

FORENSIC CHEMISTRY

REQUIREMENTS

CORE CURRICULUM The Core Curriculum is designed to foster critical thinking skills and introduce students to basic domains of thinking that transcend disciplines. The Core applies to all majors. Information on specific classes in the Core can be found at marshall.edu/gened.

CORE 1: CRITICAL THINKING

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
FYS 100	First Year Seminar	3	_____
MTH 229	Critical Thinking Course	5	_____
_____	Critical Thinking Course	3	_____
Additional University Requirements			
_____	Writing Intensive (CHM 357 or CHM 358)	4	_____
_____	Writing Intensive	3	_____
_____	Multicultural or International	3	_____
CHM 491	Capstone	2	_____

CORE 2:

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
ENG 101	Beginning Composition	3	_____
ENG 201	Advanced Composition	3	_____
CMM 103	Fund Speech-Communication	3	_____
MTH 229	Calculus/Analytic Geom I (CT)	5	_____
BSC 120/L	Principles of Biology I / Lab	3/1	_____
_____	Core II Humanities	3	_____
CJ 200 or CJ 211	Intro to Criminal Justice	3	_____
_____	Core II Fine Arts	3	_____

MAJOR-SPECIFIC

All Forensic Chemistry majors are required to take the following courses:

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
CHM 211	Principles of Chemistry I	3	_____	PHY 201	College Physics I	3	_____
CHM 217	Principles of Chemistry I Lab	2	_____	PHY 202	College Physics I Lab	1	_____
CHM 212	Principles of Chemistry II	3	_____	PHY 203	College Physics II	3	_____
CHM 218	Principles of Chemistry II Lab	2	_____	PHY 204	College Physics II Lab	1	_____
CHM 355	Organic Chemistry I	3	_____	_____	Statistics Elective (STA 225 or 345)	3	_____
CHM 356	Organic Chemistry II	3	_____	MTH 229	Calculus/Analytic Geom I (CT)	5	_____
CHM 361	Organic Chemistry II Lab	3	_____	BSC 120/L	Principles of Biology I / Lab	3/1	_____
CHM 305	Research Methods Chemistry	1	_____	BSC 121/L	Principles of Biology II / Lab	3/1	_____
CHM 345	Intro Analytical Chemistry	4	_____	BSC 322	Cell Biology	4	_____
CHM 357	Physical Chemistry: Quantum or or 358	4	_____	BSC 324	Genetics	4	_____
CHM 365	Biochemistry	3	_____	CS 110	Computer Science I	3	_____
CHM 411	Instrumental Methods	4	_____	_____	Restricted Elective	3	_____
CHM 491	Capstone or CHM 490	2	_____	_____	Restricted Elective	3	_____
CHM 432	Seminar	0	_____	CJ 314	Crime Scene Investigation	3	_____
_____	300/400 CHM Elective	3	_____	CJ 323 or 422	Criminal Law or Law of Evidence	3	_____

MAJOR INFORMATION

- Students are required to know and track their degree requirements for graduation or for entrance to a professional school.
- In addition to the Core General Education requirements, the College of Science requires 3 hours of Calculus, and 40 hours of upper level credit.
- Coursework listed as "elective" may vary for each student. Students are encouraged to use elective hours toward a minor or toward prerequisites.
- Students are strongly encouraged to select courses that meet two or more Core or College requirements. For example, a writing intensive literature course could satisfy the Core II Humanities as well as the University writing intensive requirement.
- Course offerings and course attributes are subject to change semesters. Please consult each semester's schedule of courses for availability and attributes.
- Math is based on an ACT Mathematics score of 27 or higher. Students with an ACT Mathematics score less than 27 will be placed in the appropriate mathematics and science courses.
- Statistics Elective: Choose from STA 225 or STA 345.
- Restricted Elective: Choose two courses from BSC 450, CHM 428 or 467. Students are strongly encouraged to engage in a Forensic Chemistry related Capstone Experience (CHM 491).
- A Grade Point Average of 2.0 is required (1) overall, 2) at MU, 3) in all required Chemistry courses, 4) in all Chemistry courses, and 5) in all required Chemistry courses taken at MU.
- Double majors within the Department of Chemistry may include any majors other than the B.S., Major in Chemical Sciences. A double major of Forensic Chemistry with Biochemistry is also currently not permitted.

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This major is intended for students who wish to pursue a career in fields involving forensics. Degrees offered by the Department of Chemistry provide a program of studies that allows the individual to: obtain high quality instruction in chemistry as a scientific discipline, obtain a sound background in preparation for advanced studies, meet the qualifications of professional chemists and accrediting agencies, or prepare for a professional career in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, medical technology, engineering, nursing and other fields.

	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
YEAR ONE	CHM 211	Principles of Chemistry I	3	_____	MTH 229	Calculus/Analytic Geom I (CT)	5	_____
	CHM 217	Principles of Chemistry I Lab	2	_____	CHM 212	Principles of Chemistry II	3	_____
	BSC 120/L	Principles of Biology I / Lab	3/1	_____	CHM 218	Principles of Chemistry II Lab	2	_____
	ENG 101	Beginning Composition	3	_____	BSC 121/L	Principles of Biology II / Lab	3/1	_____
	FYS 100	First Year Sem Crit Thinking	3	_____				
	UNI 100	Freshman First Class	1	_____				
	TOTAL HOURS		16		TOTAL HOURS		14	
Summer Term (optional):								
YEAR TWO	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CHM 355	Organic Chemistry I	3	_____	CHM 356	Organic Chemistry II	3	_____
	_____	Statistics Elective (STA 225 or 345)	3	_____	CHM 361	Organic Chemistry Lab	3	_____
	PHY 201	College Physics I	3	_____	PHY 203	College Physics II	3	_____
	PHY 202	College Physics I Lab	1	_____	PHY 204	College Physics II Lab	1	_____
	CJ 200	Intro to Criminal Justice	3	_____	CMM 103	Fund Speech-Communication	3	_____
	TOTAL HOURS		13		TOTAL HOURS		16	
Summer Term (optional):								
YEAR THREE	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CHM 365	Biochemistry	3	_____	CHM 358	Physical Chemistry I or (CHM 357 in Fall) (WI)	4	_____
	CHM 305	Research Methods Chemistry	1	_____	_____	Core II Humanities (CT)	3	_____
	_____	Core II Fine Arts	3	_____	BSC 322	Cell Biology	4	_____
	CS 110	Computer Science I	3	_____	CJ 323 or 422	Criminal Law or Law of Evidence	3	_____
	CJ 314	Crime Scene Investigation	3	_____				
	TOTAL HOURS		13		TOTAL HOURS		14	
Summer Term (optional):								
YEAR FOUR	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CHM 345	Intro Analytical Chemistry	4	_____	CHM 432	Chemistry Seminar	0	_____
	CHM 491	Capstone Experience (or CHM 490)	2	_____	_____	300/400 CHM Elective	3	_____
	BSC 324	Genetics	4	_____	_____	Restricted Elective	4	_____
	_____	Writing Intensive	3	_____	CHM 411	Instrumental Methods	4	_____
	_____	Restricted Elective	3	_____	_____	Multicultural or International	3	_____
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INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Student Government Association
- Campus Activity Board
- JMELI
- Commuter Student Advisory Board
- Club Sports
- Religious Organizations
- Political Organizations
- Residence Hall Association
- Cultural Organizations
- National Society of Leadership and Success
- Greek Life

RELATED MAJORS

- Biomechanics
- Athletic Training
- Education
- Geology
- Geography
- Environmental Science

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS


- Have a minimum of 120 credit hours (some colleges or majors require more);
- Have an overall and Marshall Grade Point Average of 2.00 or higher;
- Have an overall Grade Point Average of 2.00 or higher in the major area of study;
- Have earned a grade of C or better in English 201 or 201 H;
- Have met all major(s) and college requirements;
- Have met the requirements of the Core Curriculum;
- Have met the residence requirements of Marshall University, including 12 hours of 300/400 level coursework in the student's college (see section entitled "Residence Requirements" in the undergraduate catalogue);
- Be enrolled at Marshall at least one semester of the senior year;
- Have transferred no more than 72 credit hours from an accredited West Virginia two-year institution of higher education.

Colleges and specific programs may have unique requirements that are more stringent than those noted above. Students are responsible for staying informed about and ensuring that they meet the requirements for graduation.


This academic map is to be used as a guide in planning your coursework toward a degree. Due to the complexities of degree programs, it is unfortunate but inevitable that an error may occur in the creation of this document. The official source of degree requirements at Marshall University is DegreeWorks available in your myMU portal. Always consult regularly with your advisor.

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YEAR ONE




Develop relationships with professors who can serve as future references by attending their office hours.




Stay on the Herd Path and come to class! Class attendance is more important to your success than your high school GPA, your class standing, or your ACT/SAT scores.




Discuss undergraduate research opportunities with faculty in Chemistry right now.




In order to graduate on time, you need to take an average of 15 credits per semester. Are you on track? Take 15 to Finish!



Take a pulse check. Know what you need to do every year to keep your grants, scholarships, or federal financial aid.




Join the Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry professional fraternity.




Apply for a nationally competitive scholarship like Goldwater, Fullbright, Rhodes, or Gates Cambridge. Contact the Office of National Scholarships at Marshall.


YEAR TWO




Did you do really well in a hard course? Become a Tutor or a Supplemental Instructor.




Discuss undergraduate research opportunities with faculty in Chemistry right now.




Present your research at a national or regional American Chemical Society meeting.




Develop relationships with professors who can serve as future references by attending their office hours.



Want to continue your education and increase your opportunities? Talk to a faculty member about whether graduate school fits your career goals.




Apply in the spring semester for Chemistry Department scholarships and summer fellowships.




Apply for a nationally competitive scholarship like Goldwater, Fullbright, Rhodes, or Gates Cambridge. Contact the Office of National Scholarships at Marshall.


YEAR THREE




Apply for a nationally competitive scholarship like Goldwater, Fullbright, Rhodes, or Gates Cambridge. Contact the Office of National Scholarships at Marshall.




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YEAR FOUR




This is it! Are you on track to graduate? Meet with your advisor for your Senior Eval to see what requirements you have left.




Present your research at a national or regional American Chemical Society meeting.




Complete admissions exams (GRE, MCAT, PCAT) the summer before your senior year.




Did you do really well in a hard course? Become a Tutor or a Supplemental Instructor.



Want to continue your education and increase your opportunities? Talk to a faculty member about whether graduate school fits your career goals.



Present your research at the College of Science Research Day.



Be at the top of your professional game! Prepare a final resume and practice your interview skills with a career coach in Career Education.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS MAJOR

- Scientific Ability
- Oral and Written Communication Skills
- Ability to Work as Part of a Team
- Technological Literacy
- Adaptability

ASSOCIATED CAREERS

- Product Development
- Process Development
- Analysis
- Quality Assurance/Control
- Environmental Analysis
- Chemical Engineer
- Pharmacist
- Pharmaceutical Sales
- Marketing



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