

# Chemistry

College of Science and Mathematics

## Department of Chemistry

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### B.A. in Chemistry

### B.S. in Chemistry

### M.S. in Chemistry

### Minor in Chemistry

### Single Subject

### Teaching Credential in Science

### Biotechnology Certificate

## Chemistry

The Chemistry Department provides: (1) undergraduate training in chemistry for students planning professional careers in chemistry, biochemistry and allied professions, and for those contemplating graduate work for advanced degrees; (2) undergraduate training in chemistry for those planning careers in professions such as medicine, chiropractic, dentistry, pharmacy, etc.; (3) participation in the preparation of teachers of chemistry and the other physical sciences in the teaching credential programs; (4) teaching of the basic chemical sciences required by students majoring in related fields such as physics, biology, nursing, engineering, geology, agriculture, home economics, and criminology; (5) stimulation of interest in and understanding of the achievements and contributions of chemistry to our civilization for non-science students, as a part of General Education; and (6) graduate instruction in chemistry for the Master of Science degree for students who intend to enter the chemical industry, pursue further advanced study, or who wish to improve their qualifications as teachers in secondary schools and community colleges.

The Bachelor of Science degree program in Chemistry is accredited by the American Chemical Society. Students who satisfactorily complete the program are recommended by the department for certification as graduate chemists by the American



Chemical Society. Students completing the Bachelor of Arts degree may be recommended for certification by completing additional requirements of the American Chemical Society.

## Faculty

Sixteen Ph.D. members are in the Department of Chemistry. Our faculty provide excellent research opportunities in analytical, biochemistry, inorganic, organic, and physical chemistry. The broad interests within the faculty have resulted in interdisciplinary research projects in collaboration with scientists and professors in other science areas: agricultural chemistry, biotechnology, clinical chemistry, forensics chemistry, chemical physics, ecology, nutritional science, and molecular biology. Research projects have involved local facilities such as the California State Crime Laboratory, University Medical Center, UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program, USDA Research Station, U.S. Veteran's Administration Hospital, U.S. Forest Laboratory, and Valley Children's Hospital.

## Facilities

All upper-division and graduate chemistry laboratories and support areas are housed in our science building. Eight four-station graduate laboratories are well equipped, with access to modern instrumentation. Instrumentation in the department includes: Varian EM 360 and Gemini 200 FT NMR spectrometers, GC-MS, atomic absorption spectrometers, Fourier Trans-

form IR (FTIR), liquid scintillation counter, Lambda 6, Shimadzu, HP Diode-Array, spectrophotometers, spectrofluorometer, radiation equipment, liquid chromatographs, high speed refrigerated centrifuges, gas chromatographs, and Unix workstations for advanced computational chemistry. The university library includes many journal subscriptions in chemistry plus numerous texts and related books.

## Career Opportunities

Because of the increasing technological nature of our society, chemistry graduates will find an impressive array of options and exciting opportunities in a wide range of fields. A chemistry degree can provide preparation for a career as a professional chemist in areas such as basic research, environmental protection, instrumentation, new product and process development, and education. There is an increasing need for technical expertise in expanding fields such as agricultural chemistry, biotechnology, forensic science, clinical chemistry, food science, occupational safety, and environmental monitoring. Careers for chemists in the academics include university teaching and science teaching in the secondary school—an area that will expand greatly in the future. In addition there is a need for technically trained people in nontraditional areas such as marketing and sales, scientific information, patent law, and health and safety. The baccalaureate degree can also provide a strong foundation for studies at medical, dental, veterinary, and pharmacy schools. Students with chemistry degrees have been notably successful in these areas.