Chemistry, BA

LACHMBA

Do you want to help tackle current societal challenges related to energy, the environment, medicine and new materials? Learn how to address these problems at the atomic and molecular levels, and develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills useful for a wide assortment of careers.

Program Description

Students in the BA program in chemistry take a wide range of courses that prepare them to understand and take on important problems using atomic and molecular scale approaches in areas as diverse as climate change, sustainability, public health, nanoscience, forensics, cosmetics and food chemistry, patent law, sales and marketing.

The Bachelor of Arts program in chemistry is a flexible option for students interested in a liberal arts degree with a strong grounding in physical science. It is ideal for students seeking to complete two degrees. Students pursuing a bachelor's degree in chemistry have opportunities to explore a wide range of interests from laboratory science to working in the public sector in regulation or law.

Students wishing to pursue a scientific graduate degree should consider the BS in chemistry.

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:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 270 - Calculus w/Analytic Geometry I or MAT 265 Calculus for Engineers
Required Courses (Major Map)

2021 - 2022 Major Map (On-campus)
2021 - 2022 Major Map (Online)
Concurrent Option
Major Map (Archives)

Concurrent Program Options

Students can choose to create their own concurrent degree combination to match their interests by working with their academic advisor during or after their first semester of study. Some concurrent combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum; students should speak with their academic advisor for more details.

This degree is also offered as a concurrent program with an integrated major map with the following:

Secondary Education, BAE

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, chemistry students can gain valuable experience in a diverse set of programs. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation. Students who study abroad acquire heightened skills in communication, critical thinking and leadership. https://goglobal.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities

A degree in chemistry provides the background for careers in chemical and electronics industries, in national research labs and forensic labs. Chemistry can be combined with law for patent work, with economics for sales and marketing careers, and with computer science for careers in information technology. Students with a strong liberal arts background are also prepared for careers in scientific sales, marketing, human development and training. Students often take chemistry degree programs to be competitive applicants for admission to medical, dental or pharmacy schools.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<th>Career</th>
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<td><strong>Chemical Technician</strong></td>
<td>2.8%</td>
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<td><strong>Chemist</strong></td>
<td>4.7%</td>
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<td><strong>Crime Scene Investigator</strong></td>
<td>14.1%</td>
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<td><strong>Hydrogeologist</strong></td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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