

COMPUTER SCIENCE + CHEMISTRY, BSLAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Computer Science + Chemistry

This is an interdisciplinary program that provides a strong foundation in computer science to equip majors to apply computing technology, including high-performance computing, artificial intelligence and machine learning, to the study of chemical and biochemical systems and the design of new molecules and materials. This program prepares majors for a variety of careers that may involve computer modeling and simulation of chemical and biochemical processes; statistical analyses of large datasets; and data visualizations of reaction pathways, molecular interactions, living chemical reactions, or other phenomena.

Other Undergraduate Degree Programs in Chemistry

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- Major in Chemistry (Sciences and Letters) (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/chemistry-bslas/#degreerequirementstext>)

For the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

- Major in Chemistry (Specialized Curriculum) (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/chemistry-bs/#degreerequirementstext>)
- Major in Chemistry (Specialized Curriculum), Environmental Chemistry Concentration (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/chemistry-bs/environmental-chemistry/>)

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A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office by the beginning of the fifth semester (60-75 hours).

Please visit the computer science advisor as well as the Chemical Sciences advising office.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

Minimum hours required major and supporting course work: normally equates to 66 hours. Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.

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
	Humanities & the Arts (6 hours)	6
	Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours)	6
	fulfilled by CHEM 102 and CHEM 104 or CHEM 202 and CHEM 204	
	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 CS 124, CS 128, CS 225, MATH 220 or MATH 221, MATH 231	
	Language Requirement (Completion of the fourth semester or equivalent of a language other than English, or completion of the third semester in two different languages other than English is required)	0-20

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Computer Science Coursework		
CS 100	Computer Science Orientation (recommended; CS 100 is an orientation course aimed at first-year students, so students who declare the major after the freshman year are not required to complete it.)	1
CS 124	Introduction to Computer Science I	3
CS 128	Introduction to Computer Science II	3
CS 173	Discrete Structures	3
CS 225	Data Structures	4
CS 222	Software Design Lab	1
	Choose one of the following combinations	8-11
CS 233 & CS 341	Computer Architecture and System Programming	
OR		
CS 340	Introduction to Computer Systems & two CS courses at the 400 level above CS 403, excluding CS 421 and CS 491	
	Choose one of the following:	3
STAT 200	Statistical Analysis	
STAT 212	Biostatistics	

CS 361	Probability & Statistics for Computer Science	
CS 374	Introduction to Algorithms & Models of Computation	4
CS 421	Programming Languages & Compilers	3
Mathematics (may also fulfill the General Education Quantitative Reasoning I and II requirements)		
MATH 221 or MATH 220	Calculus I Calculus	4-5
MATH 225 or MATH 257	Introductory Matrix Theory Linear Algebra with Computational Applications	2 or 3
MATH 231	Calculus II	3
Required Chemistry Coursework - Minimum of 24 hours		
Foundation Courses- 12 hours required		
Select one of the following (General or Accelerated Chemistry):		8
CHEM 102 & CHEM 103 & CHEM 104 & CHEM 105	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry Lab I and General Chemistry II and General Chemistry Lab II	
or		
CHEM 202 & CHEM 203 & CHEM 204	Accelerated Chemistry I and Accelerated Chemistry Lab I and Accelerated Chemistry II	
CHEM 232 or CHEM 236	Elementary Organic Chemistry I Fundamental Organic Chem I	4
Advanced Chemistry Courses- 12 hours		
CHEM 440 or CHEM 442	Physical Chemistry Principles Physical Chemistry I	4
In consultation with an advisor, choose 8 hours of 300- or 400-level chemistry courses (The following courses may not be used to complete the advanced chemistry hours: CHEM 315, CHEM 397, CHEM 445, CHEM 447, CHEM 492, CHEM 494, CHEM 496, CHEM 497 and CHEM 499; and any course in another unit, such as any BIOC or MCB course.)		8

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Sample Sequence

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. See the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year			
First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Free Elective course		1 CHEM 104 or 204	3
CS 100		1 CHEM 105 (or Free Elective course)	1
CS 124		3 CS 128	3
CHEM 102 or 202		3 MATH 231	3
CHEM 103 or 203		1 Composition I or General Education course	4
MATH 220 or 221	5		
General Education or Composition I	3		
		17	14

Total Hours 31

Second Year			
First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
CHEM 232 or 236		4 Advanced Chemistry course	3
CS 173		3 CS 225	4
General Education course		3 CS 222	1
Language Other than English (3rd level)		4 MATH 225 or 257	3
		Language Other than English (4th level)	4
		14	15

Total Hours 29

Third Year			
First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
CS 233 or 340		4 CS 341 (or CS 400-level course)	4
Advanced Chemistry course		3 Advanced Chemistry course	2
STAT 200, 212, or CS 361		3 General Education course	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
Free Elective course		3 Free Elective course	3
		16	15

Total Hours 31

Fourth Year			
First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
CS 374		4 CS 421	3
CHEM 440 or 442		4 General Education course	3

CS 400-level course or Free Elective course	3 General Education course	3
General Education course	3 Free Elective course	3
	Free Elective course	3
	14	15

Total Hours 29

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By the time of graduation, students will have:

Computer Science:

1. An ability to apply knowledge of computing and mathematics appropriate to the discipline
2. An ability to analyze a problem, and identify and define the computing requirements appropriate to its solution
3. An ability to design, implement, and evaluate a computer-based system, process, component, or program to meet desired needs
4. An ability to function effectively on teams to accomplish a common goal
5. An understanding of professional, ethical, legal, security and social issues and responsibilities
6. An ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences
7. An ability to analyze the local and global impact of computing on individuals, organizations, and society
8. A recognition of the need for and an ability to engage in continuing professional development
9. An ability to use current techniques, skills, and tools necessary for computing practice
10. An ability to apply mathematical foundations, algorithmic principles, and computer science theory in the modeling and design of computer-based systems in a way that demonstrates comprehension of the trade-offs involved in design choices
11. An ability to apply design and development principles in the construction of software systems of varying complexity

Chemistry:

1. A thorough knowledge of the basic principles of chemistry, including atomic and molecular structure, chemical dynamics and the chemical and physical properties of substances.
2. An exposure to the sub-fields of chemistry, including analytical, inorganic, organic and physical chemistry.
3. The ability to read, evaluate, interpret, and present (via oral and written communication) numerical, chemical and general scientific information and literature.
4. The ability to carry out experiments, use appropriate experimental apparatus effectively, and demonstrate proper laboratory safety skills.

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CS + X Degrees (<https://cs.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate/degree-program-options/cs-x-degree-programs/#requirements>)

CS + Chemistry (<https://chemistry.illinois.edu/computer-science-chemistry-degree/>)

Chemistry Department page (<https://chemistry.illinois.edu/scs-advising@illinois.edu>)

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

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

LAS website (<https://las.illinois.edu/>)

Grainger College of Engineering

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