Minor in Chemistry

Why study chemistry?

At KU Chemistry, we have faculty dedicated to mentoring both undergraduate and graduate students and to helping each student achieve scientific maturity. In addition to required classroom and laboratory courses, options exist for doing research in exciting areas of mainstream chemistry, including emerging fields of microfluidics, precision medicine and sustainable catalysis.

Undergraduate Program

The undergraduate program in the Department of Chemistry has two primary missions. One of these is to help its majors attain a mastery of the discipline in preparation for further study in chemistry or a chemical science, or for immediate employment in chemistry. The other is to provide an opportunity for students majoring in other disciplines to acquire a basic knowledge of the fundamental areas of chemistry.

The curriculum leading to the **Bachelor of Science (B.S.)** degree, a rigorous program certified by the American Chemical Society, consists of a full spectrum of chemistry courses as well as supporting courses in mathematics and physics, and is designed to prepare students for a professional career in chemistry. The **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)** degree program, with fewer required courses, allows students to obtain a broader knowledge of areas outside of chemistry, or to tailor their chemistry program for specific or unique objectives. We also offer a **minor** in chemistry for those seeking a secondary area of study.

Requirements for the Minor

The minor allows many non-chemistry majors to obtain a strong, distributed background in the discipline. It is particularly useful for students in STEM fields or pre-professional programs that require at least one year of chemistry coursework but whose career plans would be enhanced by a deeper understanding of the molecular sciences. Due to extensive overlap in required chemistry coursework, the Chemistry minor is not available to students majoring in Biochemistry and Chemical Engineering.

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Chemistry Minor Course Requirements Students selecting this minor must complete the following:

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Mathematics and Physics

Mathematics: (choose one of the following (MATH 115 & MATH 116 6-12 recommended))

| | MATH 115 & MATH 116 | Calculus I and Calculus II | |
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| | MATH 125 & MATH 126 & MATH 127 | Calculus I and Calculus II and Calculus III | |
| Pl re | nysics: (Choose commended)) | one of the following (PHSX 114 & PHSX 115 | 8-9 |
| | PHSX 114 & PHSX 115 | College Physics I and College Physics II | |
| | PHSX 211 & PHSX 216 & PHSX 212 & PHSX 236 | General Physics I and General Physics I Laboratory and General Physics II and General Physics II Laboratory | |

| Chemistry I. Satis recommended): | fied by one of the following (CHEM 170 | 5 |
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| CHEM 170 | Chemistry for the Chemical Sciences I | |
| CHEM 130 | General Chemistry I | |
| CHEM 190 & CHEM 191 | Foundations of Chemistry I, Honors and Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory, Honors | |
| Chemistry II. Satis recommended): | sfied by one of the following (CHEM 175 | 5 |
| CHEM 175 | Chemistry for the Chemical Sciences II | |
| CHEM 135 | General Chemistry II | |
| CHEM 195 & CHEM 196 | Foundations of Chemistry II, Honors and Foundations of Chemistry II Laboratory, Honors | |
| Organic Chemistr | y I. Satisfied by one of the following: | 3 |
| CHEM 330 | Organic Chemistry I | |
| CHEM 380 | Organic Chemistry I, Honors | |
| Organic Chemistr | y Lab I. Satisfied by: | 2 |
| CHEM 331 | Organic Chemistry I Laboratory | |
| Chemistry Requi | red Elective Group I | 5 |
| Students selecting this minor must complete one of the following: | | |
| Analytical Chemistry Lecture and Laboratory. Satisfied by: | | |
| CHEM 400 & CHEM 401 | Analytical Chemistry and Analytical Chemistry Laboratory | |
| Physical Chemisti (CHEM 520 recon | ry Lecture and Lab. Satisfied by one of the following nmended): | |
| CHEM 520 | Biological Physical Chemistry with Laboratory | |
| CHEM 530 & CHEM 535 & CHEM 537 | Physical Chemistry I and Physical Chemistry II and Physical Chemistry Laboratory | |
| Chemistry Requi | red Elective Group II | 3-4 |
| Students selecting | this minor must complete one of the following: | |
| Physical Chemisti (CHEM 510 Reco | y Lecture. Satisfied by one of the following mmended): | |
| CHEM 510 | Biological Physical Chemistry | |
| or CHEM 53 | Physical Chemistry I | |
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Systematic Inorganic Chemistry. Satisfied by: CHEM 660 Inorganic Chemistry

*Students who select this option for Elective Group I cannot take CHEM 510 or CHEM 530 from Elective Group II.

Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and GPA minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Chemistry Courses

Satisfied by 23-24 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 13 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all departmental courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/).