BIOCHEMISTRY IN THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES

http://biochem.uvm.edu/undergraduate-program/

The interdisciplinary Biochemistry program is administered by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) in conjunction with the College of Medicine (COM). The Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry can be pursued through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences or through the College of Arts and Sciences.

CALS BIOCHEMISTRY MAJOR

Biochemistry is the basic science that explores the chemical and physical properties of living organisms and the chemical changes that occur in these organisms. It is integral to the study of multiple disciplines within the life and biomedical sciences, including biology, chemistry, microbiology, genetics, anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, nutrition and food sciences, animal sciences, plant biology, and plant sciences. The Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry draws upon a broad set of university resources from CALS, CAS, and COM to provide students with a modern science-based education designed to emphasize fundamental knowledge of chemistry and biology along with advanced courses specializing in biochemistry and related life and biomedical sciences. The biochemistry curriculum offers students with a strong academic ability in the sciences an opportunity to explore upper-level courses in areas of modern biochemistry and is designed to meet the needs of students wishing to compete in the job market at the B.S. degree level as well as students planning to continue with advanced studies in a graduate or professional degree program.

Students may apply to the program either through CALS or CAS, which vary in their college distribution requirements. The distribution categories and the number of required courses in each category differ slightly. In CAS, students are required to fulfill distribution requirements in all of the following seven categories: foreign languages, fine arts, literature, humanities, social sciences, physical sciences, and mathematics, plus complete the University Approved Diversity requirements. In CALS, students are required to fulfill distribution requirements in science, humanities and fine arts, communication skills, information technology skills, quantitative skills, critical thinking skills, interpersonal skills, citizenship and social responsibility values, environmental stewardship values, and personal growth values. Regardless of the college through which students choose to apply, all students must take a core set of basic courses in chemistry, biology, and mathematics in their first two years followed by advanced courses in biochemistry, chemistry, and/or molecular biology in their third and fourth years. Since biochemistry is a “hands-on” science, involvement of students in undergraduate research projects, most of which qualify as Honors projects in either college, is strongly encouraged.

MAJORS

BIOCHEMISTRY MAJOR

Biochemistry B.S.

MINORS

BIOCHEMISTRY MINOR

Biochemistry

GRADUATE

Biochemistry M.S.

Biochemistry Ph.D.

See the online Graduate Catalogue for more information

Courses

BIOC 095. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

BIOC 096. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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BIOC 185. Survey of Biochemistry. 3 Credits.
Broad coverage of biochemical topics suitable for students in the applied health sciences. Prerequisites: CHEM 042 or acceptable coursework in organic chemistry. Cross-listed with: PBIO 185.

BIOC 187. Survey of Biochemistry: Lab. 1 Credit.
Introduction to techniques and equipment used for the isolation and quantitative analysis of amino acids, proteins, carbohydrates and DNA enzymes in biological materials. Pre/co-requisite: BIOC 185. Cross-listed with: PBIO 187.

BIOC 191. Undergraduate Research. 1-6 Credits.
Participation in a research program currently being pursued by a faculty member of department. Written report due at end of each semester. Prerequisites: CHEM 031, CHEM 032 or CHEM 035, CHEM 036. Some programs may require additional courses in Biology or Chemistry. Credit as arranged, up to four hours per semester.

BIOC 192. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Participation in a research program currently being pursued by a faculty member of department. Written report due at end of each semester. Prerequisites: CHEM 031, CHEM 032 or CHEM 035, CHEM 036. Some programs may require additional courses in Biology or Chemistry. Credit as arranged, up to four hours per semester.

BIOC 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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BIOC 205. Biochemistry I. 3 Credits.
Introduction to chemistry and structure of biological macromolecules; examination of mechanisms of chemical processes in biological systems including enzyme catalysis, biosynthesis, regulation, and information transfer. Prerequisite: CHEM 142 or CHEM 144. Cross-listed with: CHEM 205 and MMG 205.

BIOC 206. Biochemistry II. 3 Credits.
Continuation of Biochemistry I. Biochemistry of nucleic acids; nucleic acid based processes, such as replication and transcription; cellular information transfer, genomics, and proteomics. Prerequisite: BIOC 205. Cross-listed with: CHEM 206, MMG 206.

BIOC 207. Biochemistry Lab. 2 Credits.
Introduction to biochemical tools, including spectrometry, chromatography, and electrophoresis; natural and recombinant enzyme isolation; assays of DNA-modifying enzymes; computer-based structure/function exercises. Co-requisite: BIOC 205 or BIOC 206. Cross-listed with: CHEM 207, MMG 207.

BIOC 212. Biochemistry of Human Disease. 3 Credits.
Molecular approach to genetic, metabolic, and infectious diseases; recombinant DNA technology and medicine; molecular biology of cancer. Prerequisites: CHEM 042 or CHEM 141.

BIOC 240. Macromol Struct Prot&Nucl Acid. 3 Credits.
Introduction to structural biology and macromolecular structure with an emphasis on protein-protein and protein-nucleic acids interactions. Prerequisites: BIOL 001 , BIOL 002; Organic Chemistry; Junior standing recommended. Cross-listed with: MMG 240. Alternate years.

BIOC 284. Biochemistry Senior Seminar. 1 Credit.
Oral and written presentation of a subject of current biochemical interest. Prerequisites: Audit of BIOC 381. Cross-listed with: CHEM 284, MMG 284.

BIOC 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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BIOC 296. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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