Chemistry: Business Option

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Chemistry is the branch of natural science that deals with the properties and classification of matter, the changes that matter undergoes, and the energy associated with these changes. Research by chemists increases our knowledge about chemicals and their roles in the natural world and has led to the discovery and development of new and improved products and advances in medicine, agriculture, food processing and other fields. Those interested in a rewarding career that identifies you as a professional, provides financial security, promotes self-respect and offers the opportunity to work on stimulating and breakthrough projects should consider a career in chemistry.

This degree option offers a broad exposure to chemistry and provides a basic education in business. Students interested in pursuing careers that require knowledge of both science and business, such as marketing, sales, finance and management within the chemical industry, should choose this major. Chemistry graduates who have business and communication skills as well as leadership ability are in increasing demand in the marketplace.

Chemistry students will...

- Gain a rigorous foundation in 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 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 |
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| 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, Graduate Schools and Programs 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.
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.

**Chemistry Core – 33 Hours Required**
- CH185 General Chemistry (5)
- CH186 Foundations of Inorganic Chemistry (3)
- CH187 Inorganic Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis Laboratory (2)
- CH271 Foundations of Analytical Chemistry (5)
- CH300 Survey of Physical Chemistry (3)
- CH313 Physical Chemistry Laboratory (3)
- CH340 Essentials of Organic Chemistry (5)
- CH498 Professional Presentation in Chemistry (1)
- CH531 Foundations of Biochemistry (3)
- UI331 Foundations of Biochemistry (3)
- UI443 Professional Experience in Chemistry (3)

**Business Option – 30 Hours Required**
- AC221 Principles of Accounting I (3)
- AC222 Principles of Accounting II (3)
- EC215 Principles of Microeconomics (3)
- EC225 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- FI175 Information Systems (3)
- MA223 Elementary Probability and Statistics (3)
- MA357 Management Information Systems (3)
- MK301 Principles of Marketing (3)

**Additional Requirements – 13 Hours Required**
- MA139 Applied Calculus (3)
- PH120/020 Introductory Physics I (5)
- PH121/021 Introductory Physics II (5)

* Upon completion of the B.A. in Chemistry (Business Option), students may apply directly to the MBA program at Southeast. For more information about the MBA degree program, contact the MBA office in the Robert A. Dempster Hall at Southeast Missouri State University.

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, Liberal Expression, Behavioral Systems, Living Systems, Development of a Major Civilization, Political Systems, Social Systems

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

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**SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN**

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Milestone: maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA

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

**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 proficiency (CL001-004), 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 BA in Chemistry degree.