Chemistry

The Chemistry PhD program is designed towards developing the ability to do creative scientific research. Accordingly, the single most important facet of the curriculum for an individual is his or her own research project. In keeping with the goal of fostering an atmosphere of scholarly, independent study, formal course requirements are minimal and vary among disciplines. Advisers tailor course requirements to best prepare the student for the chosen research field.

The doctoral program includes the following concentrations, each of which has specific degree requirements:

1. **Physical Chemistry**: In general, the Physical Chemistry Graduate Program encompasses experimental physical, analytical, nuclear, biophysical, and theoretical chemistry.

2. **Synthetic Chemistry**: The Synthetic Chemistry Graduate Program includes emphases in preparation of organic or inorganic compounds, development of methods for their synthesis, and their characterization and use.

3. **Chemical Biology**: The Chemical Biology Graduate Program covers research areas at the interface of chemistry and biology, ranging from the synthesis of bioactive materials to the characterization of living systems.

**Admission to the University**

**Minimum Requirements for Admission**

The following minimum requirements apply to all graduate programs and will be verified by the Graduate Division:

1. A bachelor’s degree or recognized equivalent from an accredited institution;
2. A grade point average of B or better (3.0);
3. If the applicant has completed a basic degree from a country or political entity (e.g., Quebec) where English is not the official language, adequate proficiency in English to do graduate work, as evidenced by a TOEFL score of at least 90 on the iBT test, 570 on the paper-and-pencil test, or an IELTS Band score of at least 7 on a 9-point scale (note that individual programs may set higher levels for any of these); and
4. Sufficient undergraduate training to do graduate work in the given field.

**Applicants Who Already Hold a Graduate Degree**

The Graduate Council views academic degrees not as vocational training certificates, but as evidence of broad training in research methods, independent study, and articulation of learning. Therefore, applicants who already have academic graduate degrees should be able to pursue new subject matter at an advanced level without the need to enroll in a related or similar graduate program.

Programs may consider students for an additional academic master’s or professional master’s degree only if the additional degree is in a distinctly different field.

Applicants admitted to a doctoral program that requires a master’s degree to be earned at Berkeley as a prerequisite (even though the applicant already has a master’s degree from another institution in the same or a closely allied field of study) will be permitted to undertake the second master’s degree, despite the overlap in field.

The Graduate Division will admit students for a second doctoral degree only if they meet the following guidelines:

1. Applicants with doctoral degrees may be admitted for an additional doctoral degree only if that degree program is in a general area of knowledge distinctly different from the field in which they earned their original degree. For example, a physics PhD could be admitted to a doctoral degree program in music or history; however, a student with a doctoral degree in mathematics would not be permitted to add a PhD in statistics.

2. Applicants who hold the PhD degree may be admitted to a professional doctorate or professional master’s degree program if there is no duplication of training involved.

Applicants may apply only to one single degree program or one concurrent degree program per admission cycle.

**Required Documents for Applications**

1. **Transcripts**: Applicants may upload unofficial transcripts with your application for the departmental initial review. *If the applicant is admitted, then official transcripts of all college-level work will be required. Official transcripts must be in sealed envelopes as issued by the school(s) attended. If you have attended Berkeley, upload your unofficial transcript with your application for the departmental initial review. *If you are admitted, an official transcript with evidence of degree conferral will not be required.**

2. **Letters of recommendation**: Applicants may request online letters of recommendation through the online application system. Hard copies of recommendation letters must be sent directly to the program, not the Graduate Division.

3. **Evidence of English language proficiency**: All applicants who have completed a basic degree from a country or political entity in which the official language is not English are required to submit official evidence of English language proficiency. This applies to institutions from Bangladesh, Burma, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Latin America, the Middle East, the People’s Republic of China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Southeast Asia, most European countries, and Quebec (Canada). However, applicants who, at the time of application, have already completed at least one year of full-time academic course work with grades of B or better at a US university may submit an official transcript from the US university to fulfill this requirement. The following courses will not fulfill this requirement:

   • courses in English as a Second Language,
   • courses conducted in a language other than English,
   • courses that will be completed after the application is submitted, and
   • courses of a non-academic nature.

If applicants have previously been denied admission to Berkeley on the basis of their English language proficiency, they must submit new test scores that meet the current minimum from one of the standardized tests. Official TOEFL score reports must be sent directly from Educational Test Services (ETS). The institution code for Berkeley is 4833. Official IELTS score reports must be sent electronically from the testing center to University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Division, Sproul Hall, Rm 318.
MC 5900, Berkeley, CA 94720. TOEFL and IELTS score reports are only valid for two years.

Where to Apply
Visit the Berkeley Graduate Division application page (http://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/apply/).

The Requirements for a PhD Degree in Chemistry

• Coursework: There is no formal coursework requirement, however, the equivalent of four semester-long courses is normally taken. Courses you will take will depend on your background and research interests.

• Graduate student instructor service: A total of two semesters of graduate student instructor service is required with a third semester as optional. Graduate Student Instruction is usually fulfilled in the first semester and one semester in each of the next two years.

• Research:
  First-year report (synthetic and chemical biology division): An original, journal-quality research proposal no more than 10 pages read by two chemistry faculty.
  Second-year seminar (all divisions): A 25-minute presentation to the department on your research progress.

• Qualifying examination (all divisions): An oral examination with a committee of three chemistry faculty and one outside department faculty member on your research and defense of an original research proposal (synthetic) or critical analysis of a recent outside paper (non-synthetic).

• Dissertation (all divisions): Submission of your dissertation approved by a committee of your research adviser, a second chemistry faculty member, and one outside department faculty member. No dissertation defense.

Chemistry

Expand all course descriptions [+]
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CHEM 200 Chemistry Fundamentals 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019
Review of bonding, structure, stereochemistry, conformation, thermodynamics and kinetics, and arrow-pushing formalisms.
Chemistry Fundamentals: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0 hours of voluntary per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Chemistry Fundamentals: Read Less [-]

CHEM 201 Fundamentals of Inorganic Chemistry 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019
Review of bonding, structure, MO theory, thermodynamics, and kinetics.
Fundamentals of Inorganic Chemistry: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Fundamentals of Inorganic Chemistry: Read Less [-]

CHEM 208 Structure Analysis by X-Ray Diffraction 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2017
The theory and practice of modern, single-crystal X-ray diffraction. Groups of four students determine the crystal and molecular structure of newly synthesized materials from the College of Chemistry. The laboratory work involves the mounting of crystals and initial evaluation by X-ray diffraction film techniques, the collection of intensity data by automated diffractometer procedures, and structure analysis and refinement.
Structure Analysis by X-Ray Diffraction: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 8 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Structure Analysis by X-Ray Diffraction: Read Less [-]
CHEM 214 Heterocyclic Chemistry 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2015
Advanced topics in organic chemistry with a focus on the reactivity and synthesis of aromatic heterocycles. Classic and modern methods for the synthesis of indoles, pyridines, furans, pyroles, and quinolines will be covered, as well as complex, multi-heteroatom ring systems. Applications to medicinal and bioorganic chemistry will be included where appropriate.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate student standing or consent of instructor. A year of organic chemistry with a grade of B- or better is required for undergraduate enrollment.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week.

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate.
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Maimone.
Heterocyclic Chemistry: Read Less [-]

CHEM 220B Statistical Mechanics 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2019, Spring 2017
Principles of statistical mechanics and applications to complex systems.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 220A.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week.

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate.
Grading: Letter grade.
Statistical Mechanics: Read Less [-]

CHEM 220A Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019
A rigorous presentation of classical thermodynamics followed by an introduction to statistical mechanics with the application to real systems.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 120B.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0 hours of voluntary per week.

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate.
Grading: Letter grade.
Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics: Read Less [-]

CHEM 221A Advanced Quantum Mechanics 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019
Basic principles/postulates of quantum mechanics, Hilbert space and representation theory, quantum theory of measurements, advanced descriptions of harmonic oscillator and theory of angular momentum, time independent and time dependent approximation methods, applications to quantum mechanics of atoms and molecules.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Chem120A or Physics137A, Chem120B and Chem122, or equivalents.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-2 hours of voluntary per week.

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate.
Grading: Letter grade.
Advanced Quantum Mechanics: Read Less [-]
CHEM 221B Advanced Quantum Mechanics
3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
Time dependence, interaction of matter with radiation, scattering theory.
Molecular and many-body quantum mechanics.
Advanced Quantum Mechanics: Read More [+] 
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 221A 

CHEM 222 Spectroscopy
3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Spring 2015
This course presents a survey of experimental and theoretical methods
of spectroscopy, and group theory as used in modern chemical research.
The course topics include experimental methods, classical and quantum
descriptions of the interaction of radiation and matter. Qualitative
and quantitative aspects of the subject are illustrated with examples
including application of linear and nonlinear spectroscopies to the study
of molecular structure and dynamics and to quantitative analysis. This
course is offered jointly with 122.
Spectroscopy: Read More [+] 
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor 

CHEM 223A Chemical Kinetics
3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
Deduction of mechanisms of complex reactions. Collision and transition
state theory. Potential energy surfaces. Unimolecular reaction rate theory.
Molecular beam scattering studies.
Chemical Kinetics: Read More [+] 
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 220A (may be taken concurrently) 

CHEM C230 Protein Chemistry, Enzymology,
and Bio-organic Chemistry
2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013
The topics covered will be chosen from the following: protein structure;
protein-protein interactions; enzyme kinetics and mechanism; enzyme
design. Intended for graduate students in chemistry, biochemistry, and
molecular and cell biology.
Protein Chemistry, Enzymology, and Bio-organic Chemistry: Read More [+] 
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor 

Also listed as: MCELLBI C214 

CHEM C234 Green Chemistry: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Sustainability 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013
Meeting the challenge of global sustainability will require interdisciplinary approaches to research and education, as well as the integration of this new knowledge into society, policymaking, and business. Green Chemistry is an intellectual framework created to meet these challenges and guide technological development. It encourages the design and production of safer and more sustainable chemicals and products. Green Chemistry: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Sustainability: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: One year of chemistry, including a semester of organic chemistry, or consent of instructors based on previous experience

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructors: Arnold, Bergman, Guth, Iles, Kokai, Mulvihill, Schwarzman, Wilson
Also listed as: ESPM C234/PB HLTH C234

CHEM C236 Energy Solutions: Carbon Capture and Sequestration 3 Units
After a brief overview of the chemistry of carbon dioxide in the land, ocean, and atmosphere, the course will survey the capture and sequestration of CO2 from anthropogenic sources. Emphasis will be placed on the integration of materials synthesis and unit operation design, including the chemistry and engineering aspects of sequestration. The course primarily addresses scientific and engineering challenges and aims to engage students in state-of-the-art research in global energy challenges.
Energy Solutions: Carbon Capture and Sequestration: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Chemistry 4B or 1B, Mathematics 1B, and Physics 7B, or equivalents

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructors: Bourg, DePaolo, Long, Reimer, Smit
Also listed as: CHM ENG C295Z/EPS C295Z

Energy Solutions: Carbon Capture and Sequestration: Read Less [-]
CHEM C238 The Berkeley Lectures on Energy: Energy from Biomass 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013
After an introduction to the different aspects of our global energy consumption, the course will focus on the role of biomass. The course will illustrate how the global scale of energy guides the biomass research. Emphasis will be placed on the integration of the biological aspects (crop selection, harvesting, storage, and distribution, and chemical composition of biomass) with the chemical aspects to convert biomass to energy. The course aims to engage students in state-of-art research.
The Berkeley Lectures on Energy: Energy from Biomass: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Biology 1A; Chemistry 1B or 4B, Mathematics 1B
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit under special circumstances: Repeatable when topic changes with consent of instructor.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructors: Bell, Blanch, Clark, Smit, C. Somerville
Also listed as: BIO ENG C281/CHM ENG C295A/PLANTBI C224
The Berkeley Lectures on Energy: Energy from Biomass: Read Less [-]

CHEM 243 Advanced Nuclear Structure and Reactions 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2013, Fall 2009, Fall 2008
Selected topics on nuclear structure and nuclear reactions.
Advanced Nuclear Structure and Reactions: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 143 or equivalent and introductory quantum mechanics

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Advanced Nuclear Structure and Reactions: Read Less [-]

CHEM 250A Introduction to Bonding Theory 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019
An introduction to group theory, symmetry, and representations as applied to chemical bonding.
Introduction to Bonding Theory: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 200 or 201 or consent of instructor and background in the use of matrices and linear algebra

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Introduction to Bonding Theory: Read Less [-]

CHEM 250B Inorganic Spectroscopy 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013
The theory of vibrational analysis and spectroscopy as applied to inorganic compounds.
Inorganic Spectroscopy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 250A or consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
15 weeks - 0 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Inorganic Spectroscopy: Read Less [-]

CHEM 251A Coordination Chemistry I 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016
Structure and bonding, synthesis, and reactions of the d-transition metals and their compounds.
Coordination Chemistry I: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 250A or consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Coordination Chemistry I: Read Less [-]
CHEM 251B Coordination Chemistry II 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2014
Synthesis, structure analysis, and reactivity patterns in terms of symmetry orbitals.
Coordination Chemistry II: Read More [+]  
Rules & Requirements  
Prerequisites: 251A or consent of instructor  
Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week  
Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate  
Grading: Letter grade.  
Coordination Chemistry II: Read Less [-]  

CHEM 252A Organometallic Chemistry I 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019
An introduction to organometallics, focusing on structure, bonding, and reactivity.  
Organometallic Chemistry I: Read More [+]  
Rules & Requirements  
Prerequisites: 200 or 201 or consent of instructor  
Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week  
Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate  
Grading: Letter grade.  
Organometallic Chemistry I: Read Less [-]  

CHEM 252B Organometallic Chemistry II 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019
Applications of organometallic compounds in synthesis with an emphasis on catalysis.  
Organometallic Chemistry II: Read More [+]  
Rules & Requirements  
Prerequisites: 252A or consent of instructor  
Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week  
Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate  
Grading: Letter grade.  
Organometallic Chemistry II: Read Less [-]  

CHEM 253A Materials Chemistry I 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
Introduction to the descriptive crystal chemistry and electronic band structures of extended solids.  
Materials Chemistry I: Read More [+]  
Rules & Requirements  
Prerequisites: 200 or 201, and 250A, or consent of instructor  
Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week  
15 weeks - 0 hours of lecture per week  
Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate  
Grading: Letter grade.  
Materials Chemistry I: Read Less [-]  

CHEM 253B Materials Chemistry II 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
General solid state synthesis and characterization techniques as well as a survey of important physical phenomena including optical, electrical, and magnetic properties.  
Materials Chemistry II: Read More [+]  
Rules & Requirements  
Prerequisites: 253A or consent of instructor  
Hours & Format  
Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week  
15 weeks - 0 hours of lecture per week  
Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate  
Grading: Letter grade.  
Materials Chemistry II: Read Less [-]
CHEM 253C Materials Chemistry III 1 Unit  
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017  
Introduction to surface catalysis, organic solids, and nanoscience.  
Thermodynamics and kinetics of solid state diffusion and reaction will be covered.  

Materials Chemistry III: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 253A or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 5 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate  
Grading: Letter grade.  
Instructors: Somorjai, Yang

CHEM 254 Bioinorganic Chemistry 1 Unit  
Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013  
A survey of the roles of metals in biology, taught as a tutorial involving class presentations.  

Bioinorganic Chemistry: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week  
15 weeks - 0 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate  
Grading: Letter grade.  
Instructors: Somorjai, Yang

CHEM 260 Reaction Mechanisms 2 Units  
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019  
Advanced methods for studying organic reaction mechanisms. Topics include kinetic isotope effects, behavior of reactive intermediates, chain reactions, concerted reactions, molecular orbital theory and aromaticity, solvent and substituent effects, linear free energy relationships, photochemistry.  
Reaction Mechanisms: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 200 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 10 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0 hours of voluntary per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate  
Grading: Letter grade.  
Formerly known as: 260A-260B  
Instructors: Somorjai, Yang

CHEM 261A Organic Reactions I 1 Unit  
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019  
Features of the reactions that comprise the vocabulary of synthetic organic chemistry.  

Organic Reactions I: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 200 or 201 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0 hours of voluntary per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate  
Grading: Letter grade.  
Instructors: Somorjai, Yang

Bioinorganic Chemistry: Read Less [-]

Reaction Mechanisms: Read Less [-]

Organic Reactions I: Read Less [-]
CHEM 261B Organic Reaction II 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019
More reactions that are useful to the practice of synthetic organic chemistry.
Organic Reaction II: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 261A or consent of instructor
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 0 hours of voluntary per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Organic Reaction II: Read Less [-]

CHEM 261C Organic Reactions III 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2011
This course will consider further reactions with an emphasis on pericyclic reactions such as cycloadditions, electrocyclizations, and sigmatropic rearrangements.
Organic Reactions III: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 261B or consent of instructor
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Organic Reactions III: Read Less [-]

CHEM 262 Metals in Organic Synthesis 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
Transition metal-mediated reactions occupy a central role in asymmetric catalysis and the synthesis of complex molecules. This course will describe the general principles of transition metal reactivity, coordination chemistry, and stereoselection. This module will also emphasize useful methods for the analysis of these reactions.
Metals in Organic Synthesis: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 261B or consent of instructor
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
15 weeks - 0 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Metals in Organic Synthesis: Read Less [-]

CHEM 263A Synthetic Design I 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
This course will provide an exposure to the range of catalytic reactions of organometallic systems, the identity of the catalysts for these reactions, and the scope and limitations of these reactions. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the mechanisms of homogeneous catalytic processes. Students will see the types of molecular fragments generated by catalytic organometallic chemistry and see the synthetic disconnections made possible by these reactions. The scope of transformations will encompass those forming commodity chemicals on large scale, pharmaceuticals on small scale, and both commodity and specialty polymers
Synthetic Design I: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 262 or consent of instructor
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 5 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Synthetic Design I: Read Less [-]
CHEM 263B Synthetic Design II 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
This course will provide an exposure to the range of catalytic reactions of organometallic systems, the identity of the catalysts for these reactions, and the scope and limitations of these reactions. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the mechanisms of homogeneous catalytic processes. Students will see the types of molecular fragments generated by catalytic organometallic chemistry and see the synthetic disconnections made possible by these reactions. The scope of transformations will encompass those forming commodity chemicals on large scale, pharmaceuticals on small scale, and both commodity and specialty polymers.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 263A or consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 5 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

Synthetic Design II: Read More [+]

CHEM 265 Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Theory and Application 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018
The theory behind practical nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy and a survey of its applications to chemical research.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 200 or 201 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
15 weeks - 0 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Theory and Application: Read Less [-]

CHEM 268 Mass Spectrometry 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
Principles, instrumentation, and application in mass spectrometry, including ionization methods, mass analyzers, spectral interpretation, multidimensional methods (GC/MS, HPLC/MS, MS/MS), with emphasis on small organic molecules and bioanalytical applications (proteins, peptides, nucleic acids, carbohydrates, noncovalent complexes); this will include the opportunity to be trained and checked out on several open-access mass spectrometers.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 10 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

Mass Spectrometry: Read Less [-]

CHEM 270A Advanced Biophysical Chemistry I 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
Underlying principles and applications of methods for biophysical analysis of biological macromolecules.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 200 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 7.5 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

Advanced Biophysical Chemistry I: Read Less [-]
CHEM 270B Advanced Biophysical Chemistry II 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
More applications of methods for biophysical analysis of biological macromolecules.
Advanced Biophysical Chemistry II: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 270A or consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 7.5 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

Advanced Biophysical Chemistry II: Read Less [-]

CHEM C271A Chemical Biology I - Structure, Synthesis and Function of Biomolecules 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
This course will present the structure of proteins, nucleic acids, and oligosaccharides from the perspective of organic chemistry. Modern methods for the synthesis and purification of these molecules will also be presented.
Chemical Biology I - Structure, Synthesis and Function of Biomolecules: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 5 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: MCELLBI C212A

Chemical Biology I - Structure, Synthesis and Function of Biomolecules: Read Less [-]

CHEM C271B Chemical Biology II - Enzyme Reaction Mechanisms 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
This course will focus on the principles of enzyme catalysis. The course will begin with an introduction of the general concepts of enzyme catalysis which will be followed by detailed examples that will examine the chemistry behind the reactions and the three-dimensional structures that carry out the transformations.
Chemical Biology II - Enzyme Reaction Mechanisms: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 5 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: MCELLBI C212B

Chemical Biology II - Enzyme Reaction Mechanisms: Read Less [-]

CHEM C271C Chemical Biology III - Contemporary Topics in Chemical Biology 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
This course will build on the principles discussed in Chemical Biology I and II. The focus will consist of case studies where rigorous chemical approaches have been brought to bear on biological questions. Potential subject areas will include signal transduction, photosynthesis, immunology, virology, and cancer. For each topic, the appropriate bioanalytical techniques will be emphasized.
Chemical Biology III - Contemporary Topics in Chemical Biology: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 5 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: MCELLBI C212C

Chemical Biology III - Contemporary Topics in Chemical Biology: Read Less [-]
CHEM 274A Introduction to Programming Languages C++ and Python 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021
Course provides in-depth coverage of programming concepts and techniques required for scientific computing, data science, and high-performance computing using C++ and Python. Course will compare and contrast the functionalities of the two languages. Topics include classes, overloading, data abstraction, information hiding, encapsulation, file processing, exceptions, and low-level language features. Exercises based on molecular science problems will provide hands-on experience needed to learn these languages. Course serves as a prereq to later MSSE courses: Data Science, Machine Learning Algorithms, Software Engineering for Scientific Computing, Numerical Algorithms Applied to Computational Quantum Chemistry, and Applications Parallel Comp.

Introduction to Programming Languages C++ and Python: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Prior exposure to basic programming methodology or the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 8 weeks - 5 hours of lecture, 4 hours of discussion, and 2 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Introduction to Programming Languages C++ and Python: Read Less [-]

CHEM 275A Introduction to Programming Languages C++ and Python 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020
This course provides in-depth coverage of programming concepts and techniques required for scientific computing, data science, and high-performance computing using C++ and Python. The course will compare and contrast the functionalities of the two languages. Topics include classes, overloading, data abstraction, information hiding, encapsulation, inheritance, polymorphism, file processing, templates, exceptions, container classes, and low-level language features. Numerous exercises based on molecular science problems will provide the hands-on experience needed to learn these languages.

Introduction to Programming Languages C++ and Python: Read More [+]

Objectives & Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successfully completing this course, students will be able to
A. Develop the necessary skills to effectively interact with machine learning environments.
B. Acquire the skills needed to develop high-performance computing software.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Prior exposure to basic programming methodology or the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 8 weeks - 5 hours of web-based lecture and 6 hours of web-based discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Introduction to Programming Languages C++ and Python: Read Less [-]
CHEM 275B Introduction to Software Engineering Best Practices 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020
This course will advance students’ understanding of the different steps involved in software design. Students will acquire hands-on experience in practical problems such as specifying, designing, building, testing, and delivering reliable software systems for scientific computing. Students will collaboratively develop a software engineering package, thus gaining experience in all aspects of the software development process from the feasibility study to the final delivery of the product. This course is a prerequisite to MSSE courses in Software Engineering for Scientific Computing, Computational Chemistry and Materials Science, and Parallel Computing.

Introduction to Software Engineering Best Practices: Read More [+]

Objectives & Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successfully completing this course, students will have the skills needed to develop high-performance computing software.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Chem 275 - MSSE’s Introduction to Programming Languages – C++ and Python

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 8 weeks - 5 hours of web-based lecture and 6 hours of web-based discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Introduction to Software Engineering Best Practices: Read Less [-]

CHEM 277B Machine Learning Algorithms 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2021
An introduction to mathematical optimization and statistics and "non-algorithmic" computation using machine learning. Machine learning prerequisites are introduced including local and global optimization, various statistical and clustering models, and early meta-heuristic methods such as genetic algorithms and artificial neural networks. Building on this foundation, current machine learning techniques are covered including Deep Learning networks, Convolutional neural networks, Recurrent and long short term memory (LSTM) networks, and support vector machines and Gaussian ridge regression. Various case studies in applying optimization, statistical modeling, and machine learning methods as classification and regression task

Machine Learning Algorithms: Read More [+]

Objectives & Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes: A. To introduce the basics of optimization and statistical modeling techniques relevant to machine learning
B. To build on optimization and statistical modeling to the recent field of machine learning techniques.
C. To understand data and algorithms relevant to machine learning

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: The students will have had MSSE courses (1) Chem 270 - Intro to Programming, (2) Chem 271 - Software Best Practices, and (3) DS100 courses

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 4.5 hours of lecture and 5.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Machine Learning Algorithms: Read Less [-]
**CHEM 278 Ethical Topics for Professional Software Engineering** 1 Unit

Terms offered: Spring 2021

This course will expose students to applied ethics in professional ethics, information technology, intellectual property, and corporate ethics that are topic relevant to the MSSE degree.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Acceptance into the MSSE program

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 5 weeks - 1 hour of web-based lecture and 1 hour of web-based discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Chemistry/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Ethical Topics for Professional Software Engineering: Read More [+]

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**CHEM 279 Numerical Algorithms applied to Computational Quantum Chemistry** 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021

Introduction to numerical algorithms, their application to computational quantum chemistry, and best practices for software implementation and reuse. This course covers a toolbox of useful algorithms from applied mathematics that are used in physical simulations. Illustrated via computer implementation of density functional theory for modeling chemical reaction mechanisms from quantum mechanics. Topics covered include local optimization, numerical derivatives and integration, dense linear algebra the symmetric eigenvalue problem, the singular value decomposition, and the fast Fourier transform. Students are guided through principles of procedural and object-oriented programming C++ and usage of efficient numerical libraries.

**Objectives & Outcomes**

**Course Objectives:**
1. To introduce computer-based physical simulation via computational quantum chemistry.
2. To develop the core numerical algorithms needed to efficiently implement computational quantum chemistry methods, as well as other physical simulations.
3. To reinforce programming skills directed to sustainable software as well as intelligent use of optimized libraries to implement numerical kernels.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Students will have had MSSE courses (1) Chem 275A Intro to Programming, (2) Chem 275B Software Best Practices, and (3) Data Science 100 courses. In addition, undergraduate physical chemistry (Chem 120A or equivalent) or permission of instructor is required

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Chemistry/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Numerical Algorithms applied to Computational Quantum Chemistry: Read Less [-]
CHEM 280 Foundations of Programming and Software Engineering 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020
This course provides an overview of topics relevant to programming and creating software projects. The course will be taught in collaboration with members of the Molecular Sciences Software Institute (MolSII). Students will learn basic syntax, use cases, and ecosystems for Python and C++. Students will become familiar with tools and practices commonly used in software development such as version control, documentation, and testing. Central to this course is a hands on molecular simulation project where students work in groups to create a software package using concepts taught in the course.

Prerequisites: Acceptance to MSSE program

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 2 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

Foundations of Programming and Software Engineering: Read More [+]

CHEM 281 Software Engineering for Scientific Computing 3 Units
Terms offered: Not yet offered
The course covers computer architecture and software features that have the greatest impact on performance. It addresses debugging and performance tuning, detecting memory and stack overwrites, malloc corruption, hotspot, paging, cache misses. A toolbox with common algorithms: sorting, searching, hashing, trees, graph traversing, is followed by common patterns used in object-oriented design. It describes programming paradigms, dynamic libraries, distributed architectures, and services. Lectures on linear algebra and performance libraries are provided as background for future courses. HPC paradigms and GPU programming are introduced. Software packaging, extensibility, and interactivity is followed by team development, testing and hardening.

Prerequisites: Students will have had MSSE courses (1) C275A Intro to Programming, (2) C275B Software Best Practices. Students are expected to be familiar with programming in C++ and have a basic understanding of LINUX. Additional materials will be provided for students to peruse as necessary

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Grading: Letter grade.

Software Engineering for Scientific Computing: Read Less [-]
CHEM 295 Special Topics 1 - 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020
Lecture series on topics of current interest. Recently offered topics: Natural products synthesis, molecular dynamics, statistical mechanics, molecular spectroscopy, structural biophysics, organic polymers, electronic structure of molecules and bio-organic chemistry.
Special Topics: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Seminars for Graduate Students:

CHEM 298 Seminars for Graduate Students 1 - 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020
In addition to the weekly Graduate Research Conference and weekly seminars on topics of interest in biophysical, organic, physical, nuclear, and inorganic chemistry, there are group seminars on specific fields of research. Seminars will be announced at the beginning of each semester.

Special Topics: Read Less [-]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of colloquium per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Seminars for Graduate Students: Read Less [-]

CHEM 299 Research for Graduate Students 1 - 9 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020
The facilities of the laboratory are available at all times to graduate students pursuing original investigations toward an advanced degree at this University. Such work is ordinarily in collaboration with a member of the staff.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

Seminars for Graduate Students: Read Less [-]

CHEM 300 Professional Preparation: Supervised Teaching of Chemistry 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020
Discussion, curriculum development, class observation, and practice teaching in chemistry.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and appointment as a graduate student instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers
Grading: Letter grade.

Professional Preparation: Supervised Teaching of Chemistry: Read Less [-]
CHEM 301 Pre-High School Chemistry Classroom Immersion 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020
Provides training and opportunity for graduate students to make presentations in local public schools. Training ensures that presenters are aware of scientific information mandated by the State of California for particular grade levels, and that presentations are intellectually stimulating, relevant to the classroom students' interests, and age-appropriate. Time commitment an average of two to three hours/week, but actual time spent is concentrated during preparation and classroom delivery of presentations, which are coordinated between teachers' needs and volunteers' availability.
Pre-High School Chemistry Classroom Immersion: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Instructor: Bergman
CHEM 301A Undergraduate Lab Instruction 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016
Tutoring of students in 1A-1B laboratory. Students attend one hour of the regular GSI preparatory meeting and hold one office hour per week to answer questions about laboratory assignments.
Undergraduate Lab Instruction: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Junior standing or consent of instructor; 1A, 1AL, and 1B with grades of B- or higher
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 units.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of lecture and 4 hours of tutorial per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers
Grading: Offered for pass/not pass grade only.
Undergraduate Lab Instruction: Read Less [-]
CHEM 301D Undergraduate Chemistry Course Instruction 1 - 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016
Tutoring of students enrolled in an undergraduate chemistry course.
Undergraduate Chemistry Course Instruction: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Junior standing or consent of instructor; completion of tutored course with a grade of B- or better
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of tutorial per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers
Grading: Offered for pass/not pass grade only.

Undergraduate Chemistry Course Instruction: Read Less [-]

CHEM 301T Undergraduate Preparation for Teaching or Instruction in Teaching 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013
Undergraduate Preparation for Teaching or Instruction in Teaching: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Junior standing, overall GPA 3.1, and consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 8 units.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers
Grading: Letter grade.

Undergraduate Preparation for Teaching or Instruction in Teaching: Read Less [-]

CHEM 301W Supervised Instruction of Chemistry Scholars 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016
Tutoring of students in the College of Chemistry Scholars Program who are enrolled in general or organic chemistry. Students attend a weekly meeting with instructors.
Supervised Instruction of Chemistry Scholars: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing and consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of independent study and 4-5 hours of tutorial per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers
Grading: Offered for pass/not pass grade only.

Supervised Instruction of Chemistry Scholars: Read Less [-]

CHEM 375 Professional Preparation: Supervised Teaching of Chemistry 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021
Discussion, curriculum development, class observation, and practice teaching in chemistry.
Professional Preparation: Supervised Teaching of Chemistry: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and appointment as a graduate student instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers
Grading: Letter grade.

Professional Preparation: Supervised Teaching of Chemistry: Read Less [-]
CHEM 602 Individual Study for Doctoral Students 1 - 8 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016
Individual study in consultation with the major field adviser, intended to provide an opportunity for qualified students to prepare themselves for the various examinations required of candidates for the Ph.D. degree. May not be used for unit or residence requirements for the doctoral degree.
Individual Study for Doctoral Students: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-8 hours of independent study per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-15 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate examination preparation
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

CHEM 700 QB3 Colloquium for Graduate Students 0.0 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
Weekly Graduate colloquium on topics of interest in QB3 research.
QB3 Colloquium for Graduate Students: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-2 hours of colloquium per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Chemistry/Graduate examination preparation
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Formerly known as: Chemistry 999
QB3 Colloquium for Graduate Students: Read Less [-]