

**West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2023-2024**

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NAME: _____ WT ID: _____ DATE: _____

**Chemistry Option III—Biochemistry
Chemistry and Physics
Chemistry and Physics Bldg. (301 26th St.) (806)651-2940**

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS		HRS
Communication (Code 10)		
ENGL 1301 Intro. to Academic Writing & Argumentation OR ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas	3	
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3	
Mathematics (Code 20)		
See University Core Requirements below	(3)	
Life and Physical Sciences (Code 30)		
See University Core Requirements below	(6)	
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Code 40)		
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312**/**, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371	3	Choose 1
Creative Arts (Code 50)		
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, 1307 (for music majors), 1310; or THRE 1310	3	Choose 1
American History (60)		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, or 2382	6	Choose 2
Government/Political Science (Code 70)		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (80)		
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; GEOG 1302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301	3	Choose 1
Component Area Option (Code 90)		
See University Core Requirements below	(6)	
CHEMISTRY—OPTION III (BIOCHEMISTRY) MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 79-84 HOURS		
A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.		
UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 15 HOURS		
CORE 20 MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 2412*[3], or 2413*[3]	3	
CORE 30 CHEM 1411*[3] Chemistry I	3	
CORE 30 CHEM 1412*[3] Chemistry II	3	
CORE 90 ENGL 1302* or 2311*	3	
CORE 90 CHEM 1411L[1], 1412L[1] AND IDS 1071[1], MATH 2412[1], or 2413[1]	3	
BIOCHEMISTRY REQUIREMENTS: 64-69 HOURS		
CHEM 2423*, 2423L Organic Chemistry I	4	
CHEM 2425*, 2425L Organic Chemistry II	4	
CHEM 3201* Chemical Literature	2	
CHEM 4103* Seminar in Chemistry	1	
CHEM 3511*, 3511L Analytical Chemistry	5	
CHEM 4323*, 4223L Biochemistry I/Biochemistry I Laboratory	5	
CHEM 4324*, 4224L Biochemistry II/Biochemistry II Laboratory	5	
BIOL 1406, 1406L AND BIOL 1407*, 1407L OR BIOL 1411, 1411L AND BIOL 1413, 1413L	8	
BIOL 2572*, 2572L Microbiology	5	

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BIOL 3301 Genetics	3	
BIOL 3402*, 3402L Cell Biology	4	
ADVANCED BIOLOGY ELECTIVE - BIOL 3440 or 4375 is recommended. - Taking both BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 may also be used to satisfy this requirement.	3-4	
MATH 1316* Plane Trigonometry OR MATH 2412* Pre-Calculus (if not taken to satisfy Core 20)	0-4	
MATH 2413* Calculus I	4	
PHYS 1401*, 1401L General Physics I AND PHYS 1402*, 1402L General Physics II OR PHYS 2425*, 2425L Calculus Physics I AND PHYS 2426*, 2426L Calculus Physics II	8	
CHEM 4370* (MPS 4370) Senior Investigations (must seek faculty consent to be enrolled) OR MPS 4393* Math/Physical Science/Engineering Technology Honors	3	
ADVANCED ELECTIVES: 9-10 HOURS		
ADVANCED ELECTIVES Selected from chemistry, mathematics, biology, computer science, physics, environmental science or geology to provide a minimum of 36 advanced (3000- or 4000-level) hours.	6-7	
ELECTIVES: 0-4 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT		
ELECTIVES	0-7	
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS		
Covered by requirements for major.		OPTION
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE	120	

* Indicates prerequisites—see catalog for more information.

** Or an equivalent course (second year, second semester) in a foreign language.

NOTE I: Option III is for students planning careers using chemistry applied to medical science, including pre-medical students and other pre-professional students.

NOTE: This is NOT a degree plan. All undergraduate students must request an official degree plan from their academic dean's office by the time they have completed 30 credit hours.

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Major: Chemistry Opt. III – Biochemistry, B.S.

Major Code: 104

Year 1: Fall	
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311	3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – MATH 1316 or 2412 (2412 recommended)	3-4
BIOL 1406/1406L or 1411/1411L	4
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – CHEM 1411	3
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – CHEM 1411L	1
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See ¹ below	1
Total:	15-16

Year 1: Spring	
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – CHEM 1412 Chemistry II	3
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – CHEM 1412L	1
MATH 2413 Calculus I	4
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – ENGL 1302, 1312 or 2311	3
BIOL 1407/1407L or 1413/1413L	4
Total:	15

Year 2: Fall	
CHEM 2423/2423L Organic Chemistry I	4
BIOL 2572/2572L Microbiology	5
CORE – See checklist for options ²	3
CORE – See checklist for options ²	3
Total:	15

Year 2: Spring	
CHEM 2425/2425L Organic Chemistry II	4
BIOL 3301 Genetics	3
CORE – See checklist for options ²	3
CORE – See checklist for options ²	3
Total:	13

Year 3: Fall	
CHEM 3511/3511L Analytical Chemistry	5
CHEM 3402/3402L Cell Biology	4
PHYS 1401/1401L General Physics I or PHYS 2425/2425L Calculus Physics I	4
Advanced Elective(1) – See checklist for options	4
Total:	17

Year 3: Spring	
Advanced BIOL Elective (see ³ below)	3-4
PHYS 1402/1402L General Physics II or PHYS 2426/2426L Calculus Physics II	4
Advanced Elective(2) – See checklist for options	4
CORE – See checklist for options ²	3
CORE – See checklist for options ²	3
Total:	17-18

Year 4: Fall	
CHEM 4323 Biochemistry I	3
CHEM 4223L Biochemistry I Lab	2
Elective	3
CORE – See checklist for options ²	3
Advanced Elective(3) – See checklist for options	3
Total:	14

Year 4: Spring	
CHEM 4324 Biochemistry II	3
CHEM 4224L Biochemistry II Lab	2
CHEM 4370 Senior Investigations (must seek faculty consent) or MPS 4393 Math/Physical Science/ET Honors	3
CHEM 4103 Seminar in Chemistry	1
CHEM 3201 Chemical Literature	2
CORE – See checklist for options ²	3
Total:	14

¹ **CORE 90:** One of the six hours required for Core 90 may be satisfied by IDS 1071 (if taken) or the fourth hour from MATH 2412 or 2413.

² **CORE:** Biochemistry majors are required to take specific courses for Core 20, Core 30, and Core 90. For all other categories, they may select from any available options (see degree checklist). Apart from the major-specific core requirements, there is no set order in which core courses must be taken.

³ **Advanced BIOL Elective:** BIOL 3440 or 4375 is recommended. Taking **both** BIOL 2401 and 2402 may also be used to satisfy this requirement.

Identified Marketable Skills	Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities
Procedure development Chemical analysis Data analysis	Bell Helicopter Pantex Servitech

Additional notes:

- The core curriculum must total exactly 42 hours; excess hours must be moved to the major as an elective or a major requirement and stay within the 120-hour requirement or approved total submitted to the Coordinating Board for degree requirements. Some majors specify particular courses to meet core curriculum requirements when options are available.
- At least 36 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU. A maximum of six semester hours in religion (RELI) and six semester hours in physical education (PHED) courses can count toward a baccalaureate degree.

DISCLAIMER: This curriculum guide should be used in conjunction with the corresponding degree checklist for general planning purposes only. The degree checklist (later a student's official degree plan) should be referred to as the comprehensive list of all courses required for the degree. An official degree plan is required after completing 30 hours. Students should always seek the advice of their academic adviser before scheduling classes.