BIOCHEMISTRY, B.A. (L&S)

Biochemistry is a very broad science that studies the molecules and chemistry of life. Biochemistry focuses on the structure, properties, and interactions of molecules such as proteins, nucleic acids, sugars, and lipids. Biochemistry's aim is to understand how these molecules participate in the processes that support the various functions of the living cell. These studies are therefore essential for understanding disease and finding cures, for improving agriculture and the production of food and biofuels, and to produce innovation in biotechnology.

Whereas other biological science majors may focus on cellular, organismal or population level biology, biochemistry focuses on processes that occur at the molecular to cellular levels. Therefore, this major has a greater focus on basic and quantitative sciences, such as math and, particularly, on chemistry.

Biochemistry graduates go on to a variety of careers in science and science-related fields. The major is designed to fit the needs of the student who wishes to achieve bachelor's level training as well as those planning to pursue graduate or professional study. The degree serves as an excellent background for medical school or veterinary school admission, as well as for graduate study in biochemistry or other allied fields (biology, bacteriology, genetics, molecular biology, or oncology).

HOW TO GET IN

Students who have completed a semester or more on campus must have a 2.5 previous semester GPA in order to declare or transfer into the major. Students may declare the major via an appointment with the undergraduate advisor. Students who attend Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) with the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) have the option to declare Biochemistry at SOAR. Students may otherwise declare after they have begun their undergraduate studies. The biochemistry major is offered through either CALS or the College of Letters & Science (L&S). Students interested in the differences or transferring between CALS and L&S should meet with the advisor to discuss this in more detail. Students in other schools/colleges (Business, Education, Engineering, etc.) may add biochemistry as an additional major with permission of their home school/college.

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatetext) section of the Guide.

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| General Education | • Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits  
• Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits  
• Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits  
• Communication Part A & Part B  
• Ethnic Studies  
• Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B |

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE BREADTH AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum. View a comparison of the degree requirements here. (https://pubs.wisc.edu/home/archives/ug15/images/babs2009.pdf)

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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| Foreign Language | • Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR  
• Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language |
| Note: A unit is one year of high school work or one semester/term of college work. |
| L&S Breadth | • Humanities, 12 credits: 6 of the 12 credits must be in literature  
• Social Sciences, 12 credits  
• Natural Sciences, 12 credits: must include one 3+ credit course in the biological sciences; must include one 3+ credit course in the physical sciences |

| Major | Declare and complete at least one (1) major |
| Total Credits | 120 credits |
**UW-Madison Experience**

- 30 credits in residence, overall
- 30 credits in residence after the 90th credit

**Minimum GPAs**

- 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison
- 2.000 in intermediate/advanced coursework at UW–Madison

**NON–L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR**

Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements and do not need to complete the L&S breadth and degree requirements above.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR**

**MATHEMATICS**

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**CHEMISTRY**

**General Chemistry**

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**Organic Chemistry**

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**Analytical Chemistry**

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**Physical Chemistry**

Must complete 4 credits of physical chemistry. Select one of the following options:

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**BIOLOGY**

Students must complete either Option A (introductory + upper-level biology), or Option B (Biocore), for 16 total credits of biological science coursework.

**Option A (Introductory + Upper-Level Biology)**

**Option A Introductory Biology**

Select one of the following introductory biology options:

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**AND Option A Upper-Level Biology**

At least 6 credits of upper-level biological science coursework are required (to achieve 16 total credits—more than 6 credits may be required if introductory biology totals less than 10 credits due to transfer credits). Select from the course list below. To see courses offered in specific upcoming semesters, please see the Biochemistry website (https://biochem.wisc.edu/undergraduate_program/advanced-biology-courses-undergraduate-program).

**Important:** Biochemistry courses on this list can count only for "upper-level biology" if they are above-and-beyond what is needed to fulfill the "biochemistry" portion of the major. For example, if students have taken BIOCHEM 501, they will need one upper-level biochemistry elective to fulfill the biochemistry requirement, and then any additional biochemistry courses taken can count for upper-level biology. A course may not double count in both the "upper-level biology" and the "biochemistry" requirements for the major.

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BIOCHEM/ GENETICS/ MICROBIO 612  Prokaryotic Molecular Biology
BIOCHEM/ GENETICS/ MD GENET 620  Eukaryotic Molecular Biology
BIOCHEM/ BOTANY 621  Plant Biochemistry
BIOCHEM 625  Mechanisms of Action of Vitamins and Minerals
BIOCHEM/ PHMCOL-M/ ZOOLOGY 630  Cellular Signal Transduction Mechanisms
BIOCHEM/ NUTR SCI 645  Molecular Control of Metabolism and Metabolic Disease

Capstone Course (required)

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RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK REQUIREMENTS (AT TIME OF GRADUATION)

- 2.000 GPA in all BIOCHEM and major courses
- 2.000 GPA in at least 15 upper-level major credits in residence (credits taken on campus at UW–Madison or UW–Madison-sponsored study abroad programs). Upper-level major credits are defined as coursework higher than the 300 level that could fulfill major requirements.
- 15 credits in the major/BIOCHEM taken on campus

RECOMMENDED COURSES

First-year students interested in exploring the major can enroll in Biochemistry Freshman Seminar (BIOCHEM 100). Additional courses in MATH, BIOLOGY, CHEM, BIOCHEM, STAT, and COMP SCI are common elective courses, depending on the student’s areas of interest and future career goals.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Biochemistry Major in consultation with the Biochemistry undergraduate advisor. To be admitted to the Honors Program in Biochemistry, students must have declared a major in Biochemistry and achieved a 3.300 overall university GPA.

HONORS IN THE BIOCHEMISTRY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn a B.A. or a B.S. with Honors in the Major in Biochemistry students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- 3.300 overall university GPA
- 3.300 GPA in courses designated as biological, physical, or natural science breadth

- Complete two biological science courses for Honors chosen from the list of courses (below) that can fulfill the biological science requirements for the major (introductory biology, upper-level biology, or Biocore)
- Complete BIOCHEM 507 General Biochemistry I and BIOCHEM 508 General Biochemistry II for Honors. This is in addition to the biological and physical science Honors requirements above.
- Complete a two-semester Senior Honors Thesis in BIOCHEM 681 Senior Honors Thesis and BIOCHEM 682 Senior Honors Thesis, for a total of 6 credits. Students seeking to complete this requirement in a related department, such as chemistry, must seek approval from the undergraduate biochemistry advisor.
- Complete at least 20 credits, taken for Honors, from the following list:

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UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements Detail

Total Degree
To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency
Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work
Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Identify the fundamental biochemical principles that underlie all biological processes.
2. Communicate biochemical knowledge in both written reports and oral presentations to scientists and non-scientists.
3. Evaluate how biochemistry relates to other scientific disciplines and to contemporary issues in our society.
4. Demonstrate professional and ethical responsibility in scientific research.
5. Design and conduct quantitative experiments and/or interpret data to address a scientific question.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

HOW TO SEEK ADVISING

- To schedule an appointment with the advisor, Kendra Gurnee, use the Scheduling Assistant (https://calendar.wisc.edu/scheduling-assistant/public/profiles/XkmJSxnp.html).
- Email (kgurnee@wisc.edu) Kendra Gurnee with brief questions.
- Drop-in advising hours for quick (10-15 minute) questions, on a first-come, first-serve basis, are posted on the Biochemistry website (https://biochem.wisc.edu/undergraduate_program/advising-information-undergraduate-program) each semester.

CAREER EXAMPLES

- Take your skills to a rewarding career in product development, quality control, hospitals, biotechnology, university labs, pharmaceuticals, forensics, and more. Possibilities at top organizations and leading companies include positions such as protein purification scientist, lab manager, medical scribe, clinical research coordinator, and food safety and quality chemist.
- Pursue a professional degree in medical, dental, or veterinary school, using your background in biochemistry to aid your admission and success.
- Build on your research experience and continue graduate studies in biochemistry or a related field to shape a career in academia as a professor or in industry.
- Use your science background to inform patent law, science policy and ethics, sales and marketing for science and technology companies, scientific article publishing, and related fields.

PEOPLE

PROFESSORS

Amasino, Rick
Ansari, Aseem
Attie, Alan
Bednarek, Sebastian
Butcher, Sam
Clagett-Dame, Margaret
Cox, Mike
Craig, Elizabeth
Fox, Brian (Chair)
Friesen, Paul
Hayes, Colleen
Holden, Hazel
Kimble, Judith
Landick, Bob
Markley, John
Martin, Tom
Mitchell, Julie
Ntambi, James
Palmenberg, Ann
Pike, Wes
Ralph, John
Rayment, Ivan
Record, Tom
Sussman, Mike
Weibel, Doug
Wickens, Marv

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Pagliarini, Dave
Senes, Alessandro

ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

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Raman, Vatsan
Romero, Phil
Venturelli, Ophelia
Wildonger, Jill

ASSOCIATE FACULTY ASSOCIATE

Prost, Lynne
UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR
Gurnee, Kendra

WISCONSIN EXPERIENCE

The following opportunities can help students connect with other students interested in biochemistry, build relationships with faculty and staff, and contribute to out-of-classroom learning:

• The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) UW-Madison Student Chapter (https://win.wisc.edu/organization/ASBMB) is a student organization for students interested in biochemistry. ASBMB provides information about careers and job opportunities, how to get involved in research, and volunteer and outreach opportunities.

• Several biochemistry faculty members offer experiential study abroad programs, where students can immerse themselves in research or global health field experiences. Students can review the Biochemistry Major Advising Page (https://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/map_biochem.asp) on the International Academic Programs website for information on these and other programs, as well as requirements that can typically be fulfilled abroad and things to consider when fitting study abroad into an academic plan.

• Students are encouraged to get involved in research, whether in the biochemistry department or through other life science or chemistry-related departments. Research can be performed for either course credit or pay, depending on the opportunity. The Biochemistry website (https://biochem.wisc.edu/undergraduate_program/research-opportunities-undergraduate-program) and the advisor can provide more information on finding research opportunities. Summer funding awards for research are available through the department.