

CHEMISTRY (SECONDARY EDUCATION) - BACHELOR OF ARTS

The Bachelor of Arts curriculum is designed to provide flexibility with less depth in chemistry, physics, and mathematics. The Secondary Education concentration curriculum prepares high-quality teachers for public schools and leads to a Minor in Secondary Education which leads to the New Mexico–Initial Teaching License, Secondary General Science Education (Grades 6-12). Students may receive both a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry degree and a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry (Secondary Education) degree. All departmental and nondepartmental requirements must earn a C- or better final grade or an S if the course is designated for S/U grading.

Requirements

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements, Viewing a Wider World requirements, and elective credits to total at least 120 credits with 48 credits in courses numbered 300 or above. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

| Prefix | Title | Credits |
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| General Education | | |
| <i>Area I: Communications</i> 10 | | |
| | English Composition - Level 1 ¹ | |
| | English Composition - Level 2 ¹ | |
| | Oral Communication ¹ | |
| <i>Area II: Mathematics</i> | | |
| MATH 1511G | Calculus and Analytic Geometry I ² | 4 |
| <i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i> 11 | | |
| CHEM 1215G | General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors ³ | |
| | or CHEM 1216 General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for CHEM Majors | |
| CHEM 1225G | General Chemistry II Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors ³ | |
| | or CHEM 1226 General Chemistry II Lecture and Laboratory for CHEM Majors | |
| Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (3 credits) ¹ | | |
| <i>Area V: Humanities</i> ¹ 3 | | |
| <i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i> ¹ 3 | | |
| <i>General Education Elective</i> | | |
| MATH 1521G | Calculus and Analytic Geometry II | 4 |
| | or MATH 1521H Calculus and Analytic Geometry II Honors | |
| Viewing A Wider World ⁴ 3 | | |
| Departmental/College Requirements | | |
| CHEM 2111 | Explorations in Chemistry | 1 |
| CHEM 313 | Organic Chemistry I | 3 |
| CHEM 314 | Organic Chemistry II | 3 |
| CHEM 315 | Organic Chemistry Laboratory | 2 |
| CHEM 371 | Analytical Chemistry | 4 |
| CHEM 430 | Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics, Kinetics, Quantum Chemistry, and Spectroscopy | 3 |

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| CHEM 443 | Senior Seminar | 1 |
| Select one from the following: | | 3 |
| CHEM 456 | Inorganic Structure and Bonding | |
| CHEM 471 | Advanced Integrated Inorganic and Physical Chemistry Laboratory | |
| CHEM 472 | Advanced Integrated Instrumental Analysis and Protein Biochemistry Laboratory | |
| Additional Upper Division Chemistry credits ⁵ | | 3 |
| Non-Departmental Requirements (in addition to Gen.Ed/VWW) | | |
| Select one from the following: | | 4 |
| PHYS 2110 & 2110L | Mechanics and Experimental Mechanics ⁶ | |
| PHYS 1230G & PHYS 1230L | Algebra-Based Physics I and Algebra-Based Physics I Lab | |
| PHYS 2230G & PHYS 2230L | General Physics for Life Science I and Laboratory to General Physics for Life Science I | |
| PHYS 1310G & PHYS 1310L | Calculus -Based Physics I and Calculus -Based Physics I Lab | |
| Select one from the following: | | 4 |
| PHYS 2140 & 2140L | Electricity and Magnetism and Electricity & Magnetism Laboratory ^{7,8} | |
| PHYS 1240G & PHYS 1240L | Algebra-Based Physics II and Algebra-Based Physics II Lab | |
| PHYS 2240G & PHYS 2240L | General Physics for Life Science II and Laboratory to General Physics for Life Science II | |
| PHYS 1320G & PHYS 1320L | Calculus -Based Physics II and Calculus -Based Physics II Lab | |
| <i>Secondary Education Requirements</i> | | |
| EDUC 3120 | Multicultural Education | 3 |
| EDUC 3997 | Secondary Field Experience | 3 |
| EDUC 4410 | Teaching Science at the Middle and High School Level ⁹ | 3 |
| EDUC 4820 | Secondary Student Teaching ¹⁰ | 9 |
| EDUC 4821 | Middle and High School Student Teaching Seminar ¹⁰ | 3 |
| READ 4330 | Content Area Literacy ⁹ | 3 |
| SPED 3105 | Introduction to Special Education in a Diverse Society | 3 |
| Second Language Requirement: (not required) | | |
| Electives, to bring the total credits to 120 | | |
| Select sufficient electives to bring total credits to 120, including 48 upper-division. ¹¹ | | 24 |
| Total Credits | | 120 |

¹ See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses

² MATH 1511G Calculus and Analytic Geometry I is required for the degree but students may need to take any prerequisites needed to enter MATH 1511G first.

³ CHEM 1216 General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for CHEM Majors and CHEM 1226 General Chemistry II Lecture and Laboratory for CHEM Majors are recommended and are acceptable General Education substitutions for CHEM 1215G General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors and CHEM 1225G General Chemistry II Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors but will need a degree audit exception that can be coordinated with your advisor.

- ⁴ See the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses. VWW 3-credit Upper-division rule can be met with Secondary Education Minor.
- ⁵ The additional chemistry course can be one 3-credit CHEM course or three 1-credit CHEM courses. BCHE 395 Biochemistry I can also be used to fulfill the additional chemistry course requirement.
- ⁶ PHYS 2110 Mechanics is the Physics I course recommended for all Chemistry majors. PHYS 1230G Algebra-Based Physics I, PHYS 2230G General Physics for Life Science I, and PHYS 1310G Calculus -Based Physics I are acceptable and are recommended in the decreasing order listed.
- ⁷ PHYS 2140 Electricity and Magnetism is the Physics II course recommended for all Chemistry majors. PHYS 1240G Algebra-Based Physics II, PHYS 2240G General Physics for Life Science II, and PHYS 1240G Algebra-Based Physics II are acceptable and are recommended in the decreasing order listed. Students are highly cautioned to check prerequisites for the individual courses when schedule planning.
- ⁸ Students are strongly encouraged to check prerequisite/corequisite requirements for Physics labs when schedule planning.
- ⁹ Requires Teacher Education Program (TEP) admittance
- ¹⁰ Requires application for Student Teaching Entrance (STEP)
- ¹¹ Elective credit may vary based on prerequisites, dual credit, AP credit, double majors, and/or minor coursework. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 120 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis and students should discuss elective requirements with their advisor. Since the degree leads to a General Science teaching license, we strongly recommend that courses in Biology, Astronomy, Geology, etc. are included in the elective credits.

Second Language Requirement

For the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Chemistry there is no second language requirement for the degree.