BIOCHEMISTRY (BCHM)

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DEGREES/PROGRAMS OFFERED

3 -Year BSc 3-Year BSc (Business Stream) 4 -Year BSc 4-Year BSc (Business Stream) Honours BSc

INTRODUCTION

This degree combines the information and methodologies of Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Genetics and Microbiology with the techniques of the physical sciences to investigate living systems. It is an Interdisciplinary Program which consists primarily of courses from the Departments of Biology and Chemistry. Students in the program will gain a thorough understanding of the molecular aspects of the structure, function and metabolism of living organisms. They will also obtain experience in up-to-date laboratory techniques and procedures. This is one of the most exciting areas of science at this time and students will be kept abreast of advances in the field and their impact on humans and other life forms.

The Program offers a 90 credit hour 3-Year BSc, a 120 credit hour 4-Year BSc and a 120 credit hour Honours BSc. Graduates will be well qualified to work in university, government, and other research laboratories or in the pharmaceutical and food industries. Graduates with a 4-Year BSc or Honours BSc could also proceed to graduate studies in the Life Sciences.

Students pursuing a 3-year or 4-year BSc in Biochemistry have the opportunity to take a Business Stream – a set of core courses in the Faculty of Business that will provide them with the skills needed to enter and succeed in industry and business. After completing the requirements of the BSc degree and the set of core courses indicated in the "Science with a Business Stream" section of the Calendar, it will be noted on the student's transcript that they have satisfied the requirements of a BSc degree with a Business stream

This program also provides excellent preparation for students wishing to enter professional schools in the health sciences.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A 3-YEAR BSc IN BIOCHEMISTRY

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT		Students must consult with a Program Advisor in planning their studies.			
GRADUATION REQUIREMENT		90 credit hours			
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT Degree: Major:		Minimum 30 credit hours Minimum 18 credit hours			
GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT Humanities: Writing: Indigenous: Maximum Introductory Courses:		12 credit hours in Humanities Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing. 3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 48 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.			
Distribution:		Minimum three (3) credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects.			
MAJOR REQUIREMENT Single Major: Double Major:		Minimum 45 credit hours in the Major subject as per the Required Courses list. Minimum 45 credit hours of required courses and credit hours in Biochemistry program and Specified number of credit hours in other Major (may vary depending on Interdisciplinary courses completed as they may be able to be credited to both Majors).			
Required courses: BIOL-1115(3) BIOL-2301(3) BIOL-2902(3) BIOL-3221(3) CHEM-1111(3) CHEM-11112(3) CHEM-2202(3) CHEM-2203(3) CHEM-3502(3)	Evolution, Ecolo Genetics (or the Biology of Bacte Cell Biology Introduction to th Basic Principles Organic Chemis Organic Chemis	ar Processes (or the former BIOL-1111(6)) gy and Biodiversity (or the former BIOL-1111(6)) former BIOL-3301(3)) ria and Archaea (formerly "Biology of the Prokaryotes and Viruses") ne Chemical Properties of Matter (or the former CHEM-1101(6)) of Chemical Reactivity (or the former CHEM-1101(6)) try I (or the former CHEM-2201(6)) try II (or the former CHEM-2201(6)) chemistry I: Structure, Function, and Energetics of Biomolecules (or former CHEM-3501(6))			

CHEM-3503(3) Intermediate Biochemistry II: Intermediary Metabolism (or the former CHEM-3501(6)) PHYS-1101(6) Foundations of Physics I OR PHYS-1301(6) Introduction to Physics

Minimum 3 credit hours in additional core chemistry, selected from the following:

- CHEM-2102(3) Thermodynamics and Kinetics
- CHEM-2103(3) Atoms, Molecules and Spectroscopy
- CHEM-2302(3) Quantitative Chemical Analysis
- CHEM-2401(3) Inorganic Chemistry I
- Minimum 3 credit hours selected from the following courses:
 - PSYC-2101(3) Introduction to Data Analysis
 - STAT-1301 (3) Statistical Analysis I
 - STAT-1302 (3) Statistical Analysis II
 - STAT-1501(3) Elementary Biological Statistics I

9 additional credit hours from Biology and/or Biochemistry and/or Chemistry at or above the 2000 level (with the exception of the former CHEM-2501(3), CHEM-2601(6) and CHEM-2801(3)) to bring the total number of Biology, Biochemistry and Chemistry courses to 45 credit hours.

Recommended: MATH-1101(6) Introduction to Calculus <u>OR MATH-1103 (3)</u> Introduction to Calculus I <u>AND</u> MATH-1104 (3) Introduction to Calculus II. This course is required for the 4-Year, and Honours BSc in Biochemistry, and is a prerequisite for CHEM-2102(3), Thermodynamics and Kinetics; and CHEM-2103(3), Atoms, Molecules and Spectroscopy. Both CHEM-2102(3) and CHEM-2103(3) are options in the 3-Year, 4-Year, and Honours BSc in Biochemistry

Note: Students considering the four-year degree in Biochemistry should note that BIOL-3901(3) is a prerequisite for BIOL-4902(3); BIOL-2153(3) is a prerequisite for BIOL-3163(3).

Note: Students should design their course selection in consultation with one of the Program Advisors.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OF STUDY- Students must consult with Program Advisors in planning their programs.

Year 1

BIOL-1115(3) BIOL-1116(3) CHEM-1111(3) CHEM-1112(3) RHET-1103(3) STAT-1501(3) xxxx.xxxx(6) Electives* 6 cre	Cells and Cellular Processes Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity Introduction to the Chemical Properties of Matter Basic Principles of Chemical Reactivity Academic Writing: Sciences (if required) Elementary Biological Statistics I Humanities edit hours		
Year 2			
BIOL-2301(3)	Genetics		
BIOL-2902(3)	Biology of Bacteria and Archaea (formerly "Biology of the Prokaryotes and Viruses")		
CHEM-2202(3)	Organic Chemistry I		
CHEM-2203(3)	Organic Chemistry II		
One of:			
CHEM-2102	2(3) Thermodynamics and Kinetics		
CHEM-2103	3(3) Atoms, Molecules and Spectroscopy		
CHEM-2302	2(3) Quantitative Chemical Analysis		
CHEM-2401	I(3) Inorganic Chemistry I		
One of:			
PHYS-1301	(6) Introduction to Physics		
PHYS-1101	(6) Foundations of Physics I		
Electives* 3 cre	edit hours		
xxxx.xxxx(6) H	lumanities		
Note: (If Academic Writing is not required, Physics could be done in Year 1 and Statistics plus a 3 credit hour elective in Year 2)			
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Year 3

 BIOL-3221(3)
 Cell Biology

 CHEM-3502(3)
 Intermediate Biochemistry I: Structure, Function and Energetics of Biomolecules

 CHEM-3503(3)
 Intermediate Biochemistry II: Intermediary Metabolism

 Electives*
 21 credit hours

*Electives:

1) There is a requirement of a minimum of 45 credit hours in Biology, Biochemistry and Chemistry. This is made up of required courses plus an appropriate number of credit hours from the electives.

MATH-1101(6) Introduction to Calculus or the equivalent MATH-1103 (3) Introduction to Calculus I AND MATH-1104 (3) Introduction to Calculus II is *strongly recommended*. This course is required for the 4-Year and Honours B.Sc. degrees in Biochemistry and is a prerequisite for CHEM-2102(3) Thermodynamics and Kinetics; and CHEM-2103(3), Atoms, Molecules and Spectroscopy. Both CHEM-2102(3) and CHEM-2103(3) are options in the 3-Year, 4-Year, and Honours BSc in Biochemistry 3) It is strongly recommended that students who may consider doing a 4-Year or Honours B.Sc. in Biochemistry take at least one additional core Chemistry course in the second or third year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 3-YEAR BSc IN BIOCHEMISTRY WITH A BUSINESS STREAM

Students must complete the requirements of the 3-year BSc in Biochemistry degree (see previous section) and the set of core courses indicated in the "Science with a Business Stream" section of the Calendar.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A 4-YEAR BSc IN BIOCHEMISTRY

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT		Students must consult with a Program Advisor in planning their studies.			
GRADUATION REQUIREMENT		120 credit hours			
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT Degree: Major:		Minimum 60 credit hours Minimum 30 credit hours			
GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT Humanities: Writing: Indigenous:		12 credit hours Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing. 3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses			
Maximum Introductory Courses:		Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 78 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.			
Distribution:		Minimum three (3) credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects.			
MAJOR REQUIREME	NT				
Single Major:		Minimum 69 credit hours in the Major subject as per Required Courses list.			
Double Major:		Minimum 69 credit hours of required courses and credit hours in Biochemistry program and specified number of credit hours in other Major; may vary depending on Interdisciplinary courses completed as they may be able to be credited to both Majors.			
Required courses:					
		ar Processes (or the former BIOL-1111(6)) gy and Biodiversity (or the former BIOL-1111(6))			
		former BIOL-3301(3))			
		ia and Archaea (formerly "Biology of the Prokaryotes and Viruses")			
BIOL-3221(3) Cell Biology		a and Archaed (formerly bloregy of the Frokaryotes and viruses)			
BIOL-3303(3) Molecular Genetics and Genomics (or the former BIOL-4302(3))		tics and Genomics (or the former BIOL-4302(3))			
BIOL-4502(3) Molecular Cell Bio					
Minimum 3 credit hours selected f					
		omy and Physiology			
BIOL-3602(3		ve Animal Physiology I (or the former BIOL-3601(6)) ve Animal Physiology II (or the former BIOL-3601(6))			
BIOL-3603(3 BIOL-4902(3					
		he Chemical Properties of Matter (or the former CHEM-1101(6))			
		of Chemical Reactivity (or the former CHEM-1101(6))			
CHEM-2202(3) Organic Chemistry I (or the former CHEM-2201(6))					
		stry II (or the former CHEM-2201(6))			
CHEM-3502(3) Intermediate Biochemistry I: Structure, Function, and Energetics of Biomolecules (or the former CHEM- 3501(6))					
CHEM-3503(3) Intermediate Biochemistry II: Intermediary Metaboli		chemistry II: Intermediary Metabolism (or the former CHEM-3501(6))			
CHEM-4502(3) Molecular Enzymo					
CHEM-4506(3) Methods in Biochemistry (or the former CHEM-4505(3))					
MATH-1101(6) Introduction to Calculus OR MATH-1103 (3) Introduction to Calculus I AND MATH-1104 (3) Introduction to Calculus II					
PHYS-1101(6) Foundations of F		Physics I OR PHYS-1301(6) Introduction to Physics			
		core chemistry, selected from the following:			
		s and Kinetics OR CHEM-2103(3) Atoms, Molecules and Spectroscopy			
CHEM-2302(3) Quantitative Che CHEM-2401(3) Inorganic Chem					
Minimum 3 credit hours selected from					
PSYC-2101(3) Introduction to E					
STAT-1301 (3) Statistical Anal					
	Statistical Anal				
STAT-1501(3) Elementary Biol					
15 additional credit hours from Biology and/or Biochemistry and/or Chemistry at or above the 2000 level (with the exception of the former CHEM-2501(3), CHEM-2601(6) and CHEM-2801(3)) to bring the total number of Biology and Chemistry courses to 69 cre					

hours. Students may not count both **BIOL-4111(6)** Biology Honours Thesis and **CHEM-4701(6)** Research Projects in Chemistry towards the Biochemistry major.

Recommended: Students planning on graduate studies should seriously consider taking either **BIOL-4111(6)** Biology Honours Thesis or **CHEM-4701(6)** Research Projects in Chemistry. **Note:** Students should design their course selection in consultation with one of the Program Advisors.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OF STUDY

Students must consult with Program Advisors in planning their programs.

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BIOL-1115(3)	Cells and Cellular Processes
BIOL-1116(3)	Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity
CHEM-1111(3)	Introduction to the Chemical Properties of Matter
CHEM-1112(3)	Basic Principles of Chemical Reactivity
MATH-1101(6)	Introduction to Calculus
	OR MATH-1103 (3) Introduction to Calculus I AND MATH-1104 (3) Introduction to Calculus II
RHET-1103(3)	Academic Writing: Sciences (if required)
STAT-1501(3)	Elementary Biological Statistics I
xxxx.xxxx(6)	Humanities
XXXX.XXXX(b)	Humanities

Year 2

BIOL-2301(3)	Genetics			
BIOL-2902(3)	Biology of Bacteria and Archaea (formerly "Biology of the Prokaryotes and Viruses")			
CHEM-2202(3)	Organic Chemistry I			
CHEM-2203(3)	Organic Chemistry II			
One of:				
CHEM-2102(3) Thermodynamics and Kinetics			
CHEM-2103(3) Atoms, Molecules and Spectroscopy			
CHEM-2302(3) Quantitative Chemical Analysis			
CHEM-2401(3) Inorganic Chemistry I			
One of:				
PHYS-1301(6) Introduction to Physics			
PHYS-1101(6	Foundations of Physics I			
Electives* 3 credit hours				

xxxx.xxxx(6) Humanities

Note: (If Academic Writing is not required, Physics could be done in Year 1 and Statistics plus a 3 credit hour elective in Year 2)

Year 3

 BIOL-3221(3)
 Cell Biology

 CHEM-3502(3)
 Intermediate Biochemistry I: Structure, Function and Energetics of Biomolecules

 CHEM-3503(3)
 Intermediate Biochemistry II: Intermediary Metabolism

 One of:
 CHEM-2102(3)

 CHEM-2103(3)
 Atoms, Molecules and Spectroscopy

 CHEM-2302(3)
 Quantitative Chemical Analysis

 CHEM-2401(3)
 Inorganic Chemistry I

Electives* 18 credit hours

Year 4

 BIOL-3303(3)
 Molecular Genetics and Genomics

 BIOL-4502(3)
 Molecular Cell Biology

 CHEM-4502(3)
 Molecular Enzymology

 CHEM-4506(3)
 Methods in Biochemistry

 Electives*
 12 credit hours

*Electives:

1) There is a requirement of a minimum of 69 credit hours in Biology, Biochemistry and Chemistry. This is made up of required courses plus an appropriate number of credit hours from the electives.

2) Note the 3 credit hour requirement for a course in Physiology. Some physiology courses have prerequisites.

3) Students considering graduate study should seriously consider BIOL-4111(6) Biology Honours Thesis OR CHEM-4701(6) Research Projects in Chemistry.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 4-YEAR BSc IN BIOCHEMISTRY WITH A BUSINESS STREAM

Students must complete the requirements of the 4-year BSc in Biochemistry degree (see previous section) and the set of core courses indicated in the "Science with a Business Stream" section of the Calendar

REQUIREMENTS FOR AN HONOURS BSc IN BIOCHEMISTRY

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT		Students must consult with a Program Advisor in planning their studies.			
GRADUATION REQUIREMENT Graduation G.P.A. Requirement:		120 credit hours To graduate with a BSc Honours, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all Chemistry, Biochemistry and Biology courses (calculated on all course attempts in Biology, Biochemistry and Chemistry) and a 2.75 GPA in all non-major courses (calculated as for a 3-year degree where F's are not included and, in the case of repeated courses, only the highest grade will be used).			
RESIDENCE RE Degree:	EQUIREMENT	Minimum 60 credit hours Minimum 30 credit hours			
Major:		Winimum 30 credit nours			
GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT Humanities: Writing: Indigenous: Maximum Introductory Courses:		12 credit hours Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing. 3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 78 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.			
Distribution:		Minimum three (3) credit ho	ours from each of fiv	e (5) different subjects.	
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MAJOR REQUIREMENT Single Major: Double Major:		Minimum 69 credit hours in the Major subject as per Required Courses list. Minimum 69 credit hours of required courses and credit hours in Biochemistry program and specified number of credit hours in other Major; may vary depending on Interdisciplinary courses completed as they may be able to be credited to both Majors.			
Required course	es:				
BIOL-1115(3)		ocesses (or the former	CHEM-2202(3)	Organic Chemistry I (or the former CHEM- 2201(6)	
BIOL-1116(3)	Evolution, Ecology a former BIOL-1111(6)	nd Biodiversity (or the)	CHEM-2203(3)	Organic Chemistry II (or the former CHEM- 2201(6))	
BIOL-2301(3) BIOL-2902(3)	Genetics (or the form Biology of Bacteria a "Biology of the Proka	and Archaea (formerly	CHEM-2302(3) CHEM-2401(3) CHEM-3502(3)	Quantitative Chemical Analysis Inorganic Chemistry I Intermediate Biochemistry I: Structure,	
BIOL-3221(3) BIOL-3303(3)	Cell Biology Molecular Genetics a	and Genomics (or the		Function, and Energetics of Biomolecules (or the former CHEM-3501(6))	
BIOL-4111(6)	former BIOL-4302(3) Biology Honours The		CHEM-3503(3)	Intermediate Biochemistry II: Intermediary Metabolism (or the former CHEM-3501(6))	
<u>OR</u> CHÈŃ-4 BIOL-4502(3)	701(6) Research Proje Molecular Cell Biolog	ects in Chemistry	CHEM-4502(3) CHEM-4506(3)	Molecular Enzymology Methods in Biochemistry (or the former	
CHEM-1111(3)		nemical Properties of	MATH-1101(6)	CHEM- 4505(3)) Introduction to Calculus or the equivalent	
CHEM-1112(3)		hemical Reactivity (or		MATH-1103 (3) Introduction to Calculus I AND MATH-1104 (3) Introduction to	
CHEM-2102(3)	Thermodynamics and			Calculus II	
			PHYS-1101(6) <u>OR</u> PHYS-	Foundations of Physics I 1301(6) Introduction to Physics)	
Minimum 3 credit hours selected from the following physiology courses: BIOL-3163(3) Plant Anatomy and Physiology BIOL-3602(3) Comparative Animal Physiology I (or the former BIOL-3601(6)) BIOL-3603(3) Comparative Animal Physiology II (or the former BIOL-3601(6)) BIOL-4902(3) Microbial Physiology Minimum 3 credit hours selected from the following statistics courses: PSYC-2101(3)					
		cal Analysis I cal Analysis II			

 STAT-1301 (3)
 Statistical Analysis I

 STAT-1302 (3)
 Statistical Analysis I

 STAT-1301 (3)
 Statistical Analysis I

 Elementary Biological Statistics I
 Elementary Biology and/or Biochemistry and/or Chemistry at or above the 2000 level (with the exception of the former CHEM-2501(3), CHEM-2601(6) and CHEM-2801(3)) to bring the total number of Biology, Biochemistry and Chemistry courses to 69 credit hours. Students may not count both BIOL-4111(6) Biology Honours Thesis and CHEM-4701(6) Research Projects in Chemistry towards the Biochemistry major.

Note: Students should design their course selection in consultation with one of the Program Advisors.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OF STUDY

Students must consult with Program Advisors in planning their programs.

Year 1 BIOL-1115(3) BIOL-1116(3) CHEM-1111(3) CHEM-1112(3) MATH-1101(6) RHET-1103(3) STAT-1501(3) xxxx.xxxx(6)	Cells and Cellular Processes Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity Introduction to the Chemical Properties of Matter Basic Principles of Chemical Reactivity Introduction to Calculus OR MATH-1103 (3) Introduction to Calculus I Academic Writing: Sciences (if required) Elementary Biological Statistics I Humanities				
<u>Year 2</u> BIOL-2301(3) BIOL-2902(3)	Genetics Biology of Bacteria and Archaea (formerly "Biology of the Prokaryotes and Viruses")				
CHEM-2202(3) CHEM-2203(3)	Organic Chemistry I Organic Chemistry II				
Two of: CHEM-210 CHEM-230 CHEM-240	2(3) Quantitative Chemical Analysis				
One of: PHYS-1301(6) Introduction to Physics PHYS-1101(6) Foundations of Physics I					
xxxx.xxxx(6) Humanities Note: (If Academic Writing is not required, Physics could be done in Year 1 and Statistics plus a 3 credit hour elective in Year 2)					
Year 3 BIOL-3221(3) Cell Biology CHEM-3502(3) Intermediate Biochemistry I: Structure, Function and Energetics of Biomolecules CHEM-3503(3) Intermediate Biochemistry II: Intermediary Metabolism Remaining one of: CHEM-2102(3) CHEM-2102(3) Thermodynamics and Kinetics					
CHEM-210 CHEM-230 CHEM-240 Electives* 18 c	2(3) Quantitative Chemical Analysis				

Year 4

BIOL-3303(3)	Molecular Genetics and Genomics		
BIOL-4502(3)	Molecular Cell Biology		
CHEM-4502(3)	Molecular Enzymology		
CHEM-4506(3)	Methods in Biochemistry		
BIOL-4111(6)	Biology Honours Thesis	<u>OR</u>	CHEM-4701(6) Research Projects in Chemistry
Electives* 12 c	redit hours		• • •

*Electives:

1) There is a requirement of a minimum of 69 credit hours in Biology, Biochemistry and Chemistry. This is made up of required courses plus an appropriate number of credit hours from the electives.

2) Note the 3 credit hour requirement for a course in Physiology. Some physiology courses have prerequisites.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Prerequisites

Chemistry 40S AND either Pre-Calculus Mathematics 40S OR Applied Mathematics 40S are required for registration in both BIOL-1115(3) Cells and Cellular Processes and CHEM-1111(3) Introduction to the Chemical Properties of Matter. Physics 40S AND either Pre-Calculus Mathematics 40S or Applied Mathematics 40S are required for registration in PHYS-1101(6) Foundations of Physics I. Physics 40S is not required for registration in PHYS-1301(6) Introduction to Physics.

Entrance to Program

Students normally enter the Program in Year 2 of their studies.

Note: Course Listings and Descriptions can be found under the appropriate Departmental listings: **Biology (BIOL)** Mathematics (MATH) Statistics (STAT) Biochemistry (BCHM) Physics (PHYS) Chemistry (CHEM) Psychology (PSYC)

COURSE LISTINGS

Students should consult Web Advisor or the appropriate Timetable on the website for courses to be offered in an upcoming term. A number of senior courses are offered on a rotation basis and are given in alternate years. Students are advised to consult with the Chair, Department of Chemistry in advance when planning their curriculum.

MULT/BCHM-2119(3): Topics in Diseases and Policy MULT/BCHM-4119(4.5): Topics in Diseases and Policy

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

All course descriptions for all undergraduate programs can now be found in one large PDF called "All Course Descriptions" in the "Academic Calendar" section of the University website: <u>http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/index.html</u>