Biochemistry

Contact Information:
(312) 996–3161
chem.uic.edu

Administration:
Interdepartmental Biochemistry Committee: Louise E. Anderson
(Biological Sciences), Wonwha Cho (Chemistry), Constance Jeffery
(Biological Sciences), Brian Nichols (Biological Sciences)

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:

a. A GPA of at least 3.50/4.00 in chemistry, biology, and mathematics
courses, excluding independent study or independent research.
b. 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
• BS in Biochemistry