Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Major

The Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major is designed to give students a detailed understanding of the chemistry of living matter. Careers exist in medical, pharmaceutical, food processing, and agricultural laboratories. Graduates also will have excellent preparation for graduate school or schools of medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, and business.

Biochemistry Minor

A minor in Biochemistry also is available. Contact the department (https://www.ndsu.edu/chemistry) for details.

Major Requirements

Major: Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.
Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degree

- A list of approved general education courses is available here (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcourselist).
- General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review the major, minor, and program emphases requirements for minimum grade restrictions, should they apply.

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<td>ENGL 110</td>
<td>College Composition I</td>
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<td>COMM 110</td>
<td>Fundamentals of Public Speaking</td>
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Upper Division Writing †

Quantitative Reasoning (R) †

Science and Technology (S) †

Humanities and Fine Arts (A) †

Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) †

Wellness (W) †

Cultural Diversity (D) ††

Global Perspectives (G) ††

Total Credits 39

* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.
† May be satisfied with courses required in the major. Review major requirements to determine if a specific upper division writing course is required.

College Requirements

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<td>Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree – An additional 12 credits</td>
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<td>Humanities and Social Sciences and proficiency at the second</td>
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<td>year level in a modern foreign language.</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree – An additional 6 credits</td>
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<td>in Humanities or Social Sciences *</td>
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* Humanities and Social Sciences may be fulfilled by any course having the following prefix: ADHM, ANTH, ARCH, ART, CJ, CLAS, COMM, ECON, ENGL, FREN, GEOG, GERM, HDFS, HIST, LA, LANG, MUSC, PHIL, POLS, PSYC, RELS, SOC, SPAN, THEA, WGS, or any course from the approved list of general education courses in humanities and social sciences (general education categories A and B). These credits must come from outside the department of the student’s major.
## Major Requirements

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<td>BIOC 460</td>
<td>Foundations of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology I</td>
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<td>BIOC 460L</td>
<td>Foundations of Biochemistry I Laboratory</td>
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<td>Methods of Biochemical Research</td>
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<td>Methods of Recombinant DNA Technology</td>
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<td>BIOC 483</td>
<td>Cellular Signal Transduction Processes and Metabolic Regulations</td>
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<td>BIOC 487</td>
<td>Molecular Biology of Gene Expression</td>
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<td>BIOL 150</td>
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<td>&amp; 150L</td>
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Select one of the following:

- CHEM 121 General Chemistry I
- CHEM 121L General Chemistry I Laboratory
- CHEM 150 Principles of Chemistry I
- CHEM 160 and Principles of Chemistry Laboratory I

Select one of the following:

- CHEM 122 General Chemistry II
- CHEM 122L General Chemistry II Laboratory
- CHEM 151 Principles of Chemistry II
- CHEM 161L Principles of Chemistry Laboratory II

- CHEM 341 Organic Chemistry I
- CHEM 342 Organic Chemistry II
- CHEM 353 Majors Organic Chemistry Laboratory I
- CHEM 354 Majors Organic Chemistry Laboratory II
- CHEM 465 Survey of Physical Chemistry
- CHEM 380 Chemistry Junior Seminar
- CHEM 431 Analytical Chemistry I
- CHEM 491 Seminar
- ENGL 321 Writing in the Technical Professions (May satisfy general education category C)
- ENGL 324 Writing in the Sciences
- MATH 165 Calculus I (May satisfy general education category R)
- MATH 166 Calculus II
- MICR 350 General Microbiology
- MICR 350L General Microbiology Lab
- PHYS 251 University Physics I
- PHYS 251L University Physics I Laboratory (May satisfy general education category S)
- PHYS 252 University Physics II
- PHYS 252L University Physics II Laboratory (May satisfy general education category S)
- STAT 330 Introductory Statistics (May satisfy general education category R)
- ZOO 315 Genetics (May satisfy general education category S)

### Upper-Level Science Electives

300-400 level courses in BIOL, BIOC, BOT, ZOO, CHEM, CSCI, MICR, PSCI, PHYS, PPTH, or STAT. No more than 6 credits from one prefix may apply. Research credits (CHEM 494/BIOC 494) may count towards 3 of these credits.

**Total Credits**

91

* CHEM 364 Physical Chemistry I & CHEM 365 Physical Chemistry II will satisfy this requirement and 2 credits of upper-level science electives.

### Degree Notes:

- Except for courses offered only as pass/fail grading, no course may be taken Pass/Fail.
## Minor Requirements

**Biochemistry Minor**

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**Required Credits: 16**

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<td>All minor courses must be selected in consultation with a Biochemistry adviser.</td>
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### Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.
- The student and adviser will complete a substitution form with the courses to be used for the biochemistry minor. This form will also require the signature of the department chairperson before being submitted to the Office of Registration and Records for verification of minor program completion.
- Note: This minor will not be available for view in the Student Advisement/Requirement Report in Campus Connection.