

Bachelor of Science

Biochemistry (BS)

Requirements

Lower-Division General Education

Written Communication (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#written)	6
Oral Communication (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#oral)	3
Mathematics (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#math)	3
Language and Culture (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#language)	0-6
Information Literacy and Research (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#information)	3
Human Behavior (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#behavior)	3
Human Creativity (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#creativity)	3
Interpreting the Past (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#interpret)	3
Literature (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#literature)	3
Philosophy and Ethics (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#philosophy)	3
The Nature of Science (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#nature)	8
Impact of Technology (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#impact)	3

Written Communication: Grade of C or better required in both courses

Oral Communication: COMM 101R

Mathematics: MATH 163 required

Information Literacy and Research: satisfied in the major by CHEM 160G

The Nature of Science: BIOL 121N, BIOL 122N, BIOL 123N, BIOL 124N

Upper-Division General Education

- Option A. Approved Disciplinary Minor (a minimum of 12 hours determined by the department), or second degree or second major.
- Option B: Interdisciplinary Minor (specifically 12 hours, 3 of which may be in the major)
- Option C. An approved Certification Program such as teaching licensure
- Option D. Two Upper-Division Courses from outside the College of Sciences and not required by the major (6 hours)

Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include the following:

- Minimum of 120 credit hours.
- Minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward the major.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward a minor.

- Completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better. The W course must be taken at Old Dominion University.
- Completion of Senior Assessment.

Biochemistry Major

General Education

Complete lower-division requirements 38-44

Complete upper-division requirements (minimum of 6 credit hours) 6

Required Chemistry Courses

CHEM 121N	Foundations of Chemistry I Lecture	3
CHEM 122N	Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory	1
CHEM 123N	Foundations of Chemistry II Lecture	3
CHEM 124N or CHEM 125	Foundations of Chemistry II Laboratory Foundations of Chemistry II Lab with Introduction to Chemical Research	1-2
CHEM 160G	Introduction to Chemistry and Biochemistry Research and Careers	3
CHEM 211	Organic Chemistry I Lecture	3
CHEM 212	Organic Chemistry I Laboratory	2
CHEM 213	Organic Chemistry II Lecture	3
CHEM 214 or CHEM 216	Organic Chemistry II Laboratory Advanced Organic Chemistry Laboratory	2
CHEM 321 & CHEM 322	Analytical Chemistry Lecture and Analytical Chemistry Laboratory	5
CHEM 331 & CHEM 333	Physical Chemistry Lecture I and Physical Chemistry Lecture II	6
CHEM 441	Biochemistry Lecture	3
CHEM 442W	Biochemistry Laboratory	4
CHEM 443	Intermediate Biochemistry	3
CHEM 485	Chemistry and Biochemistry Seminar	1

Other Required courses

MATH 211	Calculus I	4
MATH 212	Calculus II	4
PHYS 231N & PHYS 232N	University Physics I and University Physics II	8
BIOL 293	Cell Biology	3
BIOL 294	Genetics	3

Total Credit Hours 109-116

Biochemistry majors must have a C or better in all courses required for the major, including prerequisite courses, and must complete a minimum of 12 credits in upper-level (300/400) chemistry courses at Old Dominion University. Written permission by the chief departmental advisor or chair is required prior to taking upper-level chemistry courses at other institutions.

Elective Credit

Elective credit may be needed to meet the minimum requirement of 120 credit hours.

Additional Requirements and Information

ACS-Certified Degree

Biochemistry majors can attain an ACS-certified degree for chemistry content if they also complete the following.

CHEM 332W	Experimental Physical Chemistry I	2
CHEM 351	Inorganic Chemistry	3
Select two of the following lecture electives:		6-7
CHEM 411	Natural Products Chemistry in the Caribbean	
CHEM 415	Intermediate Organic Chemistry	
CHEM 421	Instrumental Analysis Lecture	
CHEM 449	Environmental Chemistry	

CHEM 451	Advanced Inorganic Chemistry	
Select two of the following laboratory electives:		4-5
CHEM 334W	Experimental Physical Chemistry II	
CHEM 352	Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory	
CHEM 422	Instrumental Analysis Laboratory	
Total Credit Hours		15-17

Degree Program Guide

The Degree Program Guide is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
ENGL 110C	English Composition (Grade of C or better required)	3
MATH 163	Precalculus II	3
CHEM 121N and CHEM 122N		4
BIOL 121N and BIOL 122N		4
CHEM 160G	Introduction to Chemistry and Biochemistry Research and Careers	3
Credit Hours		17
Spring		
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 211C	Writing, Rhetoric, and Research	
ENGL 231C	Writing, Rhetoric, and Research: Special Topics	
MATH 211	Calculus I	4
CHEM 123N and CHEM 124N or CHEM 125		4-5
BIOL 123N and BIOL 124N		4
Credit Hours		15-16
Sophomore		
Fall		
CHEM 211 and CHEM 212		5
MATH 212	Calculus II	4
COMM 101R	Public Speaking	3
Elective or Language and Culture I (May be waived; See requirement details)		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
CHEM 213 AND CHEM 214 or CHEM 216		5
Elective or Language and Culture II (May be waived; See requirement details)		3
Human Behavior		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		14
Junior		
Fall		
CHEM 321 and CHEM 322		5
PHYS 231N	University Physics I	4
CHEM 441	Biochemistry Lecture	3

BIOL 293	Cell Biology	3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
CHEM 443	Intermediate Biochemistry	3
PHYS 232N	University Physics II	4
CHEM 442W	Biochemistry Laboratory (C or better required)	4
Elective		2
Credit Hours		13
Senior		
Fall		
CHEM 331	Physical Chemistry Lecture I	3
BIOL 294	Genetics	3
Interpreting the Past		3
Philosophy and Ethics		3
Upper-Division General Education Course (Option D)		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
CHEM 485	Chemistry and Biochemistry Seminar	1
CHEM 333	Physical Chemistry Lecture II	3
Impact of Technology		3
Literature		3
Upper-Division General Education Course (Option D)		3
Human Creativity		3
Credit Hours		16
Total Credit Hours		120-121

Dual Dominion Bachelor's/Master's Degree Programs

The Dual Dominion BS in biochemistry and the MS in chemistry allows exceptional students to count up to 12 hours of graduate courses toward both a BS degree in biochemistry and an MS degree in chemistry. Students in the combined program must complete Senior Thesis I and II (CHEM 490 and CHEM 499), be accepted into the chemistry master's program, and earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). Additional requirements apply; please contact the Chief Departmental Advisor.