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2020 Course Registration Tip Sheet- Chemistry

1. Accept your admission offer and pay your tuition deposit

Once you have accepted your admission offer and paid the tuition deposit, you will be eligible to register in courses. Login to your UAlberta Launchpad portal to accept and pay.

2. What courses should you register in?

- **BSc General, Chemistry or Physical Sciences Major** (*note: Physical Sciences is a mix of chemistry and physics*)

Your program outline is available at: uab.ca/SciGeneralDegree (Select the course planning sheet). We recommend you register for the junior core requirements in your first year of study. These 100-level courses are normally the pre-requisites for higher level science subjects and can be used towards professional programs.

- **BSc Specialization in Chemistry**

Locate your program curriculum in our registration guide at uab.ca/ScienceSpecialization. For the Specialization degree in Chemistry you are required to have a course load of at least *18 through the Fall/ Winter terms. You must also achieve a minimum 2.3 GPA and a minimum 2.3 GPA on all CHEM courses completed each year in order to stay in your program and remain in good standing (this is equivalent to a C+ average). **Please review the calendar section (accessible through the link above) for all details.**

- **BSc Honors in Chemistry**

Locate your program curriculum in our registration guide at uab.ca/ScienceHonors. For the Honors degree in Chemistry you are required to have a course load of at least *24 through the Fall/Winter terms. You must also achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA and a minimum 3.0 GPA on all CHEM courses completed each year in order to stay in your program and remain in good standing (this is equivalent to a B average). **Please review the calendar section (accessible through the link above) for all details.**

Note: A minimum of *120 normally taken in no more than five consecutive academic years is required to complete the Honors program for the degree of BSc with Honors. Some departments require that an Honors program be completed in four years, others permit five. See individual departments for details.

3. What courses count as options to fulfill your option requirements for your Chemistry degree?

Arts options: Courses offered by the Faculty of Arts, these are a diverse range of courses from the Humanities, Social Sciences, Fine Arts and Languages.

Science options: Courses offered by the Faculty of Science.

Outside options: Courses not offered by the Faculty of Science or Faculty of Arts. These are available to General Science students.

Approved (Pool) options: Only apply to Specialization & Honors students. These are normally science courses chosen by your department. See the calendar for your list of choices.

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4. Tips for creating your ideal timetable.

- **Create a balanced timetable**. Do not register for more than three lab based courses per term as you will have lab assignments and exams in addition to regular course work.
- **Do not register for a course if you do not have the pre-requisite**. Students without the appropriate pre-requisites will be removed from the course. Make sure to read the course description before you register in a course on Bear Tracks.
- **The class you want is full**: If a class is full simply place the class on your watch list (found on Bear Tracks). You will be notified via email or text message when a spot becomes available in the class.
- **Succeed from the start**. If you have questions about how to tackle a paper, report, or exam, how to study or take notes, how to plan your term, or manage a course project, visit the Academic Success Centre.

5. Preparing for your degree in Biological Sciences

- **Labs start 2-3 weeks after classes begin**. The lab component of your chemistry classes begins later in the semester. Check your course notes on Bear Tracks or your course syllabus know when your labs begin. Use this time wisely to solidify your study habits and keep up with your assignments. Things will get much busier once your labs begin. Go to a Studying and Reading Workshop hosted by the Academic Success Centre for strategies on time management.
- **Chemistry Seminars** provide access to the help room, available for all introductory chemistry classes. Help room location and hours of operation are listed in your lab manual.
- **Interesting courses to consider**: **CHEM 299** - Research Opportunity Program in Chemistry (mentored introduction to research in the lab, regular meetings on various topics). **CHEM 300** – Introduction to Industrial Chemistry (weekly meetings, industrial talks and tours, resume and interview preparation). **CHEM 399**: Research Experience in Chemistry (participation in a research project).
- **Department Awards & Scholarships**: the Department of Chemistry awards numerous scholarships each year. The recipients of the awards are chosen by the department, no application necessary.

6. Additional assistance

- Advising is available to all Science students, please visit www.ualberta.ca/science/student-services/your-academics/advising for details.
- For all questions relating to Chemistry courses or registration issues, please email the Department at undergrad@chem.ualberta.ca.

For additional questions contact a Faculty Recruiter at science.recruiting@ualberta.ca (while we will not register you in courses, we would be happy to provide assistance and answer your questions).