

ACS Option and Typical Schedule	
Fall	Spring
FIRST YEAR	
General Chemistry Lecture (4.0 cr) ¹ 01:160:161 OR 01:160:163	General Chemistry Lecture (4.0 cr) 01:160:162 OR 01:160:164
General Chemistry Laboratory (1.0 cr) 01:160:171 Either fall or spring	
Calculus I (4.0 cr) 01:640:151	Calculus II (4.0 cr) 01:640:152
SECOND YEAR	
Organic Chemistry Lecture (4.0 cr) 01:160:307 OR 01:160:315 ² (by invitation)	Organic Chemistry Lecture (4.0 cr) 01:160:308 OR 01:160:316
Analytical Chemistry (3.0 cr) 01:160:251	Organic Chemistry Laboratory ³ (2.5 cr) 01:160:309
General Physics (3.0 cr) 01:750:203	General Physics (3.0 cr) 01:750:204
General Physics Lab (1.0 cr) 01:750:205	General Physics Lab (1.0 cr) 01:750:206
Multivariable Calculus (4.0 cr) 01:640:251	Linear Algebra (3.0 cr) 01:640:250 OR Elementary Differential Equations (3.0 cr) 01:640:252
THIRD YEAR	
Physical Chemistry Lecture (3.0 cr) 01:160:327 ⁴ OR 01:160:341 ⁴	Physical Chemistry Lecture (3.0 cr) 01:160:328 OR 01:160:342
Organic Chemistry Laboratory ² (2.5 cr) 01:160:310	Experimental Physical Chemistry (2.5 cr) 01:160:329
Inorganic Chemistry (3.0 cr) 01:160:351 ⁶	Inorganic Chemistry (1.5 cr) 01:160:352 OR 01:160:353 ⁶
Instrumental Analysis (3.0 cr) 01:160:348 ⁵	
FOURTH YEAR	
Seminar (1.0 cr) 01:160:491	Seminar (1.0 cr) 01:160:492
Research (=2 cr) 01:160:495 Independent Study OR 01:160:497 Honors Research ⁷	Research (=2 cr) 01:160:496 Independent Study OR 01:160:498 Honors Research
Biochemistry ⁸ (3 cr) 01:694:407 Molecular Biology and Biochem OR 11:115:403 General Biochemistry (3)	
Advanced course(s) with Physical Chemistry or Organic Chemistry pre-req	

General ACS Option: Summary

The General ACS Option is intended for students who have a strong interest in and may plan to use chemistry professionally, typically as academics, researchers, or research managers. It provides intensive training in the laboratory and the classroom.

To the courses of the Core Option, the ACS Option adds

- at least 4 credits of senior-level research; 6 credits are recommended
- a biochemistry course [01:694:407 Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (3) or 11:115:403 General Biochemistry (3)]
- one advanced course in chemistry.

An “advanced course” is a chemistry or chemistry-related course that is not part of the core, but has a major element of the core curriculum as a pre-requisite, either the second semester of organic chemistry or the second semester of physical chemistry. An advanced course will typically have a 400 number assigned to it in the Undergraduate Catalog.

The ACS Option leads to certification by the American Chemical Society, a credential that is valued by some employers.

General ACS Option: Course and Scheduling Notes

Detailed schedules for the third and the fourth years may vary. Some students defer Physical Chemistry Lecture and Laboratory to the senior year; some students defer Chemical Bonding, Inorganic Chemistry, and Instrumental Analysis to the senior year; some students take Biochemistry in the junior year.

¹ Pre-calculus prerequisite

² Chem 309 is offered in the spring only; Chem 310 is offered only in the *fall* only.

³ By invitation only.

⁴ Chemistry 327 and 341 have Math 251 as a pre-requisite, not as a co-requisite.

Chemistry 327-328 is acceptable for all Chemistry majors and is required for the Chemical Physics Option.

Chemistry 341-342 is recommended for students oriented toward the life sciences, and for students taking the Chemical Biology option.

⁵ Chem 348 is offered in the *fall* only and has Chem 251 as a pre-requisite. Chem 251 is offered both *fall* and *spring*.

⁶ Chem 351 and 352 or 353 may be deferred for either one or two semesters, if desired. Both 351 and 353 are offered *fall*. *Chem 352 is offered spring*. Chem 352 and 353 have Chem 351 and Chem 308 or 316 as pre-requisites⁷ Permission of department. Open only to senior honors students. For a complete description of the requirements for Honors in Chemistry, see [Honors](#).

⁸ The two biochemistry courses listed are offered only in the *fall*.