Biochemistry (Medicinal Chemistry), BS

LABCHMBS

Learn about the molecular processes of life, how medicine works at the molecular level to benefit human health, and build your build problem-solving skills. The skills you gain through the molecular and life sciences courses in this program help prepare you for a variety of careers.

Program Description

Students in the BS program in biochemistry take courses in areas ranging from basic chemistry, through the properties and function of biomolecules and the mechanisms of cellular function, to living organisms.

With a concentration in medicinal chemistry, students learn how to apply chemical and biochemical thinking to the design and function of medicines. Students take classes in advanced organic chemistry and medicinal chemistry and learn the fundamental chemical basics of drug design, synthesis and mechanism of action.

At a Glance

• College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
• Location: Tempe campus or online, ASU Local@Los Angeles

• Additional Program Fee: Yes
• Second Language Requirement: No
• First Required Math Course: MAT 270 - Calculus w/Analytic Geometry I
  or MAT 265 Calculus for Engineers I
• Math Intensity: Substantial

Required Courses (Major Map)
Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- Biochemistry (Medicinal Chemistry), MS
- Nanoscience, PSM

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.
Global Opportunities

Global Experience
When studying abroad, students gain valuable experience in a diverse set of programs in places such as Hong Kong and Barcelona. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation. Studying abroad helps students build cultural competency skills as well as heightened skills in communication, critical thinking and leadership that allow them to stand out on their graduate school applications. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)

Career Opportunities

A solid undergraduate education in biochemistry provides the necessary background for career paths in chemical, medical, pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries and also for careers in governmental regulation, health care, research and other areas, as well as confer critical skills for pharmacy and medical school.

Students planning careers in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or veterinary medicine often pursue the medicinal chemistry concentration, with supporting work in biology and chemistry as the route for preprofessional training.

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