BI310 General Microbiology (4)
- ___ BI404 Cell Biology (3)
- ___ CH312 Advanced Physical Chemistry (3)
- ___ CH343 Advanced Organic Chemistry (3)
- ___ CH344 Organic Chemistry Laboratory II (2)
- ___ CH532 Advanced Biochemistry (2)
- ___ CH533 Biochemistry Laboratory (2)

Additional Requirements:

- ___ **MA140** *Analytical Geometry and Calculus I (5)*
- ___ MA145 Analytical Geometry and Calculus II (4)
- ___ PH120/020 Introductory Physics I (5)
- ___ PH121/021 Introductory Physics II (5)
- OR
- ___ PH230/030 General Physics I (5)
- ___ PH231/031 General Physics II (5)

Note: Completion of an experiential learning project (undergraduate research or internship) in the major is required. The departmental advisor should be consulted for information about this requirement.

University Studies Requirements (not already listed above):

UI100 First Year Seminar, EN100 English Composition, Artistic Expression, Written Expression, Oral Expression, Literary Expression, Behavioral Systems, Living Systems, Development of a Major Civilization, Economic Systems, Political Systems, Social Systems

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	3	BI173	4
	EN100	3	CH186	3
	CH185/085/005	5	CH187	2
	Living Systems	3	MA140	5
			Written Expression	3
	Total	14	Total	17
Milestone: maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA				
SECOND YEAR	BI283	4	BI310	4
	CH271	5	CH341	4
	MA145	4	CH342	1
	PH120/020 or PH230/030	5	PH121/021 or PH231/031	5
			Literary Expression	3
	Total	18	Total	17
Milestone: maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA				
<i>(summer courses are encouraged to avoid 18 hour semesters)</i>				
THIRD YEAR	CH311*	4	CH312*	3
	CH343	3	CH313*	3
	CH344	2	UI443	3
	Oral Expression	3	Behavioral Systems	3
	Political Systems	3	Social Systems	3
	Total	15	Total	15
Milestone: maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA				
FOURTH YEAR	BI404	3	CH498	1
	UI331 or CH531	3	CH532	2
	Artistic Expression	3	CH533	2
	Develop of a Major Civ	3	Economic Systems	3
			Elective	4
	Total	12	Total	12
Milestone: maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA				

A "Milestone" signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

*CH311/312/312 should be taken in the junior year to avoid scheduling conflicts during the senior year with other required courses.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599), career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BS in Chemistry degree.