

# Biochemistry

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The Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry is awarded by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to students who successfully complete this curriculum. It is a joint program of the Department of Biological Sciences and the Department of Chemistry. It is intended for students planning advanced study in biochemistry or molecular biology, who wish to pursue a medical degree, or who will be seeking employment and careers in biochemistry, molecular biology, biotechnology, or related fields. Students may be advised through the LAS advisors in the Department of Chemistry.

## Professional Approval

The BS in Biochemistry is certified by the American Chemical Society and endorsed by the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

## Distinction

**Distinction.** Research is recognized as an important component of the honors candidate's program. Favorable consideration will be given to those individuals who demonstrate superior performance in chemical or biological research. Distinction in biochemistry is awarded to students who qualify as described below:

1. A GPA of at least 3.50/4.00 in chemistry, biology, and mathematics courses, excluding independent study or independent research.
2. Evidence of biochemical research ability as demonstrated by research in chemistry CHEM 499 or BIOS 399. Students who qualify for program distinction may be conferred high or highest distinction on the basis of superior performance.

**High Distinction.** In addition to fulfilling criterion 2 above, a GPA of at least 3.70/4.00 in chemistry, biology, mathematics, and physics courses.

**Highest Distinction.** In addition to fulfilling criterion 2 above, a GPA of at least 3.80/4.00 in chemistry, biology, mathematics, and physics courses, and presentation of other evidence of truly exceptional performance.

Such performance may be identified in one or more of the following ways: independent research at an advanced level, superior performance in class work beyond that reflected in the grade point average, rapid completion of course requirements, completion of honors activities in 300-level course work taken through the Honors College.

## Degree Program

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