

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 4, 2012

Interim Dean Robert C. Stacey College of Arts and Sciences Box 353765

Dear Bob:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised admissions requirements for both the Bachelor of Arts degree and the Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry; and the revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. A copy of the changes is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Department of Chemistry is authorized to specify these requirements beginning spring quarter 2012.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The General Catalog website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

Michael K. Young

President

# **Enclosure**

Ms. Mary Harty (with enclosure) CC:

Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)

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# Department Admission Requirements

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- 1. Open to freshman students formally admitted to the UW
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#### **Early Admission**

- 1. Students with exceptional records can apply for consideration for early admission via the Honors or Research track. Students seeking early admission should submit an application that includes:
  - a. Cover sheet (available on the Department of Chemistry Website)
  - b. Unofficial transcript
  - c. Statement of purpose: May include a description of interest in chemistry, career goals, undergraduate research interests, degree interest (BA or BS), and any other information applicant believes is useful in evaluating the application.
  - d. (Research Track only) Written letter or recommendation from research adviser.
- 2. Honors Track. Students participating in the chemistry Honors sequence who have completed the following courses with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00: CHEM 145, CHEM 155 (10 credits); MATH 124 and MATH 125 (or MATH 134 and MATH 135) (10 credits).
- 3. Research Track. Students who have performed at least 6 credits of undergraduate research (CHEM 199, CHEM 299, or higher) and who provide a strong recommendation from faculty research advisers. Biochemistry undergraduate research may be considered as well.

#### First-Year Admission

- Course requirements: CHEM 142, CHEM 152, CHEM 162 (or CHEM 144, CHEM 154, CHEM 164; or CHEM 145, CHEM 155, CHEM 165) (15 credits). PHYS 121, PHYS 122 (recommended) or PHYS 114, PHYS 115 (10 or 8 credits). MATH 124, MATH 125 (or MATH 134, MATH 135) (10 credits).
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- 3. Successful applicants for the BS chemistry and BS chemistry-ACS certified programs typically have a cumulative GPA greater than 3.20 in courses listed

above under course requirements. Successful applicants for the BA chemistry program typically have a cumulative GPA greater than 3.00 in courses listed above under course requirements.

# **Regular Admission**

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# **Continuation Policy**

Students enrolled in degree programs in chemistry must maintain both a cumulative GPA and individual course grades consistent with requirements for their degree. Students pursuing BS degrees must maintain a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.50 and minimum 2.0 for individual courses required for the major. Students pursuing a BA degree must maintain a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.00 and minimum 1.7 grade for individual courses required for the major. Failure to maintain these GPA and grade standards results in the student being placed on departmental academic probation for one quarter, and dropped from the major if marked improvement in academic performance is not achieved. Students who experience extraordinary circumstances may petition for one or more additional probationary quarters.

# Major Requirements

# Chemistry (ACS-Certified)

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- 4. Grade Requirements: Minimum 2.0 grade in each chemistry course; minimum 2.50 GPA for courses used to satisfy the major degree requirements; minimum overall cumulative 2.50 GPA and minimum 185 credits required for graduation.

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  - e. Additional Labs: 5 additional lab credits chosen from the following: CHEM 242, CHEM 317, CHEM 321, CHEM 347, CHEM 426, CHEM 428, CHEM 461, CHEM 462, CHEM 463, CHEM 465, and BIOC 426

- f. Science Electives: 11 credits chosen from CHEM 242, CHEM 317, CHEM 321, CHEM 347, any 400-level numerically graded chemistry or biochemistry courses, or MATH 307 (or AMATH 351). Students with a chemistry GPA of 3.30 or higher may apply up to 6 credits of approved research (CHEM 399 or CHEM 499) toward satisfying this requirement. CHEM 498 may not be used to satisfy this requirement.
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- 5. For graduation, a minimum of 182 credits is required with an overall cumulative GPA of 2.80.

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- 4. Grade Requirements: Minimum 2.0 grade in each chemistry course; minimum 2.50 GPA required for all chemistry, mathematics, and physics courses used to satisfy major requirements; minimum overall cumulative 2.50 GPA and minimum 182 credits required for graduation.
- 5. For graduation, a minimum of 182 credits is required with an overall cumulative GPA of 2.50.

#### Bachelor of Arts

# **Major Requirements**

- 1. Chemistry Courses:
  - a. General Chemistry: : CHEM 142, CHEM 152, CHEM 162, CHEM 312 (or CHEM 144, CHEM 154, CHEM 164, CHEM 312; or CHEM 145, CHEM 155, CHEM 165)
  - Organic Chemistry: CHEM 237, CHEM 238, CHEM 239, CHEM 241, CHEM 242 (or CHEM 335, CHEM 336, CHEM 337, CHEM 346, CHEM 347)
  - c. Analytical Chemistry: CHEM 321
  - d. Advanced Chemistry Lab: Either CHEM 317 or CHEM 461
  - e. Advanced Chemistry: 11 credits of numerically graded CHEM 400-level courses to include either CHEM 455, CHEM 456, CHEM 457 series, or CHEM 452, CHEM 453 series
- Mathematics: MATH 124, MATH 125, MATH 126 (or MATH 134, MATH 135, MATH 136)
- 3. *Physics*: One year of physics including at least 1 credit of laboratory (PHYS 114, PHYS 115, and PHYS 116 and at least one of PHYS 117, PHYS 118, or PHYS

- 119; or PHYS 121, PHYS 122, and PHYS 123; PHYS 121 sequence recommended).
- 4. Grade Requirements: Minimum 2.00 GPA in chemistry courses counted toward major; minimum 1.7 grade in all required chemistry courses

# **Continuation Policy**

Students enrolled in degree programs in chemistry must maintain both a cumulative GPA and individual-course grades consistent with requirements for their degree. Students pursuing BS degrees must maintain a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.50 and minimum 2.0 for individual courses required for the major. Students pursuing a BA degree must maintain a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.00 and minimum 1.7 grade for individual courses required for the major. Failure to maintain these GPA and grade standards results in the student being placed on departmental academic probation for one quarter, and dropped from the major if marked improvement in academic performance is not achieved. Students who experience extraordinary circumstances may petition for one or more additional probationary quarters.