

BIOCHEMISTRY, BS (L&S)

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HOW TO DECLARE

If you are interested in exploring or declaring the Biochemistry major, schedule an appointment with a Biochemistry academic advisor using Starfish.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Each student is assigned a professional academic advisor who works to understand student goals and helps to craft a path that best suits their needs. Students can learn more about the major and advising support in Biochemistry on the Biochemistry & Microbiology Undergraduate Advising Hub website.

- Schedule an Appointment: Current UW-Madison students can schedule an appointment with a Biochemistry academic advisor using Starfish.
- Send an Email: Reach out to us with brief questions at biochemmicrobio-advisor@wisc.edu.
- Drop-in Hours: Drop-in advising hours for quick (10–15 minute) questions, on a first-come, first-serve basis, are posted on the [Biochemistry / Microbiology Undergraduate Advising Hub website](#) #each semester.

CAREERS IN BIOCHEMISTRY

Biochemistry is a broad science that studies the molecules and chemistry of life and focuses on the structure, properties, and interactions of molecules such as proteins, nucleic acids, sugars and lipids.

Graduates of this program find rewarding, exciting, and professional work across all fields, such as biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, healthcare, life sciences, education, research, graduate school, and so much more. Be sure to check out our "Meet Our Alumni" website!

CAREER SUPPORT

Through events, one-on-one career advising, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience, and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

Students should set up their profiles in Handshake (<https://wisc.joinhandshake.com/login/>) to take care of everything they need to explore career events, manage their campus interviews, and apply to jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers around the country.

All students are welcome to attend events and use resources offered by career services across campus, but appointments should be made with career service advisors in your declared college.

STUDY ABROAD

Learning in Letters & Science emphasizes discovery, growth, understanding different perspectives, and challenging yourself,

which makes studying abroad an excellent fit for many L&S students: studyabroad.wisc.edu (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/>)

As a university with global influence, we have more than 300 study abroad programs (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/programs/>) in over 80 countries. These vary in length, academic focus, teaching format, language requirements, cost, and level of independence. There are many programs to complement every major (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/academics/major-advising-pages-maps/#L&S>) and any year of college (including the final semester)—and all meet UW-Madison's high academic standards. Students admitted into Letters & Science can even choose a short program in the summer before they start college or their whole first year: studyabroad.wisc.edu/launch (<http://studyabroad.wisc.edu/launch/>). Talk with your academic advisor about how studying abroad might fit with your academic plan.

SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

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- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try "Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them," (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW-Madison students