

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, BS

for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering (Specialized Curriculum)

The first two years of the Chemical Engineering curriculum provide a strong foundation in basic sciences through Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry, an introduction to what Chemical Engineers do, and the fundamental basis of Chemical Engineering (Mass and Energy Balances and Thermodynamics.) In the third year, students delve deeper into more specialized Chemistry courses such as Physical and Analytical Chemistry, while exploring fundamental Chemical Engineering courses such as Momentum Transfer, Separations, and Reactor Design. The Senior year incorporates all of this learning through high level technical electives, Process Control, Capstone Lab, and Capstone Design courses. It is through the lab and design class that students apply everything they have learned in previous Chemical Engineering courses to real-world team projects and presentations.

The standard Chemical Engineering curriculum provides a strong fundamental understanding of Chemical Engineering and is designed to prepare students for careers in industries spanning the areas of energy, chemical processing, food, semiconductor processing, personal care products, specialized fibers and materials.

As an alternative, the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering provides a *Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering* degree with a concentration in Biomolecular Engineering. The Biomolecular Engineering concentration builds upon the traditional principles of chemical engineering, but specializes in biological and biotechnological systems in order to better prepare students who are interested in or seek employment in the food, pharmaceutical, and biotechnology industries.

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Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 129 hours.

A grade point average of 2.5 or higher in all courses required for the major earned on the UIUC campus is required in order to be accepted by the department as juniors and seniors.

University Requirements

Minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework, generally at the 300- or 400-level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree.

Students should consult their academic advisor for additional guidance in fulfilling this requirement.

The university and residency requirements can be found in the Student Code (<https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3/part8/3-801/>) (§ 3-801) and in the Academic Catalog (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

General Education Requirements

Follows the campus General Education (Gen Ed) requirements (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>). Some Gen Ed

requirements may be met by courses required and/or electives in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
	Composition I	4-6
	Advanced Composition	3
	fulfilled by CHBE 431	
	Humanities & the Arts (6 hours)	6
	Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours)	6
	fulfilled by CHEM 202 and CHEM 204, or CHEM 102 and CHEM 104; and PHYS 211, PHYS 212	
	Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	6
	Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: US Minority Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures (1 course)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (2 courses, at least one course must be Quantitative Reasoning I)	6-10
	fulfilled by MATH 220 or MATH 221; and MATH 231, MATH 241, MATH 285, PHYS 211, PHYS 212, CS 101	
	Language Requirement (Completion of the third semester or equivalent of a language other than English is required.)	0-15

Orientation and Professional Development

These courses introduce opportunities and resources the college, department, and curriculum offers students. They also provide background on the Chemical Engineering curriculum, what chemical engineers do, and the skills to work effectively and successfully in the engineering profession.

Code	Title	Hours
CHBE 121	CHBE Profession	1
	For non-first-year students, CHBE 121 can be replaced with 1 hour of credit from Technical Elective List 1 or List 2. (Ref List 1 and List 2 below.)	
ENG 100	Grainger Engineering Orientation Seminar	1
Total Hours		2

Foundational Mathematics and Science

These courses stress the basic mathematical and scientific principles upon which the engineering discipline is based.

Code	Title	Hours
	Select one group of courses (Accelerated or General Chemistry)	10-12
	CHEM 202 & CHEM 203 & CHEM 204 & CHEM 205	
	Accelerated Chemistry I and Accelerated Chemistry Lab I and Accelerated Chemistry II and Accelerated Chemistry Lab II	
OR		

CHEM 102 & CHEM 103 & CHEM 104 & CHEM 105 & CHEM 222 & CHEM 223	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry Lab I and General Chemistry II and General Chemistry Lab II and Quantitative Analysis Lecture and Quantitative Analysis Lab	
MATH 221	Calculus I (MATH 220 may be substituted. MATH 220 is appropriate for students with no background in calculus. 4 or 5 credit hours count towards the degree.)	4
MATH 231	Calculus II	3
MATH 241	Calculus III	4
MATH 257 or MATH 415	Linear Algebra with Computational Applications Applied Linear Algebra	3
MATH 285 or MATH 441	Intro Differential Equations Differential Equations	3
PHYS 211	University Physics: Mechanics	4
PHYS 212	University Physics: Elec & Mag	4
PHYS 214	Univ Physics: Quantum Physics	2
Total Hours		37-39

Chemical Engineering Technical Core

These courses stress fundamental concepts and basic laboratory techniques that comprise the common intellectual understanding of chemical engineering and chemical science.

Code	Title	Hours
CHBE 221	Principles of CHE	3
CHBE 321	Thermodynamics	4
CHBE 421	Momentum and Heat Transfer	4
CHBE 422	Mass Transfer Operations	4
CHBE 424	Chemical Reaction Engineering	3
CHBE 430	Unit Operations Laboratory	4
CHBE 431	Process Design	4
CHBE 440	Process Control and Dynamics	3
CHEM 236	Fundamental Organic Chem I	4
CHEM 237	Structure and Synthesis	2
CHEM 315	Instrumental Chem Systems Lab	2
Students must register in one of the Chemical Engineering-specific CHEM 315 lab sections.		
CHEM 420	Instrumental Characterization	2
CHEM 442	Physical Chemistry I	4
CS 101	Intro Computing: Engrg & Sci	3
CHBE 411 or IE 300 or STAT 400	Probability and Statistics for ChBE Analysis of Data Statistics and Probability I	3-4
Total Hours		49-50

Note: An optional Biomolecular Engineering concentration can be elected. See Chemical Engineering: Biomolecular Engineering, BS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/chemical-engineering-bs/>)

biomolecular-engineering/). Those who do not elect the optional concentration are required to take the coursework below.

Chemical Engineering Technical Core (cont.)

Code	Title	Hours
CHEM 436 or MCB 450	Fundamental Organic Chem II Introductory Biochemistry	3
Total Hours for Chemical Engineering Technical Core		52-53

Chemical Engineering Technical Electives

These courses stress the rigorous analysis and design principles practiced in the major subdisciplines of chemical engineering, embodied in the standard chemical engineering program and biomolecular engineering concentration.

Code	Title	Hours
Select 18 credit hours from List 1 and List 2, with specific requirements noted below.		

Note: A maximum of 10 credit hours of undergraduate research may be counted toward Technical Elective credit.

Two 400-level ChBE courses from List 1, with not more than 3 hours being CHBE 497 or CHBE 499	6
One Additional 400-level course from List 1	3
Two Additional courses from List 1	6
One Additional 400-level course from List 1 or List 2	3
Total Hours for Chemical Engineering Technical Electives	18

LIST 1

Any 400-level ChBE Course, excluding ChBE core courses CHBE 411, CHBE 421, CHBE 422, CHBE 424, CHBE 430, CHBE 431, and CHBE 440

ABE 436	Renewable Energy Systems
ABE 483	Engineering Properties of Food Materials
ABE 488	Bioprocessing Biomass for Fuel
ATMS 420	Atmospheric Chemistry
BIOE 476	Tissue Engineering
CEE 320	Construction Engineering
CEE 330	Environmental Engineering
CEE 350	Water Resources Engineering
CEE 421	Construction Planning
CEE 422	Construction Cost Analysis
CEE 437	Water Quality Engineering
CEE 440	Fate Cleanup Environ Pollutant
CEE 442	Environmental Engineering Principles, Physical
CEE 443	Env Eng Principles, Chemical
CEE 450	Surface Hydrology
CEE 452	Hydraulic Analysis and Design
CHBE 297	Individual Study Sophomores
CHBE 397	Individual Study for Juniors
CS 357	Numerical Methods I
CS 411	Database Systems

CS 427	Software Engineering I	ABE 425	Engrg Measurement Systems
CS 440	Artificial Intelligence	ABE 430	Project Management
CS 446	Machine Learning	ABE 497	Independent Study
CS 450	Numerical Analysis	ABE 498	Special Topics
CS 498	Special Topics	ANSC 445	Statistical Methods
ECE 304	Photonic Devices	ANSC 450	Comparative Immunobiology
ECE 313	Probability with Engrg Applic	ATMS 421	Earth Systems Modeling
ECE 333	Green Electric Energy	BADM 461	Tech, Eng, & Mgt Final Project
ECE 380	Biomedical Imaging	BIOC 446	Physical Biochemistry
ECE 416	Biosensors	CEE 407	Airport Design
ECE 444	IC Device Theory & Fabrication	CEE 497	Independent Study
ECE 481	Nanotechnology	CEE 498	Special Topics
ECE 490	Introduction to Optimization	CHEM 436	Fundamental Organic Chem II
ME 400	Energy Conversion Systems	CHEM 437	Organic Chemistry Lab
ME 471	Finite Element Analysis	CHEM 444	Physical Chemistry II
ME 482	Musculoskel Tissue Mechanics	CHEM 445	Physical Principles Lab I
ME 483	Mechanobiology	CHEM 483	Solid State Structural Anlys
ME 487	MEMS-NEMS Theory & Fabrication	CHEM 497	Individual Study Senior
MSE 304	Electronic Properties of Matls	CPSC 414	Forage Crops & Pasture Ecology
MSE 307	Materials Laboratory I	CPSC 415	Bioenergy Crops
MSE 308	Materials Laboratory II	CPSC 418	Crop Growth and Management
MSE 401	Thermodynamics of Materials	CPSC 419	Midwest Agricultural Practices
MSE 402	Kinetic Processes in Materials	CPSC 453	Principles of Plant Breeding
MSE 403	Synthesis of Materials	FSHN 414	Food Chemistry
MSE 406	Thermal-Mech Behavior of Matls	FSHN 418	Food Analysis
MSE 420	Ceramic Materials & Properties	FSHN 426	Biochemical Nutrition I
MSE 441	Metals Processing	FSHN 428	Community Nutrition
MSE 450	Polymer Science & Engineering	FSHN 460	Food Processing Engineering
MSE 457	Polymer Chemistry	FSHN 465	Principles of Food Technology
MSE 458	Polymer Physics	FSHN 471	Food & Industrial Microbiology
MSE 460	Electronic Materials I	FSHN 480	Basic Toxicology
MSE 470	Design and Use of Biomaterials	FSHN 481	Food Processing Unit Operations I
MSE 473	Biomolecular Materials Science	FSHN 483	Food Processing Unit Operations II
MSE 474	Biomaterials and Nanomedicine	GEOL 450	Investigating the Earth's Interior
MSE 480	Surfaces and Colloids	GEOL 451	Environmental Geophysics
MSE 487	Materials for Nanotechnology	GEOL 454	Introduction to Seismology
MSE 489	Matl Select for Sustainability	GEOL 470	Introduction to Hydrogeology
NPRE 201	Energy Systems	IB 451	Conservation Biology
NPRE 402	Nuclear Power Engineering	IS 467	Ethics and Policy for Data Science
NPRE 412	Nuclear Power Econ & Fuel Mgmt	MATH 402	Non Euclidean Geometry
NPRE 441	Radiation Protection	MATH 413	Intro to Combinatorics
NPRE 442	Radioactive Waste Management	MATH 417	Intro to Abstract Algebra
NPRE 457	Safety Anlys Nucl Reactor Syst	MATH 442	Intro Partial Diff Equations
NPRE 461	Probabilistic Risk Assessment	MATH 446	Applied Complex Variables
NPRE 470		MATH 461	Probability Theory
NPRE 475		MATH 487	Advanced Engineering Math
NPRE 480	Energy and Security	MCB 408	Immunology
SE 411	Reliability Engineering	MCB 424	Microbial Biochemistry
TAM 211	Statics	MCB 436	Global Biosecurity
TAM 251	Introductory Solid Mechanics	MCB 450	Introductory Biochemistry
TAM 461	Cellular Biomechanics	MCB 462	Integrative Neuroscience
		MSE 497	Independent Study

LIST 2

MSE 498	Special Topics
NPRE 483	Seminar on Security
NPRE 498	Special Topics
NRES 488	Soil Fertility and Fertilizers
PHYS 435	Electromagnetic Fields I
PHYS 470	Subatomic Physics
SE 400	Engineering Law
STAT 410	Statistics and Probability II
STAT 420	Methods of Applied Statistics
STAT 430	Topics in Applied Statistics
STAT 440	Statistical Data Management
UP 406	Urban Ecology
UP 430	Urban Transportation Planning

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This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a third level of a language other than English. For more information, see the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

****The sample sequence below assumes that the student has placed into the Accelerated Chemistry courses.***

First Year	
First Semester	Hours
ENG 100	1
CHEM 202	3
CHEM 203	2
MATH 221 (MATH 220 may be substituted)	4
General Education course (Choose a Humanities course with Cultural Studies designation)	3

General Education course (Choose Social & Behavioral Sciences course) or Composition I	3
Total Hours 16	16

Total Hours 16**First Year**

Second Semester	Hours
CHBE 121	1
CHEM 204	3
CHEM 205	2
MATH 231	3
PHYS 211	4
Composition I or General Education course (Choose a Social & Behavioral Sciences course)	4
Total Hours 17	17

Total Hours 17**Second Year**

First Semester	Hours
CHBE 221	3
MATH 241	4
PHYS 212	4
CHEM 236	4
CHEM 237	2
Total Hours 17	17

Total Hours 17**Second Year**

Second Semester	Hours
CHBE 321	4
MATH 285 or 441	3
MATH 257 or 415	3
CS 101	3
PHYS 214	2
Total Hours 15	15

Total Hours 15**Third Year**

First Semester	Hours
CHBE 421	4
CHEM 315	2
CHBE 411, IE 300, or STAT 400	3
CHEM 420	2
CHEM 442	4
Total Hours 15	15

Total Hours 15**Third Year**

Second Semester	Hours
CHBE 422	4
CHBE 424	3
CHEM 436 or MCB 450	3

Language Other Than English (3rd level)	4
Technical Elective (CHBE 400-level)	3
Total Hours 17	17

Total Hours 17**Fourth Year**

First Semester	Hours
CHBE 430	4
CHBE 440	3
Technical Elective (CHBE 400-level)	3
Technical Elective (400-level, List 1 or 2)	3
Technical Elective (400-level, List 1)	3
Total Hours 16	16

Total Hours 16**Fourth Year**

Second Semester	Hours
CHBE 431	4
Technical Elective (List 1)	3
Technical Elective (List 1)	3
General Education course (Choose a Social & Behavioral Sciences course with Cultural Studies designation)	3
General Education course (Choose Humanities course with Cultural Studies designation)	3
Total Hours 16	16

Total Hours 16**Total Hours: 129**

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Student learning outcomes are based on learning outcomes in line with the ABET accreditation process.

Chemical Engineering graduates will have:

1. An ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics.
2. An ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors.
3. An ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences.
4. An ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts.
5. An ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives.

6. An ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions.
7. An ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.

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Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering **(<https://chbe.illinois.edu/>)**

Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering faculty (<https://chbe.illinois.edu/directory/>)

SCS Academic Advising (<https://scs.illinois.edu/academics/advising/>)

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences **(<https://las.illinois.edu/>)**

Overview of College Admissions & Requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences
(<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/>)