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***PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR/MINOR)***

***SUBMITTED BY:***

<b>Department</b>	<b>Chemistry and Biochemistry</b>	<b>College/School</b>	<b>CNSM</b>
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students with core training in the chemical sciences, while providing exposure to a broad range of related disciplines. Students work with a faculty advisor to select required elective courses that best meets their interests and academic goals.

Students are also required to enroll in research credits with a focus on an Environmental Chemistry topic. This provides an opportunity for students to gain first hand experience working on advanced topics that are generally outside of the scope of an undergraduate curriculum. For a description of the field of Environmental Chemistry, see the Environmental Chemistry graduate program.

The chemistry and biochemistry department is housed in the Natural Sciences Facility, which is equipped with research-grade instrumentation, including a high field nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, FT infrared spectrometers, atomic absorption spectrometer, UV-VIS diode array spectrometers, two gas chromatographs interfaced with mass spectrometers, a gas chromatograph with a flame ionization detector, high performance liquid chromatograph, capillary electrophoresis and a modern glove box for handling air sensitive chemicals. Equipment for specialized X-ray diffractometry, electron microscopy, liquid scintillation counting, atomic force-field microscopy, dynamic light scattering analyses, etc. is available in cooperation with other UAF departments and institutes. Two computer laboratories equipped with modern chemical software (HyperChem, ACD Labs, ChemDraw, Chem Sketch, Mestrec) and other software such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Endnote are available for all students enrolled in F200-level or above courses.

#### Major -- B.A. Degree

1. Complete the [general university requirements](#). (As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH F200X; PHYS F103X and PHYS F104X, or PHYS F211X and PHYS F212X.)
2. Complete the [B.A. degree requirements](#). (As part of the B.A. degree requirements, complete: MATH F201X.)
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements: \*  
CHEM F105X--General Chemistry I--4 credits  
CHEM F106X--General Chemistry II--4 credits  
CHEM F202--Basic Inorganic Chemistry--3 credits  
CHEM F212--Chemical Equilibrium and Analysis--4 credits  
CHEM F321--Organic Chemistry I--3 credits  
CHEM F322--Organic Chemistry II--3 credits  
CHEM F324W--Organic Laboratory--4 credits  
CHEM F331--Physical Chemistry I--4 credits  
CHEM F332--Physical Chemistry II--4 credits  
CHEM F413W--Analytical Instrumental Laboratory--3 credits  
CHEM F434W--Instrumental Methods in Physical Chemistry--3 credits  
CHEM F481--Seminar--1 credit  
CHEM F482O--Seminar--2 credits
4. Complete the following:  
MATH F202X--Calculus--4 credits
5. Minimum credits required--130 credits

\* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

#### Major -- B.S. Degree

1. Complete the [general university requirements](#). (As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH F200X; PHYS F103X and PHYS F104X, or PHYS F211X and PHYS F212X.)
2. Complete the [B.S. degree requirements](#). (As part of the B.S. degree, complete: MATH

F201X. Chemistry foundation courses may be used toward partial fulfillment of the natural science requirement.)

3. Complete the program (major) requirements as listed under Chemistry -- B.A. Degree.
  4. Complete the following:\*
- CHEM F402--Inorganic Chemistry\*\*--3 credits
  - CHEM F450--General Biochemistry Macromolecules (3)
  - or CHEM F451--General Biochemistry Metabolism--3 credits

4. Complete the following:  
MATH F202X--Calculus--4 credits
  5. Minimum credits required--130 credits
- \* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

\*\* Requires CHEM F312 as prerequisite.

\*\*\* CHEM F202, F402 required for ACS-accredited degree.

#### Environmental Chemistry

1. Complete the [general university requirements](#). (As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH F200X; PHYS F103X and PHYS F104X, or PHYS F211X and PHYS F212X.)
2. Complete the [B.S. degree requirements](#). (As part of the B.S. degree, complete: MATH F201X. Chemistry foundation courses may be used toward partial fulfillment of the natural science requirement.)
3. Complete the following:\*
  - CHEM F105X--General Chemistry--4 credits
  - CHEM F106X--General Chemistry--4 credits
  - CHEM F202--Basic Inorganic Chemistry--3 credits
  - CHEM F212--Chemical Equilibrium and Analysis--4 credits
  - CHEM F312--Instrumental Analysis--4 credits
  - CHEM F321, F322--Organic Chemistry--6 credits
  - CHEM F324W--Organic Laboratory--4 credits
  - CHEM F331, F332--Physical Chemistry--8 credits
  - CHEM F413W--Analytical Instrumental Laboratory--3 credits
  - CHEM F434W--Instrumental Methods in Physical Chemistry--3 credits
  - CHEM F450--General Biochemistry Macromolecules (3)  
or CHEM F451--General Biochemistry Metabolism--3 credits
  - CHEM F481--Seminar--1 credit
  - CHEM F482O--Seminar--2 credits
  - CHEM F488--Undergraduate Chemistry and Biochemistry Research (Environmental Topic)--2 credits
4. Complete the following:
  - MATH F202X--Calculus III--4 credits
  - STAT F300--Statistics--3 credits
5. Complete two of the following courses:\*
  - BIOL F115X--Fundamentals of Biology I--4 credits
  - BIOL F116X--Fundamentals of Biology II--4 credits
  - GEOS F101X--The Dynamic Earth--4 credits
  - GEOS F125X--Humans, Earth, and the Environment--4 credits
  - ATM F101X--Weather and Climate of Alaska--4 credits
6. Complete one of the following advanced courses:\*
  - BIOL F271--Principles of Ecology--4 credits
  - BIOL F342--Microbiology--4 credits
  - BIOL F443W--Microbial Ecology--3 credits
  - BIOL F483--Stream Ecology--3 credits
  - ENVE F458--Energy and the Environment--3 credits
  - NRM F380W--Soils and the Environment--3 credits
  - ATM F401--Introduction to Atmospheric Science--3 credits
  - CHEM F402--Advanced Inorganic Chemistry--3 credits
7. Complete one of the following advanced courses:\*
  - CHEM F406--Atmospheric Chemistry--3 credits

CE F341--Environmental Engineering--4 credits  
GEOS F417--Introduction to Geochemistry--3 credits

8. Minimum credits required--130 credits

\* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

#### Forensic Chemistry

1. Complete the [general university requirements](#). (As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH F200X; PHYS F103X and PHYS F104X, or PHYS F211X and PHYS F212X.)
2. Complete the [B.S. degree requirements](#). (As part of the B.S. degree, complete: MATH F201X. Chemistry foundation courses may be used toward partial fulfillment of the

3. Complete the program (major) requirements as listed under Chemistry -- B.A. degree.

4. Complete the following chemistry requirements:\*

CHEM F402--Inorganic Chemistry--3 credits

CHEM F450--General Biochemistry Macromolecules (3)

or CHEM F451--General Biochemistry Metabolism--3 credits

CHEM F488--Undergraduate Chemistry and Biochemistry Research--2 credits

5. Complete the following justice requirements:\*

JUST F110--Introduction to Justice--3 credits

JUST F222--Research Methods--3 credits

JUST F251--Criminology--3 credits

JUST F300X--Ethics and Justice\*\*--3 credits

JUST F354--Procedural Law--3 credits

JUST F454W--Advanced Problems in Procedural Law--3 credits

6. Minimum credits required--130 credits

\* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

\*\* JUST F300X may not be used to fulfill core ethics requirement.

#### Requirements for Chemistry Teachers (grades 7 - 12)

1. Complete all the requirements of the chemistry B.A. or B.S. degree you wish to seek.

2. All prospective chemistry teachers must complete the following:

CHEM F450--General Biochemistry Macromolecules (3)

or CHEM F451--General Biochemistry Metabolism--3 credits

CHEM F488--Undergraduate Chemistry and Biochemistry Research--4 credits

3. All prospective science teachers must complete the following:

PHIL F481--Philosophy of Science--3 credits

Note: We strongly recommend that prospective secondary science teachers seek advising from the UAF School of Education early in your undergraduate degree program so that you can be appropriately advised of the state of Alaska requirements for teacher licensure. You will apply for admission to the UAF School of Education's post-baccalaureate teacher preparation program, a one-year intensive program, during your senior year. Above requirements apply to all candidates who apply to the UAF School of Education Spring 2006 or later for licensure in chemistry.

#### Minor

#### Chemistry

2. Complete the following approved electives:  
 CHEM F212--Chemical Equilibrium and Analysis\*--4 credits  
 CHEM F321--Organic Chemistry I--3 credits  
 CHEM F322--Organic Chemistry II--3 credits  
 CHEM F331--Physical Chemistry I--4 credits  
 CHEM F332--Physical Chemistry II--4 credits
3. Complete one of the following additional chemistry lab courses:  
 CHEM F202--Basic Inorganic Chemistry--3 credits  
 CHEM F324W--Organic Chemistry Lab--4 credits
4. Minimum credits required--29 - 30 credits

#### Biochemistry

1. Complete the following foundation courses:  
 CHEM F105X--General Chemistry I--4 credits  
 CHEM F106X--General Chemistry II--4 credits
2. Complete the following:  
 CHEM F321--Organic Chemistry I--3 credits  
 CHEM F322--Organic Chemistry II--3 credits  
 CHEM F331--Physical Chemistry I--4 credits  
 CHEM F451--General Biochemistry -- Metabolism--3 credits
3. Complete two of the following chemistry lab courses:  
 CHEM F202--Basic Inorganic Chemistry--3 credits  
 CHEM F212--Chemical Equilibrium and Analysis--4 credits  
 CHEM F324--Organic Chemistry Lab--4 credits
4. Minimum credits required--28 - 29 credits

#### ***C. PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS AS IT WILL APPEAR IN THE CATALOG WITH THESE CHANGES: (Underline new wording strike-through old wording and use complete catalog format )***

#### Chemistry

College of Natural Science and Mathematics  
 Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry  
 907-474-5510  
[www.uaf.edu/chem/](http://www.uaf.edu/chem/)

B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S. Degrees; Minor

Minimum Requirements for Degrees: 130 credits

Graduates qualify for employment as teachers of chemistry; supervisors in industry; technical sales personnel; research chemists in federal, state, municipal, academic or industrial laboratories; in pre-medicine; and as laboratory technicians. Graduates also find positions in the environmental sciences, oceanography and related interdisciplinary fields. Many chemistry graduates elect to pursue advanced M.S., Ph.D., pharmacology or M.D. degrees.

The chemistry curriculum meets the American Chemical Society standards of introducing the basics of general, organic, inorganic, physical and analytical chemistry, and biochemistry. Undergraduate research leading to publications is strongly encouraged and many of the laboratory based courses have a research component built into them. There are also options for an ACS-accredited degree which provides students additional exposure to environmental chemistry, biochemistry or forensic chemistry. Limited teaching assistantships are often available for upper division students, which strengthens leadership and communication skills.

The Bachelors degree in Environmental Chemistry prepares students for public and private

requirements, complete: MATH F200X; PHYS F103X and PHYS F104X, or PHYS F211X and PHYS F212X.)

7. Complete the





~~CHEM F402—Advanced Inorganic Chemistry—3 credits~~

~~15. Complete one of the following advanced courses:\*~~

~~CHEM F406—Atmospheric Chemistry—3 credits~~

~~CE F341—Environmental Engineering—4 credits~~

~~GEOS F417—Introduction to Geochemistry—3 credits~~

~~16. Minimum credits required—130 credits~~

~~\* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.~~

#### Forensic Chemistry

~~7. Complete the [general university requirements](#). (As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH F200X; PHYS F103X and PHYS F104X, or PHYS F211X and PHYS F212X.)~~

~~8. Complete the [B.S. degree requirements](#). (As part of the B.S. degree, complete: MATH F201X. Chemistry foundation courses may be used toward partial fulfillment of the natural science requirement.)~~

~~9. Complete the program (major) requirements as listed under Chemistry—B.A. degree.~~

~~10. Complete the following chemistry requirements:\*~~

~~CHEM F402—Inorganic Chemistry—3 credits~~

~~CHEM F450—General Biochemistry Macromolecules (3)~~

~~—or CHEM F451—General Biochemistry Metabolism—3 credits~~

~~CHEM F488—Undergraduate Chemistry and Biochemistry Research—2 credits~~

~~11. Complete the following justice requirements:\*~~

~~JUST F110—Introduction to Justice—3 credits~~

~~JUST F222—Research Methods—3 credits~~

~~JUST F251—Criminology—3 credits~~

~~JUST F300X—Ethics and Justice\*\*—3 credits~~

~~JUST F354—Procedural Law—3 credits~~

~~JUST F454W—Advanced Problems in Procedural Law—3 credits~~

~~12. Minimum credits required—130 credits~~

~~\* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.~~

~~\*\* JUST F300X may not be used to fulfill core ethics requirement.~~

#### Requirements for Chemistry Teachers (grades 7–12)

~~4. Complete all the requirements of the chemistry B.A. or B.S. degree you wish to seek.~~

~~5. All prospective chemistry teachers must complete the following:~~

~~CHEM F450—General Biochemistry Macromolecules (3)~~

~~—or CHEM F451—General Biochemistry Metabolism—3 credits~~

~~CHEM F488—Undergraduate Chemistry and Biochemistry Research—4 credits~~

~~6. All prospective science teachers must complete the following:~~

~~PHIL F481—Philosophy of Science—3 credits~~

Note: We strongly recommend that prospective secondary science teachers seek advising from the UAF School of Education early in your undergraduate degree program so that you can be appropriately advised of the state of Alaska requirements for teacher licensure. You will apply for admission to the UAF School of Education's post-baccalaureate teacher preparation program, a one-year intensive program, during your senior year. Above requirements apply to all candidates who apply to the UAF School of Education Spring 2006 or later for licensure in chemistry.

#### Minor

#### Chemistry



concentration provides courses that assist students to study the Chemistry of the natural environment, adding Geology, Biology, or Atmospheric courses, preparing students for graduate studies and/or careers in the environmental industry. The Biochemistry concentration provides an enhanced curriculum in biological chemistry for students seeking advanced careers in Biochemistry, Medicine, or Health Sciences. The B.A. degree provides for breadth in the curriculum for study of a minor subject and requires more humanities courses. The B.A. best prepares students for careers in chemistry-related fields like environmental law, forensic science, science education, anthropology, etc. Limited teaching assistantships are often available for upper division students, which strengthens leadership and communication skills.

The Bachelors degrees in Chemistry and concentrations in Biochemistry and Environmental Chemistry provide excellent research opportunities and background for undergraduate students through connection to corresponding graduate programs. See graduate programs in Chemistry, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and Environmental Chemistry.

The Chemistry and Biochemistry department is housed in the Reichardt Building, where laboratories are equipped with research-grade instrumentation, providing hands-on experience students for entry into graduate school or industry. See the departmental website for more information, <http://www.uaf.edu/chem/>.

### **Major -- B.A. Degree**

1. Complete the [general university requirements](#). (As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH F200X; PHYS F103X and PHYS F104X, or PHYS F211X and PHYS F212X.)
2. Complete the [B.A. degree requirements](#). (As part of the B.A. degree requirements, complete: MATH F201X.)
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:\*
  - CHEM F105X--General Chemistry I--4 credits
  - CHEM F106X--General Chemistry II--4 credits
  - CHEM F202--Basic Inorganic Chemistry--3 credits
  - CHEM F212--Chemical Equilibrium and Analysis--4 credits
  - CHEM F321--Organic Chemistry--3 credits
  - CHEM F322--Organic Chemistry--3 credits or CHEM F451--Biochemistry--3 credits
  - CHEM F324W--Advanced Organic Laboratory—or CHEM F413W Advanced Analytical 3-4 credits
  - CHEM F331--Physical Chemistry I--4 credits
  - CHEM F481--Seminar--1 credit
  - CHEM F482O--Seminar--2 credits
4. Assure that you have satisfied the University requirement of 39 upper division credits and two writing-intensive (W) courses, which will typically require either taking more upper division chemistry courses or a significant number of upper division courses in other disciplines, likely your minor.
5. Minimum credits required--120 credits

\* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

Note: This degree does not encompass the depth required to be an ACS-approved Chemistry degree. Students taking this course will not receive a certificate from ACS. Students intending to continue in Chemistry or Biochemistry careers or graduate studies should select

## Concentration – Forensic Chemistry

1. Complete the [general university requirements](#). (As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH F200X; PHYS F103X and PHYS F104X, or PHYS F211X and PHYS F212X.)
2. Complete the [B.A. degree requirements](#). (As part of the B.A. degree requirements, complete: MATH F201X.)
3. Complete the program (major) requirements as listed under Chemistry -- B.A. degree, including CHEM F413W—Advanced Analytical --3 credits.
4. Complete the following Chemistry courses:  
CHEM F332--Physical Chemistry II --4 credits
5. Earn a minor in Justice using these courses:\*  
JUST F110--Introduction to Justice--3 credits  
JUST F222--Research Methods--3 credits  
JUST F251--Criminology--3 credits  
JUST F300X--Ethics and Justice\*\*--3 credits  
JUST F354--Procedural Law--3 credits  
JUST F454W--Advanced Problems in Procedural Law--3 credits
6. Minimum credits required--120 credits.

\* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

\*\* JUST F300X may not be used to fulfill core ethics requirement.

Note: This degree does not encompass the depth required to be an ACS-approved Chemistry degree. Students taking this course will not receive a certificate from ACS. Students intending to continue in Chemistry or Biochemistry careers or graduate studies should select a B.S. degree program.

## Major -- B.S. Degree (ACS-approved)

1. Complete the [general university requirements](#). (As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH F200X; PHYS F103X and PHYS F104X, or PHYS F211X and PHYS F212X.)
2. Complete the [B.S. degree requirements](#). (As part of the B.S. degree, complete: MATH F201X. Chemistry foundation courses may be used toward partial fulfillment of the natural science requirement.)
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:\*  
CHEM F105X--General Chemistry I--4 credits  
CHEM F106X--General Chemistry II--4 credits  
CHEM F202--Basic Inorganic Chemistry--3 credits  
CHEM F212--Chemical Equilibrium and Analysis--4 credits  
CHEM F321--Organic Chemistry I--3 credits  
CHEM F322--Organic Chemistry II--3 credits  
CHEM F324W--Advanced Organic Laboratory--4 credits  
CHEM F331--Physical Chemistry I--4 credits  
CHEM F332--Physical Chemistry II--4 credits  
CHEM F434W--Chemistry Capstone Laboratory --3 credits  
CHEM F451--General Biochemistry: Metabolism--3 credits  
CHEM F481--Seminar--1 credit  
CHEM F482O--Seminar--2 credits  
CHEM F488--Undergraduate Chemistry and Biochemistry Research--3 credits  
MATH F202X--Calculus--4 credits
4. Complete two of the following courses:  
CHEM F402--Inorganic Chemistry--3 credits

CHEM F450--General Biochemistry: Macromolecules--3credits

CHEM F413W--Analytical Instrumental Laboratory--3 credits

5. Minimum credits required--120 credits

\* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

Note: Upon completing the required curriculum and fulfilling all general university requirements, the student will receive a certificate from the American Chemical Society indicating the approval of their degree program.

Optional concentrations: Environmental Chemistry, Biochemistry

### **Concentration – Environmental Chemistry**

1. Complete the [general university requirements](#). (As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete: MATH F200X; PHYS F103X and PHYS F104X, or PHYS F211X and PHYS F212X.)
2. Complete the [B.S. degree requirements](#). (As part of the B.S. degree, complete: MATH F201X. Chemistry foundation courses may be used toward partial fulfillment of the natural science requirement.)
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:\*  
CHEM F105X--General Chemistry I--4 credits  
CHEM F106X--General Chemistry II--4 credits



upper division credits plus two writing-intensive courses. Assure that your selections satisfy these University-wide rules.

7. Minimum credits required--120 credits

Note: This degree is intended for students interested in careers in Biochemistry or Pre-Professional students, providing extra depth in Biological Sciences. The selection of optional courses will determine if the curriculum conforms to the ACS-approved chemistry degree. Students desiring an ACS-approved chemistry degree should consult with their adviser about optional courses that will meet requirements for an ACS-approved degree.

### **Requirements for Chemistry Teachers (grades 7 - 12)**

1. Complete all the requirements of the chemistry B.S. degree or B.A degree
2. All prospective science teachers must complete the following:



- CHEM F323--Organic Chemistry Lab--3 credits  
4. Minimum credits required--24 - 25 credits

***D. ESTIMATED IMPACT***

These changes keep essentially the same courses, but just allow more flexibility for students with the intended outcome of helping Chemistry major students to achieve their degree in a timely manner, and possibly encourage others to major in Chemistry. This change might add to student enrollment in upper-division chemistry and biology (for the Biochemistry concentration) courses. However, there is capacity available in upper division courses, so this change probably will not require new sections to be offered.

***E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:***

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curriculum for study of a minor subject and requires more humanities courses. The B.A. best prepares students for

SEE ATTACHED SIGNATURES.

**JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED**

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