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The College of Basic Sciences offers preparation for careers in biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, computer science, geology and geophysics, microbiology, and physics and astronomy. Students are also provided with strong academic backgrounds for professional study in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and many other careers that require in-depth study of science.

The departments within the college, the various curricula, and the degrees that may be earned are shown in the following chart. These curricula provide broad general education as well as knowledge of the structure of science. Students in the college may also choose curricula that provide premedical or predental preparation, including curricula in biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry with a preprofessional concentration, computer science with a life sciences concentration, and physics with a medical physics concentration. Classroom and laboratory study may be supplemented by contact with active research programs.

The Department of Computer Science offers work leading to the bachelor's and doctoral degrees in computer science and is a participating department in the University's graduate program leading to the Master of Science in Systems Science degree. The other departments of the college offer work leading to the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

For specific information concerning undergraduate degree programs, refer to the curricula offered by the departments on the following pages. Detailed information about graduate degree programs may be obtained from the Graduate Bulletin.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students who contemplate entering this college should give special attention to the mathematics and science courses they select and should consult a representative of the department they plan to enter prior to completing their initial registration.

Students will be admitted to the college when they:
• have earned 24 or more semester hours of credit in courses numbered 1000 or above;
• have maintained a grade-point average of at least 2.00 on both LSU and overall averages;
• have passed all courses in mathematics and science with grades of “C” or better or received special approval of the dean of the college;
• have passed ENGL 1002 or the equivalent with a grade of “C” or better;
• have earned credit in MATH 1022, 1023, 1550 or 1551 with a grade of “C” or better.
• entry into any of the three secondary education concentrations (biochemistry, biological sciences, and microbiology) in the Department of Biological Sciences requires earned credit in BIOL 1201 and 1202; CHEM 1201; and MATH 1550.

• entry into any of the three secondary education concentrations (biochemistry, chemistry, or physics) requires a 2.50 gpa and passing scores on the PRAXIS I assessments.

Transfer students from other accredited colleges or universities will be permitted to enter the college when they: (1) present, by means of an official transcript, evidence that they have met the current admission requirements of the senior college; and (2) receive approval of the dean of the college.

Students who, after initial enrollment in this college, wish to obtain credits from colleges or universities other than LSU and who plan to offer such credits toward their degree requirements must obtain prior approval from the dean on a specific-course basis.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Students in this college bear final responsibility for selection of their academic programs and adherence to all published regulations and requirements of the college and the University. Each student must see his or her counselor in the college office for a final degree checkout during the semester prior to the semester in which the degree is to be awarded.

CORRESPONDENCE, EXTENSION, AND INTERSESSION CREDIT

Correspondence and extension credit may be accepted toward meeting degree requirements only with approval of the dean of the college and may not exceed a total of 12 hours. Students in the College of Basic Sciences may not register for more than three semester hours of credit during Intersession without approval of the dean.

Students in residence may take courses by correspondence only in exceptional cases (e.g., conflicts between single sections of required courses) and with specific approval of the dean of the college.

Students may not be enrolled in correspondence course work the semester they intend to graduate.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COLLEGE

The college offers the bachelor's degree in several curricula designed to give students a thorough education in a particular scientific discipline. In addition, a core of material representing a broad exposure to the human cultural heritage is an integral part of the curricula in the college. That core consists of the following course work.

English • Nine semester hours including the second freshman composition course (ENGL 1002 or the equivalent) and six hours chosen from English courses on the general education
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Mathematics • A minimum of five semester hours of calculus (Mathematics 1550). Some curricula require additional credits in mathematics. Degree credit will not be allowed for mathematics courses numbered below 1550. 

Foreign Language • Students may satisfy the college foreign language requirement by passing 8 to 10 semester hours in a single foreign language. Ordinarily, courses numbered 1001 and 1002, or 1101 and 1102, or 1001 and 2051 are chosen. For example, students choosing Latin will take LATN 1001 and 2051 (10 semester hours), but students choosing French will take FREN 1001 and 1002 (eight semester hours) and the additional two semester hours will be added to free electives.

International students whose native language is not English and who did not attend an English-speaking high school may satisfy the foreign language requirement as follows:
- As shown above (in a language other than the student’s native language); or
- By passing nine hours in his or her native language in courses that may be taken for credit by native speakers of the language; or
- By taking nine semester hours of English and/or speech (CMST) above the minimum requirements in the curriculum for the B.S. degree. The courses must be pre-approved by the dean and must be taken at LSU. At least three hours must be at the 2000 level or above.

Sciences • Seventeen including two semesters of study in the biological sciences, a course in computer science (programming), and a year-course in a physical science. Either the biological or physical sciences must include laboratory credits. Courses selected to meet this requirement must be chosen from courses offered by departments in the College of Basic Sciences.

Social Sciences and Humanities • Fifteen semester hours in most curricula of the college. These hours are in addition to the English and foreign language requirements described above. Nine to twelve hours of the required social sciences/humanities courses must be chosen from the list of general education courses in the following way: three hours in the arts, three hours in the humanities (depending on the curriculum), and six hours in the social sciences.

Following is a listing of the more important academic policies of the college offered to guide students toward degrees:
- All students must complete a program of study established by the department concerned and approved by the faculty and the dean of the college.
- No curriculum in the college requires less than 127 semester hours; some curriculum require more. Students in all degree programs of the college must earn at least 24 of the last 30 semester hours offered toward their degrees as registrants in the College of Basic Sciences at LSU. The University requires that all candidates for the bachelor's degree must fulfill a minimum residence requirement of two semesters (or four summer terms) and must earn at least 25 percent of the total number of hours required for the degree at this University (all System campuses).
- Students in all degree programs of the college must earn in residence on the LSU campus (Baton Rouge) at least 18 of the hours offered toward their degrees in courses offered by departments in the College of Basic Sciences. In all degree programs, at least nine of these 18 hours must be in courses numbered above 3000 and offered by the department administrating the major program. Students majoring in the Biological Sciences Department must have nine semester hours in courses numbered above 3000 in their major. Research courses cannot be used in the residence requirement of nine hours numbered above 3000. Courses used to satisfy all residence requirements must be passed with a grade of “C” or better.
- Correspondence courses and courses in which credit was earned through credit examination may not be used to satisfy the college residence requirement. A maximum of 3 semester hours in research courses may be used in the 18-hour residence requirement.
- The following courses must be passed with a grade of “C” or better: (1) all required science, computer science, and mathematics courses; (2) all restricted, option, and advanced sciences electives; and (3) English 1002, 1003, or 1005. If a student makes a “D” or “F” in a course requiring a “C,” the course must be taken and not dropped the next semester the student is in residence and the course is offered.
- Nonparticipation courses in kinesiology may be taken for elective credit. A maximum of three semester hours will be allowed in kinesiology participation (activity) courses. Twelve semester hours of ROTC may be allowed for degree credit, with no more than six of the twelve semester hours in courses numbered below 3000. However, the sum of basic (1000-2000 level) ROTC course credits and kinesiology activity course credits allowed toward the degree may not exceed six semester hours.
- Students are expected to make reasonable and satisfactory progress in a degree program. Consequently, sequential scheduling of courses in the major field is necessary, and required courses in English and mathematics must be scheduled each semester until they are satisfactorily passed. If necessary, a required course may be dropped once, but normally, not a second time.

Application for the bachelor's degree must be made in writing and approved by the dean of the college during the semester prior to the semester in which the degree is to be awarded.

MINOR FIELD REQUIREMENTS (OPTIONAL)

A student in the College of Basic Sciences may earn a minor in a second field under the following conditions:
- The minor must include at least 17 semester hours of course work, of which at least six semester hours must be taken on this campus and at least three of the six hours must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.
- Each course used in the minor must be passed with a grade of “C” or better.
- Courses used for the minor may not be taken on a pass/fail basis.
- All minors must be approved by the dean.
The department offering the minor may impose additional requirements; the specific requirements of the department must be stated in the catalog. Students in other colleges who wish to obtain a minor in one of the departments of the College of Basic Sciences must meet the same requirements listed above.

**COLLEGE PROBATION**

A student in the College of Basic Sciences who fails to earn a 2.00 semester average in a regular semester or a summer term will be placed on college probation. In addition, students who fail to meet the college academic requirements noted in the section on degree requirements, or who enter the college with deficiencies may be placed on college probation. At the discretion of the dean, a student who is on college probation and fails to meet the academic requirements, including earning a 2.00 or better semester average, may be declared ineligible to continue in the college. A student on college probation who does earn a 2.00 or better semester grade-point average, who remediates course deficiencies, and who makes satisfactory progress in the degree program will be removed from college probation.

**PREMEDICAL AND PREDENTAL COUNSELING**

Counselors are available to help students with applications to medical and dental schools. This application process begins one and one-half years prior to professional school entry. Students are strongly advised to attend one of the premedical/predental information meetings concerning the professional school application process in the fall of the junior year.

Students with a 3.00 gpa who have been enrolled as full-time students for at least one year at LSU-Baton Rouge prior to making application to medical or dental school are eligible to use the LSU Premedical/Predental Committee. The deadline for using the LSU Premedical/Predental Committee is June 15 of the year prior to entry. Information about using the committee may be obtained in the Dean's office, 338 Choppin Hall, or by attending the Premedical/Predental Information meeting held in the fall semester.

**TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR GRADES 6-12**

The departments of Biological Sciences, Chemistry, and Physics & Astronomy offer undergraduate degree programs with an area of concentration in secondary education (middle school and high school). Students in the program may receive a B.S. in biological sciences, chemistry or physics and quality for teacher certification. The curricula have been developed cooperatively with faculty in the College of Education and include courses taught jointly by faculty in the College of Basic Sciences and the College of Education.

Students completing these degree programs and meeting any additional requirements of the Louisiana Department of Education will be eligible for certification in the state of Louisiana as teachers in grades 6-12.

Admission to any secondary education concentration requires a minimum gpa of 2.50 and passing scores on the PRAXIS I assessments. Students who might have an interest in middle school teaching and who plan to enter education in middle school courses to the major must choose to take EDCI 2001 as one of their general education social sciences courses in the freshman or sophomore year. Details of the programs and requirements for admission, continuation, graduation and certification can be obtained from Student Services counselors in the College of Basic Sciences. The curriculum for each eligible major is listed in the departmental sections of this catalog as a secondary education concentration. Students are required to achieve passing scores on the PRAXIS I assessment prior to enrollment in 3000-level EDCI courses. They are expected to take the required PRAXIS II assessments during the last semester of course work prior to student teaching. They must pass all required sections of the PRAXIS II Series prior to graduation.

A second option for students interested in middle/high school science teaching is to pursue a traditional bachelor’s degree in science and then complete a master’s degree in the LSU College of Education. The master’s degree program (Holmes Program) begins in June and requires 15 months of course work and classroom experience leading to both the master’s degree and teaching certification. Information about the program and potential scholarship assistance is available through the College of Education.

**ENROLLMENT IN TWO DEGREE PROGRAMS**

With the dean’s approval, a student may be enrolled in two degree programs concurrently. A student can enroll as a dual registrant using one of the following procedures:

- **Dual Enrollment Within the College of Basic Sciences**—By completing residence and academic requirements for two degree programs, a student may earn one bachelor of science degree with two majors. By completing residence and academic requirements, and earning 30 hours over the degree requiring the fewer number of hours, a student will earn two separate bachelor's degrees.

- **Dual enrollment in the College of Basic Sciences and a Second Academic College**—By completing residence and academic requirements for two degree programs and earning 30 hours more than the degree requiring the fewer number of hours, a student can earn two bachelor's degrees. The student must be accepted for admission to both colleges and must adhere to the regulations of both colleges. In addition, the student must declare a home college where registration will be initiated and permanent files maintained. It is the student's responsibility, however, to maintain contact with the second college to ensure that satisfactory progress is being made toward that degree.

**PASS-FAIL OPTION**

Students in the College of Basic Sciences may register for courses on the college or a pass-fail basis under the following conditions:

- Only students with a 2.50 average or better may participate.
- Only free elective courses may be taken on a pass-fail basis. Required courses, restricted electives, and courses germane to the major and the career for which the student is preparing may not be taken on a pass-fail basis. Registration for a course on a pass-fail basis will not be permitted until the required work in the same area has been satisfactorily completed. A student may not take courses offered by the Honors College on a pass-fail basis.
- Eligible students may take one course per semester up to a total of 12 hours toward the degree on a pass-fail basis.
- A student must have permission (by signatures on a petition form) from the dean of the college, the instructor of the course, and the student's department chair.
- Pass-fail registration must be completed before the final day for adding courses.

**Students from other colleges** who wish to register for courses in this college on a pass-fail basis will present a petition form to the dean of the college. If the petition is approved, the student will then present the form to the instructor concerned for the appropriate action.

Courses offered by the College of Basic Sciences that are required in a student's curriculum or are normally considered important in preparation for the student's career will not be approved on a pass-fail basis.

**PHI BETA KAPPA**

Seniors and juniors with grade-point averages of at least 3.60 and 3.90, respectively, are invited to become members in Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest scholastic honor society in the United States. Excellence in a variety of intellectual disciplines, rather than proficiency in a single field of study, is the major criterion for election.

The academic record should include satisfactory completion of the general education requirement, including two courses in English or American literature or literature in a foreign language (if not a foreign language field), six-hour sequences in both a life science and a physical science, with an additional two hours of related laboratory work in one of these fields; upper division courses (3000 level or above) in at least two different humanities or social sciences outside the major; and electives that show a commitment to a liberal education.

Sophomores and juniors with high grade-point averages should consult with Phi Beta Kappa officers or college counselors for more specific information. Specific requirements are described on the Phi Beta Kappa website, [www.lsu.edu/student_organizations/phibetakappa/](http://www.lsu.edu/student_organizations/phibetakappa/).

**PHI KAPPA PHI**

Phi Kappa Phi, a national scholastic honor society founded in 1897, now contains nearly 300 chapters nationwide. It is one of the most prestigious scholastic honor societies in the U.S. The LSU chapter was founded in 1930 as the 43rd chapter in the nation. At the present time, the national office is located on this campus in the French House.
The mission of Phi Kappa Phi is to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others. Phi Kappa Phi is unique because it recognizes superior scholarship in all academic fields, rather than restricting membership to a limited field. Juniors in the top 7.5 percent and seniors and graduate students in the top ten percent of their classes may be invited to become members of Phi Kappa Phi. New LSU Phi Kappa Phi members are initiated and honored in the spring semester each year and wear identifying ribbons on their academic gowns at commencement exercises.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Please see the section “Cooperative Education” in the “Student Life and Academic Services” section of this catalog.

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The Department of Biological Sciences offers a comprehensive background in biology for teacher preparation, graduate studies, and for professional programs in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine. The department offers a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry, biological sciences and microbiology. All degrees require a core of departmental courses that include BIOL 1201, 1202, 1208, 1209, 2051, 2153, and either 4087 or 4093 and 4094. In addition, all students are required to take 20-25 hours of electives from courses numbered 3000 and above in biological sciences that include two courses with laboratories and at least one course from three of four departmental groupings (described below). Students seeking the bachelor of science degree in biological sciences may fulfill the requirement for 20 hours of electives with courses from all areas of the department while students seeking the biochemistry and microbiology degrees take courses specific to those degrees. All students in the department may earn a maximum of six hours of BIOL 3999. A maximum of three hours of BIOL 3999 may be taken as advanced biochemistry, biological sciences, or microbiology electives. BIOL 3999 may not be used as a laboratory course. Students may earn more than one degree in the department but biological science courses numbered 3000 and above (excluding the core biochemistry courses) may only be applied to one degree. Majors in the department are ineligible for the departmental minor.

An undergraduate minor in biological sciences is available to students majoring in curricula outside the Department of Biological Sciences. Required courses are BIOL 1201, 1202, 1208, 2051, 2153, 4087, and at least three more hours of biological sciences in a course at the 3000-level (excluding BIOL 3999) or above (total of 23 hours).

Admission into the Department of Biological Sciences

In addition to admission to the College of Basic Sciences, entry into any of the three majors (biochemistry, biological sciences, and microbiology) in the Department of Biological Sciences requires earned credit in BIOL 1201 and 1202; CHEM 1201; and MATH 1550.

CURRICULUM IN BIOCHEMISTRY

TOTSAL SEM. HRS. • 128

FRESHMAN YEAR • SEM. HRS.

Biological Sciences 1201, 1208, 1209, 1202, 1209 .. 8
Chemistry 1201, 1202, 1212 .. 8
English 1002 .. 3
Mathematics 1550, 1552 or EXST 2201 .. 9
General education arts course .. 3

SOPHOMORE YEAR • SEM. HRS.

Biological Sciences 2390 .. 1
Biological Sciences 2051, 2153 .. 8
Chemistry 2001, 2002, 2261, 2262, 2364 .. 12

PHYSICS 2001, 2002, 2108, 2109 .. 8
General education social sciences course .. 3

JUNIOR YEAR • SEM. HRS.

Biological Sciences 4001, 4093, 4094 .. 9
Approved biochemistry elective .. 6
Computer Science 1248 or 1250 or 1253 .. 3
Foreign language courses .. 8-10
Six hrs. chosen from 2000-level and above English or Honors courses from the general education humanities list .. 6
Approved electives .. 3-10

SENIOR YEAR • SEM. HRS.

Biological Sciences 4385 .. 3
Approved biochemistry electives .. 9
General education social sciences course .. 3
Social science/humanities courses .. 3
Approved electives .. 6

Approved biochemistry electives must come from the following list, must include at least one course from both Group 1 and Group 3 and two courses from Group 2:

• Group 1: BIOL 4596, CHEM 4150, 4160, 4521, 4561, 4562, 4563, 4564, 4570, 4572.
• Group 2: BIOL 3060, 3090, 3156, 4110, 4132, 4157, 4158, 4160, 4177, 4246, 4400, 4450.
• Group 3: Ecology and Evolution course or Organismal Diversity course (courses in this group are listed as areas three and four at the end of the curriculum in Biological Sciences). BIOL 3999 can also be taken as a biochemistry elective but does not count as a laboratory course.

CURRICULUM IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

TOTAL SEM. HRS. • 128

FRESHMAN YEAR • SEM. HRS.

Biological Sciences 1201, 1208, 1209, 1209 .. 8
Chemistry 1201, 1202, 1212 .. 8
English 1002 .. 3
Mathematics 1550, 1552 or EXST 2201 .. 9
General education arts course .. 3

SOPHOMORE YEAR • SEM. HRS.

Biological Sciences 2051, 2153 .. 8
Chemistry 2261, 2262, 2364 .. 8
Six hrs. chosen from 2000-level and above English or Honors courses from the general education humanities list .. 6
Foreign language courses .. 8-10
Approved electives .. 3-10

JUNIOR YEAR • SEM. HRS.

Biological Sciences 4087 or 4093 .. 4-6
Approved biological sciences electives .. 6-9
Physics 2001, 2002, 2108, 2109 .. 8
Computer science 1248 or 1250 or 1253 .. 3
Approved biological sciences electives (20 hrs. required) are BIOL courses numbered 3000 and higher and must include two courses with laboratory components (excluding independent research BIOL 3999). Further, biological sciences electives must include at least one course from three of the following areas: 1) molecular and cellular biology: BIOL 3090, 3116, 4001, 4104, 4123, 4124, 4127, 4132, 4177, 4190, 4246, 4385, 4400, 4450, 4596; 2) physiology, anatomy, and development: BIOL 3060, 3152, 3156, 4016, 4024, 4034, 4110, 4155, 4157, 4160, 4172, 4200; 3) ecology and evolution: BIOL 3040, 4015, 4049, 4210, 4253, 4262, 4270, 4299, 4308, 4600; and 4) organismal diversity: BIOL 4020, 4041, 4042, 4052, 4054, 4055, 4056, 4105, 4125, 4126, 4141, 4142, 4145, 4146, 4147, 4154, 4162, 4600, and 4653.

Area of Concentration

◆ Marine Biology (18-19 hrs.)

Students may obtain an area of concentration in Marine Biology by meeting the requirements of the biological sciences degree, incorporating the following courses into their program of study.

Required courses (18-19 hrs.): OCS 1005; BIOL 4052 or 4090; and 12 hrs. chosen from BIOL 3040, 3041, 4020, 4145, 4149, 4154, 4155, 4156, 4253, 4254, 4262, 4263, 4308, 4600, and 4653.

◆ Secondary Education (47 hrs.)

Students may obtain an area of concentration in Secondary Education by meeting the requirements of the biological sciences degree, incorporating the following courses into their program of study. This concentration require 25 hrs. of BIOL courses numbered 3000 and higher.

Required courses: EDCI 2001, 3001, 3002, 4003, 4004, 4005; BIOL 3001, 3002, 4003, 4004, and 17 hrs. chosen from the approved biological sciences electives numbered 3000 and higher.

CURRICULUM IN MICROBIOLOGY

TOTAL SEM. HRS. • 128

FRESHMAN YEAR • SEM. HRS.
Biological Sciences 1201, 1202, 1208, 1209 8
Chemistry 1201, 1202, 1212 8
English 1002 3
Mathematics 1550, 1552, or EXST 2201 9
General education arts course 3
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SOPHOMORE YEAR • SEM. HRS.
Biological Sciences 2051, 2153 8
Chemistry 2251, 2262 6

General education social sciences courses 6
Approved electives 5-8

SENIOR YEAR • SEM. HRS.
Approved biological sciences electives 11-14
Social sciences/humanities courses 6
Approved electives 15-12
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Approved microbiology electives must come from the following list and must include two laboratory courses: BIOL 3999 (3), 4052, 4054, 4090, 4105, 4106, 4123, 4124, 4125, 4126, 4127, 4132, 4162, 4163, 4190, 4256, 4400.

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Students obtain a thorough working knowledge of the fundamentals of chemistry, supplemented by study in physics, mathematics, and other sciences. The curriculum is further enriched by the requirement of a broad basic background in the social sciences and humanities. The department offers special lecture and laboratory courses for its majors.

Chemistry majors must select one of eight areas of concentration, preferably in their sophomore year. Undecided majors and those who are considering chemistry as a possible major are strongly encouraged to take CHEM 1002 in their second semester. This course will alert them to the various career opportunities in chemistry in time to make an appropriate decision. The different concentrations can be grouped according to whether or not they prepare the student for an active career in chemistry or for another profession, such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or education.

Active Careers in Chemistry • These concentrations are recommended for students who seek a professional career in chemistry or plan to pursue graduate studies in chemistry or a closely related field. The areas of concentration listed in this section are certified by the American Chemical Society. Students successfully completing those concentrations will receive a certificate upon graduation. The biological chemistry concentration strengthens the student’s knowledge of the chemistry and structure of living systems. The chemical physics concentration emphasizes understanding chemical systems based on fundamental physical, mathematical, and theoretical principles. The chemistry concentration provides a broad background in chemistry. It is recommended to students who desire a career in chemistry but do not yet know which branch of chemistry best suits them. The environmental chemistry concentration is recommended for preparation as a chemical professional or for entrance to graduate study in chemistry, but with an environmental emphasis. This is a joint program with Southern University, and some of the environmental chemistry courses may be offered in alternate semesters at LSU and SUBR with cross registration possible in both directions. The materials concentration makes the connection between chemistry and a wide range of practical materials used to fabricate electronic, optical, and other devices. The polymer concentration is designed for students with career objectives in the science of synthetic or biological macromolecules, including plastics.
The secondary education concentration leads to certification as a chemistry teacher in grades 7-12.

**Chemistry for Other Professions** • The preprofessional concentration is designed primarily for students who will apply for graduate education in another profession, such as medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine. The chemistry and a second discipline concentration allows students to develop their interests and abilities in other disciplines outside of chemistry, whether or not graduate education is contemplated. Students may choose second disciplines such as computer science, biological sciences, geology, engineering, business administration, ecology, history, foreign languages, oceanography and coastal studies, political science, sociology, and others.

**Undergraduate Minor in Chemistry** • Requirements are a minimum of 20 semester hours of chemistry, including at least two laboratory courses and at least three semester hours at the 3000 or 4000 level, but excluding CHEM 3900.

**CURRICULUM IN CHEMISTRY**

**TOTAL SEM. HRS. • 128**

*With the dean's approval, CHEM 1202, 1212 may be substituted for CHEM 1422, 1431; CHEM 2002 may be substituted for CHEM 2003; and CHEM 2261, 2262, and 2564 may be substituted for CHEM 2461, 2462, and 2463.*

**Areas of Concentration**

♦ Biological Chemistry (28 hrs.)

Students completing this concentration will receive American Chemical Society certification.

Sophomore Year • MATH 2065, 2085 or 2090 (3-4 sem. hrs.)

Junior Year • BIOL 2051 or 2153 (4 sem. hrs.)

Senior Year • CHEM 3900 in an approved biological chemistry project or BIOL 3999 including a comprehensive written report filed with the Department of Chemistry's Undergraduate Office; CHEM 4552, 4553, 4564, and 4570 or 4571; BIOL 4093, 4094, 4385 (21 sem. hrs.). This concentration also requires BIOL 1208 and 1209 to be taken in the freshman year.

♦ Chemical Physics (29 hrs.)

Students completing this concentration will receive American Chemical Society certification.

Sophomore Year • MATH 2057, and 2065, 2085 or 2090 (6-7 sem. hrs).

Junior Year • 3 hrs. of Physics electives.

Senior Year • CHEM 3900 in an approved physical chemistry research project, 4552, 4553, and 4570 or 4571; BIOL 4087 or 4093 and 4094; 3 hours of chemistry electives; 3 hrs. of physics electives. (20-22 sem. hrs.)

Physics electives: PHYS 2221, 2231, 2411, 4123, 4125, 4141, 4142, 4251, 4261.

Chemistry electives: CHEM 4581, 4594, 4596, 4597.

♦ Chemistry (25 hrs.)

Recommended for preparation as a chemical professional or for entrance to graduate study in chemistry. Students completing this concentration will receive American Chemical Society certification.

Sophomore Year • MATH 2065, 2085 or 2090 (3-4 sem. hrs.)

Junior Year • BIOL 4087 or 4093 and 4094 (4-6 sem. hrs.)

Senior Year • CHEM 3900 in an approved chemistry project, 4552, 4553, 4564, and 4570 or 4571; 6 sem. hrs. of chemistry electives. (18 sem. hrs.)

Chemistry electives: CHEM 3900 (additional hrs.), 4010, 4011, 4160, 4561, 4562, 4563, 4570 or 4571, 4572, 4581, 4594, 4597.

♦ Chemistry and a Second Discipline (24 hrs.)

In addition to CHEM 3900, 4552, 4553, and 4570 or 4571, an approved second discipline concentration consists of at least 15 sem. hrs. of electives in one area outside the Department of Chemistry. In general, the area courses are to form a coherent sequence. This does not mean that all courses must be from the same department, but that there must be a logical plan for education in depth. When possible, students should take the same courses required for a major in the same area. There should be at least three courses numbered 3000 or above. Courses should be taken from no more than two departments. Selection of the concentration should be completed and approved by the department and dean’s office by the end of the sophomore year.

♦ Environmental Chemistry (24 hrs.)

Students completing this concentration will receive American Chemical Society certification.

Sophomore Year • MATH 2057 or EXST 2095 (3 sem. hrs.)

Junior Year • BIOL 4087 or 4093 and 4094 (4-6 sem. hrs.)

Senior Year • CHEM 3900 in an approved environmental chemistry project, 4150, 4552, 4553, 4570 or 4571; and 6 hrs. chosen from environmental electives (17 sem. hrs.).

Environmental Electives: EVEG 4135, ENVS 4500, 4477, OCS 4040, 4165.

♦ Materials (29 hrs.)

Students completing this concentration will receive American Chemical Society certification.

Sophomore Year • MATH 2065, 2085 or 2090; ME 2733 (6-7 sem. hrs.)

Junior Year • BIOL 4087 or 4093 and 4094 (4-6 sem. hrs.)

Senior Year • CHEM 3900 in an approved area of materials research project; 4010, 4011, 4552, 4553, 4564, 4570 or 4571; and 6 sem. hrs. chosen from environmental electives (17 sem. hrs.).

♦ Polymers (24 hrs.)

Students completing this concentration will receive American Chemical Society certification.

Sophomore Year • MATH 2065, 2085 or 2090; ME 2733 (6-7 sem. hrs.)

Junior Year • BIOL 4087 or 4093 and 4094 (4-6 sem. hrs.)

Senior Year • CHEM 3900 in an approved polymer research project, 4010, 4011, 4552, 4553, 4564, and 4570 or 4571 (17 sem. hrs.).

♦ Preprofessional Chemistry (24 hrs.)

Sophomore Year • 3 hrs. from preprofessional electives.

Junior Year • BIOL 4093 (3 sem hrs.)

Senior Year • CHEM 4552, 4553, and 4570 or 4571; BIOL 4094, 4385, 5 hours from preprofessional electives (18 sem. hrs.).

Preprofessional Electives: BIOL 2051, 2153, 3156, 3152 or 4160; CHEM 3900 or BIOL 3999 in an approved project. This concentration also requires BIOL 1208 and 1209 to be taken in the freshman year.

♦ Secondary Education

Students may obtain an area of concentration in secondary education leading to certification as a teacher in grades 7-12 by meeting the requirements of the chemistry degree and incorporating the following courses in their program of study. In addition, the student should include EDCI 2001 as one of the
social science courses offered for degree.

Students should plan their curriculum so that the second semester of the senior year can accommodate 15 hrs. that are required to be taken concurrently (EDCI, 4004, 4005, CHEM 4004).

**Junior Year** • CHEM 3001, 3002, and EDCI 3001, 3002 (8 sem. hrs.)

**Senior Year** • BIOL 4087, CHEM 4570 or 4571; 3 hrs. CHEM electives; CHEM 4003, 4004, and EDCI 4003, 4004, 4005 (29 hrs.)

Chemistry electives: CHEM 4010, 4011, 4150, 4160, 4552, 4553, 4561, 4562, 4563, 4564, 4570 or 4571, 4581, 4594, 4597.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

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The undergraduate computer science curriculum is structured around basic courses in computer science and mathematics. Students are expected to schedule, via a 15-hour restricted elective group, enough courses in a second area to provide them with a fundamental understanding of the principles of that area.

A second area may be chosen, with the consent of the department and college dean, provided that an in-depth study is planned. Courses in the second area are to form a coherent sequence; all courses must be taken from a single department, and where possible, students should take courses required of a major in that department. The approved area form must be submitted no later than the sophomore year. Ordinarily, there should be at least two courses numbered 3000 or above in the second area, and computer science courses cannot be included.

Computer science students will not receive degree credit for the following courses: CSC 4602; ELRC 4006; EXST 2000, 2005, 2201, 3001, 4001; ISDS 2000, 2001, 3001; PSYC 2011, 4111; and SOCL 2201. Computer science students may not receive credit for both IE 3302 and ISDS 2000, or for both IE 4510 and ISDS 2001.

An undergraduate minor in computer science is available. Required courses are CSC 1253, 1254, 2259, 3102, 3501, 3370 or 3390; and 4101 or 4103 (total of 21 hours).

## CURRICULUM IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

### TOTAL SEM. HRS. • 127

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The geography curriculum prepares undergraduates for graduate study in geography and geophysics and related fields and for a wide range of professional careers, including teaching, research, resource exploration, and environmental management and remediation. The curriculum has two areas of concentration: geography and environmental geology.

All geography students follow the same basic curriculum during the first five semesters of study. Students during this time receive a firm foundation in mineralogy, petrology, structural geology, and sedimentology, as well as basic courses in biology, computer science, chemistry, physics, and mathematics. Emphasis is on fundamental geologic processes operating on and within the earth. Laboratory and field studies are integrated into the curriculum at all levels and include a six-week field geology course at the department's permanent field camp in the Colorado Front Range.

The curriculum is designed to leave much of the final three semesters of study relatively unstructured so that students, with the guidance and approval of the department, can develop a program of advanced course work most appropriate to their career objectives. Students selecting the geography area of concentration take, in addition to the first five semester group of courses, paleontology, a basic course in either geophysics, geochemistry or tectonics, and six hours of geology electives. Students selecting the environmental geology area of concentration take physical hydrology, nine hours of approved environmental geology electives, and a program of approved electives in chemistry, mathematics, and other disciplines relevant to environmental problems. Both areas of concentration are designed to provide students with a sound foundation in basic geology and to prepare them for entry into a graduate program or directly into a professional career.

Graduate and undergraduate majors in geology must pay a $35 field service fee each semester. Students not majoring in geology who schedule courses requiring field trip fees will be assessed a pro rata portion of the amount above as determined by the department chair. Part-time students enrolled in seminar courses only and students enrolled for thesis or dissertation only are exempt from the fee. Additional information concerning fees for field
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An undergraduate minor in physics is available. Required courses are PHYS 1201, 1202, 1208, (or PHYS 2101, 2102, 2108, 2109); PHYS 2221; and at least three courses in physics above 2200 (excluding PHYS 2401, 2959, 4399, and 4991) of which at least three hours must be at the 4000 level, and/or as-
or above 2200 (excluding PHYS 2401, 2959, 4399, and 4991) of which at least three hours must be at the 4000 level, and/or as-
or above 4000 (excluding ASTR 4997), for a total of 20-22 hours.

Undergraduate students on this campus may choose to minor in nuclear science. The following conditions must be met:
• Approval from the Department of Physics & Astronomy;
• At least 15 credit hours in astronomy, nuclear science, medical physics and health physics, and physics courses, 12 of which must be taken from the following: MSEP 2051, 4111, 4331, 4332, 4351, 4995; NS 4570; and PHYS 2203, 2207, 4098, 4271. The Department of Physics & Astronomy offers master’s degrees for medical physics studies. For additional information, see the section, “Graduate School and Professional Programs” in this catalog.

CURRICULUM IN PHYSICS

TOTAL SEM. HRS. • 129

Students planning to enter graduate school are encouraged to select a modern foreign language.

*Courses marked with an asterisk must be 4000-level classes.

†Does not have to be a sequence; at least three hours must be from the general education list, but BIOL 1011 may not be used.

FRESHMAN YEAR SEM. HRS.

English 1002 • 4
Mathematics 1550, 1552 • 8
Physics 1201, 1202, 1208, 1209 • 12
General education arts course • 3
Approved electives or area requirements • 6

SOPHOMORE YEAR SEM. HRS.

Six hrs. chosen from English courses on the general education humanities list or Honors 2002, 2004, 3001, 3003 • 6
Mathematics 2057 • 3
Physics 2203, 2207, 2221 • 7
Biological sciences courses* • 6
Computer science programming course • 3
General education humanities course • 3
Approved electives or area requirements • 4

JUNIOR YEAR SEM. HRS.

Foreign language courses • 8-10
Physics 2231, 2411, 4098, 4132 • 12
General education social sciences courses • 6
Approved electives or area requirements • 8-6

SENIOR YEAR SEM. HRS.

Physics 4125 • 3
General education social sciences/humanities course • 3
Approved electives or area requirements • 26

Areas of Concentration

astronomy

Required Courses (28 hrs.) • ASTR 1101, 1102, 4221, 4222, 4261; MATH 2090; PHYS 4123, 4135, 4141.

Medical Physics

Required Courses (34 hrs.) • CHEM 1201, 1202, 1212, 2060; * MATH 2090; BIOL 2160; MSEP 2051, 4111, 4331, 4332, 4351; KIN 2500.

*CHEM 2261 may be substituted for CHEM 2060.

Physics

Required Courses (28 hrs.) • CHEM 1201, 1202; MATH 2090; PHYS 4123, 4141, 4142, 4399, and two physics electives (4000 level or above)—with permission, a 4000-level mathematics course may be substituted for one.

Physics and a Second Discipline

Required Courses (28 hrs.) • MATH 2090; at least 24 sem. hrs. from an approved discipline outside of the Department of Physics & Astronomy; any second area may be chosen with consent of the dean and department adviser. The approved area form must be submitted no later than the sophomore year.
Secondary Education

Students may obtain an area of concentration in secondary education with an emphasis on secondary school teaching by meeting the requirements of the physics degree and incorporating the following courses in their program of study. In addition, the student should include EDCI 2001 as one of the general education social science courses offered for the degree. Some general education courses are taken in different years than in the standard curriculum. Students should plan their curriculum so that the second semester of the senior year can accommodate 15 hours that are required to be taken concurrently (EDCI 4004, 4005, and PHYS 4004). PHYS 4004 substitutes for PHYS 4125 in the physics major curriculum. Two 4000-level physics electives (6 sem. hrs.) substitute for PHYS 4098 and 4132 in the physics major curriculum. Approved electives are 5-7 hours for the major.

Required courses (37 hrs.): PHYS 2401, 3001, 3002, 4003; EDCI 3001, 3002, 4003, 4004, 4005; MATH 2090; ASTR 1101, 1102 or CHEM 1201, 1202.