The Department of Chemistry

The department aims to provide Barnard College students with a working knowledge of chemistry—the study of matter and its transformations, particularly at the molecular scale—within a vibrant community of students, faculty, and staff. Students gain familiarity with the core areas of the field; inorganic, physical, organic, analytical, and biological chemistry; while developing broadly applicable skills in problem solving and critical thinking. Through extensive laboratory work, students apply chemical concepts and theories to the tangible world, and there are ample opportunities for independent research with faculty members.

Mission

The department strives to prepare majors and non-majors alike to meet post-graduation goals, including graduate study in chemistry, employment in chemistry or related technical fields, science teaching, and professional school (particularly in the health-related professions). The department is an important contributor to Barnard's effort to produce scientifically literate graduates and to be a source of distinguished women scientists.

Student Learning Objectives for Majors in Chemistry and Biochemistry

Students who graduate from Barnard College with a major in chemistry or biochemistry will be able to attain the following objectives:

- Demonstrate a thorough grounding in the core areas of chemistry: inorganic, physical, organic, biological, and analytical;
- Work effectively and safely in the chemistry laboratory, designing and conducting experiments, analyzing experimental results, and drawing conclusions from that data;
- Access, search, and interpret the chemical literature to obtain and critically evaluate scientific information;
- Clearly communicate scientific ideas and results both in writing and orally;
- Conduct themselves professionally and ethically as members of the scientific community;
- Pursue careers that require a high degree of technical expertise, including those in chemistry, science teaching, and the health professions.

Chemistry is the study of the nature of substances and their transformations. In a sequence of core courses, a chemistry or biochemistry major gains familiarity with the basic areas of the field: inorganic, organic, physical, analytical, and biological chemistry. In addition, she acquires sufficient skill in laboratory work that she is prepared for research.

The laboratories of the department are modern and well-equipped for both coursework and independent projects. Students may undertake research projects under the guidance of members of the department during the academic year or the summer. Opportunities are also available for research with Columbia faculty as well as staff members of the many medical schools and research institutions in New York City.

AP Credit

Students with scores of 4 or 5 on the Chemistry AP test or a 5, 6 or 7 on the IB chemistry exam can receive 3 credits of unspecified chemistry credit. Students may not “place out” of CHEM BC2001 unless they have taken the equivalent course(s) in college.

Pre-Medical Program

Non majors who are interested in the pre-health professions should work with the pre-health adviser to determine the best selection of chemistry courses for their goals. Information about the topics covered in each chemistry course is available through the prehealth professions office to facilitate student choice.

Introductory Course Selection

Based on their preparation and background in chemistry, most students begin their study with CHEM BC2001 General Chemistry I, an integrated lecture and laboratory course. Some students will also take CHEM BC1003 Chemical Problem Solving, which is a one point corequisite of General Chemistry. Consult the department regarding this choice.

Regardless of a student’s background in chemistry, students may also take CHEM BC1050 THE JAZZ OF CHEMISTRY. This 3.0-point seminar is limited to 24 students per section.

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Director of General Chemistry Laboratories: SuQing Liu
Director of Organic Chemistry Laboratories: Meenakshi Rao (Senior Lecturer)
Laboratory and Facilities Administrator: Maisha Rahman

Requirements for the Major

Two majors are offered by the department: Chemistry and Biochemistry. There is also a special track within chemistry for students who are interested in pursuing graduate study in chemical engineering.

A student interested in chemistry or biochemistry should consult any member of the department during her first year. In the first year they should take CHEM BC2001 General Chemistry I, CHEM BC3328
Introductory Organic Chemistry Laboratory, and CHEM BC3230 Organic Chemistry I and start or continue the study of calculus.

In addition to required coursework, research experience is strongly recommended and may begin as early as the sophomore year. Interested students should consult with individual faculty members about research opportunities.

Rising seniors making good progress towards the degree may be invited by the faculty to participate in the senior honors thesis program in which students carry out a year-long research project leading to a thesis. Students who do not perform thesis research will satisfy the senior capstone requirement by taking a single semester of research their senior year.

**Chemistry**

The courses required for the chemistry major are:

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Recommended

For Class 2021 and beyond:

1. Two semesters of math taken at college
2. Completion of Calculus through Calculus II.

Further mathematics experience is always encouraged strongly for Chemistry and Biochemistry majors.

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Students having advanced placement credit for one or two semesters of calculus may fulfill the two-semester requirement with additional mathematics, statistics, or computer science courses. Any calculus-based statistics course is acceptable. Also, many computer science courses are acceptable (e.g., COMS W1004 Intro to Programming in Java, COMS W3101 Program Languages (Python), ENV BC3050 Working with Big Data), although COMS W1002 Computing in Context is not.

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For the major in Chemistry, at least 61.5 credits are required (46.5 credits in chemistry + 6.0 in math + 9.0 in physics).

A list of major requirements, several possible course sequences, and information about the senior requirement can be obtained from any member of the department.

**Biochemistry**

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**Elective**

An elective course from the following list:

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**Recommended:**

* For Class of 2020 and before:
  1) Two Semesters of math taken at college, including Calculus I or either II or III is required.
  2) Completion of Calculus through Calculus II.

**†** Students having advanced placement credit for one or two semesters of calculus will fulfill this requirement with additional mathematics, statistics, or computer science courses.

**‡** For the major in Biochemistry, at least 63.5 credits are required (43.5 credits in chemistry + 5.0 in biology + 6.0 in math + 9.0 in physics).

A list of major requirements, including possible elective courses, and information about the senior requirement may be obtained from any member of the department.

**Requirements for the Minor**

Courses required for the Chemistry minor are:

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- CHEM BC3232 Chemistry IV
- CHEM BC3242 QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS
- CHEM BC3252 THERMODYNAMICS-KINETICS
- CHEM BC3271 INORGANIC CHEMISTRY
- CHEM BC3282 Biological Chemistry

Students whose major requires in excess of 40 points, including CHEM BC2001 General Chemistry I, CHEM BC3328 Introductory Organic Chemistry Laboratory, and/or CHEM BC3230 Organic Chemistry I, may count up to two of these courses towards the Chemistry minor with a petition from the Chemistry Department Chair. There is no minor in Biochemistry.

Transfer students who took CHEM BC2001 General Chemistry I and II at another institution can complete the minor by taking any one of the following courses on the list EXCEPT CHEM BC3232, which is not an acceptable course for students who have already had a two semester sequence of introductory chemistry elsewhere.

**CHEM BC1003 Chemical Problem Solving. 3 points.**

Prerequisites: Barnard students only. Permission of instructor required. Lecture: MWF 11:00-11:50

The course presents fundamental concepts of chemistry and helps students develop strong chemical problem solving skills. It is particularly appropriate for first-year students with weaker backgrounds in chemistry and/or mathematical problem-solving (e.g., SAT Math ≤ 600) who have an interest in continuing into the CHEM BC2001x General Chemistry course.

**CHEM BC1004 Special Topics in Chemistry. 0.50 points.**

**CHEM BC1004 Special Topics in Chemistry** is designed to give students the opportunity to explore their interests in chemistry while simultaneously taking CHEM BC2001, General Chemistry lecture and lab. Only students currently enrolled in CHEM BC2001 are eligible to take the course and students must select one of the FIVE topics. The topics include: MONDAY Chemistry and Racism, TUESDAY The Chemistry of Color, WEDNESDAY The Chemistry of Covid-19, THURSDAY An Introduction to Chemical Engineering, FRIDAY The Chemistry of Lead.

Students who have previously taken CHEM BC2001 may enroll with special permission of the instructor but priority will be given to current CHEM BC2001 students.

**CHEM BC1050 THE JAZZ OF CHEMISTRY. 3.00 points.**

The contribution of chemistry to everyday life is immense. The applications of chemistry in medicine, petrochemicals, cosmetics, and fertilizers are readily apparent. However, the knowledge and applications of chemistry come in handy in many other fascinating fields, some of which may be less than obvious. Examples of areas in which chemistry plays a key role include forensic science; art restoration and forgery detection; and flavors and fragrances in food, beverages and other consumer products. The goal of this course is to provide insights and spur discussion of several areas and applications of chemistry while gaining hands-on experience in techniques used in these fields.

**CHEM BC2001 General Chemistry I. 5 points.**


All students enrolled in BC2001x must also be enrolled in one section of BC2011 that is on the SAME DAY as BC2012.

Prerequisites: Algebra (Math SAT I score of 600 or permission of the instructor for first-year students).


Atoms; elements and compounds; gases; solutions; equilibrium; acid-base, precipitation, and oxidation-reduction reactions; thermochemistry. Laboratory experience with both qualitative and quantitative techniques.

**CHEM BC2012 General Chemistry Lab. 0 points.**


Required laboratory section for BC2001x General Chemistry. All students enrolled in BC2001x must also be enrolled in one section of BC2012 and one section of BC2011 on the SAME day.
CHEM BC2900 Research Methods Seminar.  1 point.
Instructor’s Permission Required
Prerequisites: Students must be sophomores with a strong interest in pursuing research in the biological or chemical sciences. Skills to facilitate into biology and chemistry research. Students will learn to think and work like scientists and to identify, apply for, and gain entry to research lab groups. Focus on writing and oral presentation skills. Additional readings and discussions on laboratory safety, women in science, and scientific ethics.

CHEM BC3000 Integrated Chemistry Laboratory.  2.00-3.00 points.
This course is designed to provide hands-on chemical training to reinforce laboratory techniques learned remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Experiments will integrate topics and techniques from analytical, organic, physical, and biological chemistry. The course is open to students of varying class years, and thus experiments will be tailored to the individuals’ completed coursework.

CHEM BC3230 Organic Chemistry I.  3 points.
Prerequisites: CHEM BC2001 or equivalent. Credit will not be given for any course below the 3000 level after completing CHEM BC2320 or its equivalent. Lecture: MWF 11:00-11:50.
Corequisites: With lab, credit towards Lab Science requirement. Atomic and molecular structure; stereochemistry of organic molecules; introduction to organic reactions, reaction mechanisms, and synthesis.

CHEM BC3231 Organic Chemistry II.  3 points.
Prerequisites: CHEM BC3230. Lecture: MWF 10:00-10:50.
Extension of concepts from Organic Chemistry I to conjugated systems; chemistry of the carbonyl group; NMR and IR spectroscopy; bioorganic chemistry.

CHEM BC3232 Chemistry IV.  3 points.
Prerequisites: Organic Chemistry I. Optional parallel laboratory work: CHEM BC3338. CHEM C1404 is not an acceptable equivalent for CHEM BC3232; students who have taken even a single semester of organic chemistry will not receive subsequent credit for C1404. Lecture: MWF 10:00-10:50.
Selected aspects of general chemistry, primarily for pre-health professions and biological science students who have taken Organic Chemistry. Thermodynamics, equilibrium, kinetics, complex ions and coordination compounds, and radiochemistry, with applications to analytical chemistry and biochemistry.

CHEM BC3242 QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS.  3.00 points.
Prerequisites: CHEM BC3231, MATH UN1101, and permission of instructor. Survey of topics appropriate for a student majoring in chemistry or biochemistry, including examinations of uncertainty analysis and data processing, use of basic laboratory equipment, complex equilibria (pH, solubility, etc.), advanced solution chemistry and chemical activity, and the theoretical foundations of modern techniques in electrochemistry, chromatography and analytical experimental techniques.

CHEM BC3252 THERMODYNAMICS-KINETICS.  3.00 points.

CHEM BC3253 QUANTUM CHEMISTRY.  3.00 points.
Prerequisites: 2 semesters of calculus-based introductory physics, Calculus II, BC3242 Quantitative Analysis, or permission of instructor. Exact and approximate solutions to the Schrödinger equation. The structure of atoms and molecules. Chemical bonding and spectroscopy. Computer-based molecular modeling.

CHEM BC3254 Methods and Applications in Physical Chemistry.  3 points.
Prerequisites: One semester of physical chemistry (CHEM BC3252, CHEM BC2325, or the equivalent). Lecture: MWF 10:00-10:50.
Advanced topics in physical chemistry, including statistical mechanics, reaction dynamics, surface science, spectroscopy, microscopy, and nanotechnology. Particular emphasis will be placed on current applications in related fields such as biomedicine, engineering, and environmental science.

CHEM BC3271 INORGANIC CHEMISTRY.  3.00 points.
Prerequisites: CHEM BC3231 or Permission of Instructor. Structure, bonding and spectroscopy in inorganic compounds: applications of group theory to chemistry; ligand field theory; vibrational and electronic spectroscopy of transition metal complexes; selected topics from coordination chemistry; organometallics, bioinorganic chemistry, solid state and materials chemistry, mineralogy, and biogeochemistry.

CHEM BC3272 Advanced Inorganic Chemistry.  3 points.
Not offered during 2022-23 academic year.

Prerequisites: CHEM BC3271 Inorganic Chemistry. This course combines builds on the foundation developed in Inorganic Chemistry (CHEM BC3271) and applies inorganic chemical concepts and techniques to specific applications. A particular focus will be on understanding the roles of the transition metals in biological systems.

CHEM BC3280 Advanced Organic Chemistry.  3 points.
Prerequisites: One year of organic chemistry. Lecture: MWF 9:9-9:50 AM.
Survey of topics in structural, mechanistic, and synthetic organic chemistry, including molecular orbital treatment of structure, bonding, and chemical reactivity; elucidation of organic reaction mechanisms; pericyclic reactions; stereoelectronic effects; reactive intermediates; asymmetric reactions; and natural product total synthesis.

CHEM BC3282 Biological Chemistry.  3 points.

CHEM BC3283 Biological Chemistry II.  3 points.
Prerequisites: CHEM BC3282 or equivalent. Advanced topics in the field of biochemistry, including enzyme mechanisms, pharmaceutical drug design, and disease therapies. Emphasis will be placed on discussion of current scientific literature.
CHEM BC3284 Current Topics in Biochemistry. 3 points.
Prerequisites: CHEM BC3282 and CHEM BC3355 or instructor approval.
This course is designed to expose students to a range of current research topics in the field of biochemistry and develop their ability to understand and evaluate primary scientific literature. The first half of the course will focus on current research on fundamental biochemistry systems and processes; the second half will address biomedical application and advances.

CHEM BC3328 Introductory Organic Chemistry Laboratory. 2.5 points.
Prerequisites: General Chemistry I with lab.
Corequisites: CHEM BC3230 or equivalent (can also be prerequisite).
Lecture and laboratory one afternoon: MTWRF 1:10-5:30. Lab only Th: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

CHEM BC3333 Modern Techniques of Organic Chemistry Laboratory. 3 points.
Prerequisites: CHEM BC3328 with a grade of C- or better and CHEM BC3230.
Corequisites: CHEM BC3231. CHEM BC3334 Lecture: M 1:10-2:00; Laboratory one afternoon: M 2:10-6:00; W or F 1:10-5:00.
Advanced experimental organic techniques and introduction to qualitative and quantitative organic analysis. Emphasis on instrumental and chromatographic methods. Selected reactions. Students enrolling in this course must register for CHEM BC3334x.

CHEM BC3338 Quantitative and Instrumental Techniques Laboratory. 3 points.
Prerequisites: CHEM BC3231, CHEM BC3333
Corequisites: For students not majoring in chemistry or biochemistry. CHEM BC3232 For students majoring in chemistry biochemistry, CHEM BC3242. Lab Lecture: Tu 1:10-2:00; Laboratory one afternoon: Tu, W, or Th.
Quantitative techniques in volumetric analysis, radiochemistry, spectrophotometry, and pH measurement. Data analysis with spreadsheets.

CHEM BC3346 Advanced Spectroscopy Laboratory . 0 points.
Corequisites: CHEM BC3348
This course combines chemical synthesis, inorganic chemistry, physical chemistry, and nanoscience into experiments with an emphasis using spectroscopy to determine chemical structure and reactivity. You will gain experience with a range of instruments, techniques, calculations, and theories. Instrumentation will include UV-Visible, infrared, near-infrared, fluorescence, and Raman spectroscopy.

CHEM BC3348 Advanced Spectroscopy and Analysis Laboratory. 3 points.
Prerequisites: CHEM BC3333 and CHEM BC3253
Corequisites: CHEM BC3271
This course combines chemical synthesis, inorganic chemistry, physical chemistry, and nanoscience into experiments with an emphasis using spectroscopy to determine chemical structure and reactivity. You will gain experience with a range of instruments, techniques, calculations, and theories. Instrumentation will include UV-Visible, infrared, near-infrared, fluorescence, and Raman spectroscopy.

CHEM BC3355 Biochemistry Laboratory Techniques. 5 points.
Prerequisites: Organic II lab (CHEM BC3333, BC3355, or equivalent); Quantitative analysis lab (BC3338, BC3340, or equivalent); Biochemistry (CHEM BC3282y, CHEM C3501, or equivalent). Lecture: M 1:10-12:50; Laboratory two afternoons: M 2:10-6:00 / W 1:10-5:00.
Theory and application of fundamental techniques for the isolation, synthesis and characterization of biological macromolecules including proteins, lipids, nucleotides and carbohydrates. Techniques include spectroscopic analysis, gel electrophoresis, chromatography, enzyme kinetics, immunoblotting, PCR, molecular cloning and cell culture, as well as modern laboratory instrumentation, such as UV-Vis, GC-MS and HPLC.

CHEM BC3358 Advanced Chemical Synthesis Laboratory. 5 points.
Prerequisites: CHEM BC3333, CHEM BC3271, and CHEM BC3338
Corequisites: CHEM BC3253
Multistep and multi-day experiments in organic and inorganic synthesis via advanced synthetic methods. Experiments include solution phase, solid state, and photochemical syntheses. Products will be analyzed and characterized by a variety of methods, including: IR, NMR, and UV-Vis spectroscopy, and also by polarimetry, chiral GC, and GC/MS.

CHEM BC3597 PROBLEMS IN CHEMISTRY. 2.00 points.
Prerequisites: CHEM BC3238 and permission of instructor.
Individual research projects at Barnard or Columbia, culminating in a comprehensive written report

CHEM BC3599 PROBLEMS IN CHEMISTRY. 4.00 points.
Prerequisites: CHEM BC3238 and permission of instructor.
Individual research projects at Barnard or Columbia, culminating in a comprehensive written report

CHEM BC3901 Senior Honors Thesis. 4 points.
Enrollment restricted by invitation of the department.
Weekly seminar to accompany Senior Honors Thesis Lab (CHEM BC3903). Focus is on scientific presentation and writing skills and research conduct.

CHEM BC3902 Senior Honors Thesis. 4 points.
Enrollment restricted by invitation of the department.
Weekly seminar to accompany Senior Honors Thesis Lab (CHEM BC3903). Focus is on scientific presentation and writing skills and research conduct.

CHEM BC3903 Senior Honor Thesis Lab. 0 points.
Corequisites: CHEM BC3901
Guided research in Chemistry or Biochemistry, under the sponsorship of a faculty member, leading to the senior thesis. A minimum of 8 hours of research per week, to be arranged.

CHEM BC3904 Senior Honors Thesis Lab. 0 points.
Corequisites: CHEM BC3902
Guided research in Chemistry or Biochemistry, under the sponsorship of a faculty member, leading to the senior thesis. A minimum of 8 hours of research per week, to be arranged.
Cross-Listed Courses

Chemistry

CHEM GU4071 Inorganic Chemistry. 4.5 points.
Prerequisites: CHEM W3443-CHEM W3444 or CHEM W3045-CHEM W3046.
Principles governing the structure and reactivity of inorganic compounds surveyed from experimental and theoretical viewpoints. Topics include inorganic solids, aqueous and nonaqueous solutions, the chemistry of selected main group elements, transition metal chemistry, metal clusters, metal carbonyls, and organometallic chemistry.

CHEM GU4147 Advanced Organic Chemistry. 4.5 points.
Prerequisites: elementary organic and physical chemistry.
The mechanisms of organic reactions, structure of organic molecules, and theories of reactivity. How reactive intermediates are recognized and mechanisms are deduced using kinetics, stereochemistry, isotopes, and physical measurements.

BIOC G4170 Biophysical Chemistry. 4.5 points.
Not offered during 2022-23 academic year.
Prerequisites: elementary physical and organic chemistry. Recommended preparation: elementary biochemistry.
Tactics and techniques for the study of large molecules of biological importance; analysis of the conformation of proteins and nucleic acids, hydrodynamic, scattering, and spectroscopic techniques for examining macromolecular structure.

CHEM G4172 Biorganic Topics. 4.5 points.
Not offered during 2022-23 academic year.
Prerequisites: elementary organic chemistry.
Recommended preparation: advanced organic chemistry. Various topics in bioactive molecules in the field centered on natural-products chemistry, metabolic transformations, and enzyme mechanisms. Biosynthesis of natural products and some other bioorganic topics.

CHEM GU4221 Quantum Chemistry. 4.5 points.
Prerequisites: elementary physical chemistry.
Basic quantum mechanics: the Schrodinger equation and its interpretation, exact solutions in simple cases, methods or approximation, angular Momentum and electronic spin, and an introduction to atomic and molecular structure.