Program Learning Outcomes for the BA Degree with a Major in Chemistry

Upon completing the BA degree with a major in Chemistry, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate understanding of and proficiency with:
   a. the structure, bonding, spectroscopy, and reactivity of organic compounds and functional groups;
   b. curved-arrow formalism to describe reaction mechanisms, and
   c. the synthesis of organic compounds.
2. Demonstrate understanding of and proficiency with:
   a. thermochemical principles, acid-base and redox reactions,
   b. structure of simple solids and construction of molecular orbital diagrams (group theory), and
   c. survey of main group chemistry.
3. Demonstrate understanding of:
   a. the principles of quantum mechanics and applications to atomic and molecular structure and spectroscopy,
   b. classical and basic statistical thermodynamics and applications to equilibrium physico-chemical systems, and
   c. kinetics of gas phase processes and chemical reactions.

Requirements for the BA Degree with a Major in Chemistry

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements). Students pursuing the BA degree with a major in Chemistry must complete:

- A minimum of 21-23 courses (55 credit hours) depending on course selection to satisfy major requirements.
- A minimum of 120 credit hours to satisfy degree requirements.
- A minimum of 60 credit hours outside of major requirements.
- A minimum of 10 courses (27 credit hours) taken at the 300-level or above.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this major. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the major’s academic advisor, or where applicable, the department’s Director of Undergraduate Studies. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the major’s Official Certifier (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier).) Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.
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Select 2 courses from the following:

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Any lecture course between CHEM 400 and CHEM 489

Any lecture course between CHEM 495 and CHEM 699

Total Credit Hours Required for the Major in Chemistry: 55

Additional Credit Hours to Complete BA Degree Requirements: 5

University Graduation Requirements (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements): 60

Total Credit Hours: 120

Footnotes and Additional Information

1. Includes coursework completed as distribution credit, FWIS, LPAP upper-level, residency (hours taken at Rice), 60 hours outside of the major (if applicable), and any additional academic program requirements. The “hours outside of the major” requirement may include all of the above university requirements.

2. The CHEM 121/CHEM 123 and CHEM 122/CHEM 124 General Chemistry sequence is an acceptable substitute for the CHEM 151/CHEM 153 and CHEM 152/CHEM 154 Honors sequence.

3. Chemistry students may enroll in BIOC 301 without the prerequisite BIOC 201. Requests to waive the prerequisite course are approved by the course instructor. Students should contact the course instructor for more information.

4. MATH 221 and MATH 222 may substitute for MATH 212.

5. For the purposes of this requirement, “advanced coursework” includes chemistry lecture courses at the 400-level or higher (courses in Rice’s course catalog that have a course type listed as “lecture”). CHEM 212 or CHEM 320 or BIOC 302 counts as “advanced coursework” for purposes of this requirement. Courses in other departments with substantial chemistry content may count toward this requirement with approval of the Director of the Undergraduate Program.

Departmental Transfer Credit Guidelines

Students pursuing the major in Chemistry should be aware of the following departmental transfer credit guidelines:

- Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the program director (and/or the program’s official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Chemistry website: https://chemistry.rice.edu

Opportunities for the BA Degree with a Major in Chemistry

Academic Honors

The university recognizes academic excellence achieved over an undergraduate’s academic history at Rice. For information on university honors, please see Latin Honors (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university) (summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude) and Distinction in Research and Creative Work (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

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Policies for the BA Degree with a Major in Chemistry

Transfer Credit

For Rice University’s policy regarding transfer credit, see Transfer Credit (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university’s official list of transfer credit advisors on their website: https://oaa.rice.edu. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program’s transfer credit advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.