

BIOCHEMISTRY UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Introduction

Please click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/chemistry/>) to see Chemistry Department information.

Beginning with the Fall 2022 term, the Biochemistry Undergraduate Certificate is available to undergraduate non-degree seeking students. Degree seeking undergraduate students should consider completing the Biochemistry Minor (<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/chemistry/students/undergraduate-students/biochemistry-minor/>).

Program Delivery

- This is an on-campus program.

Declaring This Certificate

- Students should meet with the Biochemistry Certificate Advisor Dr. Marta Maroñ marta.maron@ucdenver.edu to file a certificate plan prior to the semester of graduation.

These program requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with their Biochemistry advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

General Requirements

Students must satisfy all requirements as outlined below and by the department offering the certificate.

- Click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/>) for information about Academic Policies

Certificate Requirements

- Students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours chosen from the approved courses.
- Students must complete a minimum of six upper-division (3000-level and above) credit hours chosen from the approved courses below.
- Students must earn a minimum grade of C (2.0) in all courses that apply to the certificate and must achieve a minimum cumulative certificate GPA of 2.7. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the certificate GPA. Courses taken using P +/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to certificate requirements.
- Students must complete 15 credit hours from the approved required and elective courses with CU Denver faculty.

Certificate Restrictions, Allowances and Recommendations

- All courses applied to the Biochemistry Certificate need to be taken within ten years of the graduation date with the exception of General

Chemistry I and II Lecture and Lab: CHEM 2031 General Chemistry I, CHEM 2081 Honors General Chemistry I, CHEM 2038 General Chemistry Laboratory I, CHEM 2039 Majors General Chemistry I Laboratory, CHEM 2088 Honors General Chemistry I Laboratory, CHEM 2061 General Chemistry II, CHEM 2091 Honors General Chemistry II Lecture, CHEM 2068 General Chemistry Laboratory II, CHEM 2069 Majors General Chemistry II Laboratory and CHEM 2098 Honors General Chemistry II Laboratory. In the event that the student would like to apply for expired credit for CHEM 3481 Majors Organic Chemistry I, the student will need to test at the 50th percentile on the ACS Standardized Exam for Organic Chemistry I.

- Prerequisite courses do not have to be completed at CU Denver. Required courses including electives must be completed in residency at CU Denver. Any residency exemptions need to be approved in writing by the Biochemistry advisor prior to the course(s) being taken at another institution.

Code	Title	Hours
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Students should be aware of and complete appropriate prerequisite courses before beginning the certificate. The following represent common prerequisites-check each individual course to better understand the specific prerequisites required:

CHEM 2031	General Chemistry I	
or CHEM 2081	Honors General Chemistry I	
CHEM 2038	General Chemistry Laboratory I	
or CHEM 2039	Majors General Chemistry I Laboratory	
or CHEM 2088	Honors General Chemistry I Laboratory	
CHEM 2061	General Chemistry II	
or CHEM 2091	Honors General Chemistry II Lecture	
CHEM 2068	General Chemistry Laboratory II	
or CHEM 2069	Majors General Chemistry II Laboratory	
or CHEM 2098	Honors General Chemistry II Laboratory	
BIOL 2010	Organisms to Ecosystems (Gen Bio)	
or BIOL 2030	Honors Organisms to Ecosystems (Gen Bio)	
BIOL 2011	Organisms to Ecosystems Lab (Gen Bio)	
or BIOL 2031	Honors Organisms to Ecosystems Lab (Gen Bio)	
BIOL 2020	Molecules to Cells (Gen Bio)	
or BIOL 2040	Honors Molecules to Cells (Gen Bio)	
BIOL 2021	Molecules to Cells Lab (Gen Bio)	
or BIOL 2041	Honors Molecules to Cells Lab (Gen Bio)	
CHEM 3411	Organic Chemistry I	
or CHEM 3481	Majors Organic Chemistry I	
CHEM 3418	Organic Chemistry Lab I	
or CHEM 3488	Majors Organic Chemistry Laboratory I	
CHEM 3421	Organic Chemistry II	
or CHEM 3491	Majors Organic Chemistry II	
CHEM 3428	Organic Chemistry Lab II	
or CHEM 3498	Majors Organic Chemistry Laboratory II	

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Complete the following required courses:

BIOL 3611	General Cell Biology	6
CHEM 4810	General Biochemistry I	
or CHEM 3810	Biochemistry	
or CHEM 5810	Graduate Biochemistry I	

Complete one of the following Biochemistry courses: 3

CHEM 4411 Bioconjugate techniques and Theranostic Nanomedicine

CHEM 4815 Structural Biology of Neurodegenerative Diseases

CHEM 4820 General Biochemistry II

CHEM 4825 Biochemistry of Metabolic Disease

CHEM 4835 Biochemistry of Gene Regulation and Cancer

CHEM 4845 Molecular Modeling and Drug Design

CHEM 4860 Bioinorganic Chemistry: Bioinorganic compounds in medicine

CHEM 5830 Graduate Biochemistry II

Complete a minimum of 6 credits from the following Biochemistry elective courses, not already completed: 6

BIOL 3124 Introduction to Molecular Biology

BIOL 3225 Human Physiology

BIOL 3763 Biostatistics

BIOL 3804 Developmental Biology

BIOL 3832 General Genetics

BIOL 4024 Introduction to Biotechnology

BIOL 4064 Cell Biology of Disease

BIOL 4125 Molecular Biology Laboratory

BIOL 4144 Medical Microbiology

BIOL 4165 Neurobiology

BIOL 4550 Cell Signaling

CHEM 3011 Inorganic Chemistry

CHEM 3111 Analytical Chemistry

CHEM 4121 Instrumental Analysis

CHEM 4411 Bioconjugate techniques and Theranostic Nanomedicine

CHEM 4511 Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics and Kinetics

CHEM 4521 Physical Chemistry: Quantum and Spectroscopy

CHEM 4815 Structural Biology of Neurodegenerative Diseases

CHEM 4820 General Biochemistry II

CHEM 4825 Biochemistry of Metabolic Disease

CHEM 4860 Bioinorganic Chemistry: Bioinorganic compounds in medicine

CHEM 5830 Graduate Biochemistry II

PHYS 3151 Biophysics Outlook I
& PHYS 3161 and Biophysics Outlook II ¹

PHYS 3452 Biophysics of the Cell NM

PSYC 3832 Neural Basis of Learning

Total Hours 15

¹ These two one-credit courses together fulfill one elective requirement.

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website (<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/chemistry/undergraduate-students/biochemistry-certificate/>).