

Chemistry

The Chemistry department offers courses that provide an understanding of chemical principles across the discipline. The chemistry faculty believe that an understanding of fundamental chemical principles enables students to make better-informed decisions on a wide variety of issues related to work and life roles. The faculty interact closely with students, a diverse population at various levels of academic development, to help them develop capabilities in science and become lifelong learners. Chemistry courses fulfill requirements for general education and various graduation requirements.

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CHEM 1700 Chemistry Concepts

This laboratory science course covers the basic concepts of chemistry. Topics include measurements and calculations used in chemistry; the general properties of chemicals; physical characteristics of matter, atoms and elements; basics of chemical bonding; chemical equations and their uses; gases, liquids and solids; solutions; and acids and bases. The course relates chemistry concepts to applications in everyday life. The course is intended for students who have not had a high school chemistry course. (Prerequisite(s): MATH 0910 Introductory Algebra with a grade of "C" or better, or appropriate assessment score) (MnTC: Goal 3) 4C/3/1/0

CHEM 1711 Principles of Chemistry 1

This course uses the scientific method to study matter; what matter is comprised of and how matter changes. Basic chemical theory and applications are covered with an emphasis on the principles and theories of atomic and molecular structure; periodic properties of elements; thermochemistry, reaction stoichiometry; behavior of gases, liquids and solids; molecular and ionic structure and bonding; energy sources and environmental issues related to energy use. The lab component includes the application of chemical concepts through observation, data collection, quantitative measurement and problem analysis. High School chemistry is recommended. (Prerequisite(s): MATH 0920 Intermediate Algebra or CHEM 1700 Chemistry Concepts with a grade of "C" or better, or appropriate assessment score) (MnTC: Goal 3) 4C/3/1/0

CHEM 1712 Principles of Chemistry 2

This course is a continuation of CHEM 1711 Principles of Chemistry 1 with an emphasis on chemical kinetics; radioactive decay; chemical equilibrium; solutions; acids and bases; solubility; second law of thermodynamics; electrochemistry and corrosion; descriptive chemistry of the elements; coordination chemistry; biochemistry; and applications of chemical principles to environmental problems. The lab component of this course provides students with the opportunity to apply chemical concepts through observation, data collection, quantitative measurement and problem analysis. (Prerequisite(s): CHEM 1711 with a grade of "C" or better) (MnTC: Goal 3) 4C/3/1/0

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CHEM 2720 Organic Chemistry 1

This course is the first semester of a two-semester sequence in organic chemistry. Topics include an overview of covalent bonding, acid-base chemistry, and reaction energetics. The course also covers nomenclature, stereochemistry, organic molecular structures, substitution and elimination reactions and reactions alkanes, alkenes, alkynes, and alcohols. The laboratory activities include an introduction to laboratory techniques used in organic chemical synthesis, and the use of chromatography and spectroscopy in the analysis of organic compounds. Three hours of lab per week are required. (Prerequisite(s): CHEM 1712 with a grade of "C" or better) (MnTC: Goal 3) 5C/4/1/0

CHEM 2721 Organic Chemistry 2

This course is a continuation of CHEM 2720 Organic Chemistry 1. Topics include amines, ketones, aldehydes, carboxylic acids, and their derivatives. Reaction mechanisms studied include electrophilic aromatic substitution, nucleophilic aromatic substitution, nucleophilic addition and substitution at carbonyl groups, and reactions at the alpha carbon of carbonyl compounds. The course also includes application of organic chemistry related to polymers, natural products, and biochemistry. The laboratory activities cover reactions, synthesis, and the chemical and instrumental identification of organic compounds. Three hours of lab per week are required. (Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2720 with a grade of "C" or better) (MnTC: Goal 3) 5C/4/1/0

CHEM 2730 Instrumental Analysis

This course introduces the principles of analytical methods and instrumentation. The theories and applications of various chemical and biochemical methods of analyses will be studied. Instrumentation methods including chromatography, spectrophotometry, microscopy, and others will be applied in laboratory to a variety of chemical and biological systems. Mathematical calculations, statistical analysis of data, and quantitative chemical analysis will also be incorporated. Students will also be introduced to standards important to quality control in regulatory environments, using documentation procedures and validation principles according to regulatory standards. (Prerequisite(s): CHEM 1711 with a grade of "C" or better) (MnTC: Goal 3) 4C/2/2/0

CHEM 2790 Science Technician Laboratory Research Project

This course provides students with an opportunity to design and carry out a science research project under the supervision of a faculty advisor. The research project will be prepared using literature review, problem identification, procedural documentation, data collection, data analysis, findings, conclusions, and recommendations. Evaluation will be carried out by a faculty member and an expert in the field. The course will also provide an opportunity for field study in an approved internship setting. (Prerequisite(s): Instructor approval) (MnTC: Goal 3) Variable credits 1-4

CHEM 2791 Cleanroom Lab Research Project

This course provides students with an opportunity to design and carry out a research project under the supervision of a faculty advisor utilizing the cleanroom facilities. The research project will be prepared using literature review, problem identification, procedural documentation, data collection, data analysis, findings, conclusions, and recommendations for future research. The course will also provide an opportunity for field study in an approved internship setting. Evaluation will be carried out by a faculty member and an expert in the field. (Prerequisite(s): Instructor approval) (MnTC: Goal 3) Variable credits 1-4

CHEM 2795 Special Topics in Chemistry

This course is designed to present additional or unique material and learning experiences within a specified discipline. The course will be based on student need, flexibility, and may be designed to meet various transfer and pre-major course requirements. Please see a current Course Schedule for complete course details. (MnTC: Goal 3) Variable credits 1-6