## **BS** in Biochemistry

There are a wide range of career options for chemists and biochemists in a diverse array of occupational fields. Opportunities can be divided into five main sectors: Industry, Academia, Government, Non-Profit, and Entrepreneurship. In addition, the programs of study for both chemistry and biochemistry degrees provide strong academic, critical thinking, and foundational skills for students interested in pursuing advanced professional degrees in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and pharmacy, as well as rigorous preparation for graduate school.

The curriculum requirement to obtain a BS in Biochemistry consists of the general College of Science curriculum requirements.

#### Marketable Skills

Students develop the following marketable skills:

- · Communication: Reach mutual understanding through the effective exchange of information, ideas, and feelings
- · Critical thinking: Analyze and evaluate issues in order to solve problems and develop informed opinions
- Organization: Use resources effectively and efficiently in order to stay focused on different tasks
- Problem-solving: Find solutions to difficult or complex issues
- · Research: Be able to search, investigate and critically analyze information in response to a specific research question
- Time management: Prioritize goals and organize time to be more productive and efficient.

Additionally, students will be:

- · Using laboratory equipment
- · Maintaining precision and accuracy
- · Organizing and reporting data, results and conclusions
- Explaining complex ideas for technical and non-technical audiences

## **Degree Plan**

Required Credits: 120

Code	Title	Ног	ırs
Designated Core (All courses requ	ire a grade of C or better)		
Required Courses: 1			
MATH 1411	Calculus I		
PHYS 2320 & PHYS 2120	Introductory Mechanics and Laboratory for PHYS 2320		
PHYS 2321 & PHYS 2121	Introductory Electromagnetism and Laboratory for PHYS 2321		
University Core Curriculum			
Complete the University Core Curricu	ulum requirements. (p. 2)		42
Biochemistry Major			
Required Courses:			
CHEM 3330 & CHEM 3131	Biochem I:Struc & Function and Lab for Chemistry		4
CHEM 3332	Biochem II: Metabol & Bioenerg		3
CHEM 4334 & CHEM 4134	Structural Biochemistry and Structural Biochemistry Lab		4
CHEM 4335	Biophysical Chemistry		3
Required Chemistry Courses			
CHEM 1305 & CHEM 1105	General Chemistry and Laboratory for CHEM 1305		4
CHEM 1306 & CHEM 1106	General Chemistry and Laboratory for CHEM 1306		4
CHEM 2321 & CHEM 2221	Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry I Lab		5
CHEM 2322 & CHEM 2222	Organic Chemistry II and Organic Chemistry II Lab		5

CHEM 3310 & CHEM 3110	Analytical Chemistry and Lab for Chemistry 3310	4
Other Required Courses		
BIOL 1305 & BIOL 1107	General Biology and Topics in Study of Life I	4
BIOL 1306 & BIOL 1108	Organismal Biology and Organismal Biology Laboratory	4
BIOL 3314 & BIOL 3115	Molecular Cell Biology and Molecular Cell Biol Laboratory	4
BIOL 3320	Genetics	3
MATH 1312	Calculus II	3
MICR 2340 & MICR 2141	General Microbiology and Gen Microbiology Laboratory	4
MICR 3349 & MICR 3150	Prokaryotic Molecular Genetic and Prokaryotic Mol Genetic Lab	4
STAT 2480	Elementary Statistical Methods	4
<b>Prescribed Elective Courses</b>		
Select Nine Hours:		9
BIOL 4388	Mammalian Physiology	
CHEM 3151 & CHEM 3351	Lab for Chemistry 3351 and Physical Chemistry I	
CHEM 3152 & CHEM 3352	Lab for Chemistry 3352 and Physical Chemistry II	
CHEM 4176	Introduction to Research	
CHEM 4211 & CHEM 4212	Instrumental Meths Analyt Chem and Lab for Chemistry 4211	
CHEM 4328	Advanced Topics Organic Chem	
CHEM 4362	Structure of Matter	
CHEM 4365	Inorganic Chemistry	
CHEM 4376	Introduction to Research	
MICR 3144 & MICR 3343	Pathogenic Microbiology Lab and Pathogenic Microbiology	
MICR 3146 & MICR 3345	Microbial Physiology Lab and Microbial Physiology	
MICR 4329	Epidemiology	
MICR 4351	General Virology	
MICR 4355	Medical Mycology	
ZOOL 4181	Vertebrate Physiology Methods	
ZOOL 4384	Cellular Neuroscience	
Total Hours		120
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<sup>1</sup> Although the UTEP choice is larger, these choices satisfy the requirements of both the core and the major.

# University Core Curriculum (A program may recommend specific courses. All courses require a C or better.)

## I. Communication (six hours)

Code Title Hours

Courses in this category focus on developing ideas and expressing them clearly, considering the effect of the message, fostering understanding, and building the skills needed to communicate persuasively. Courses involve the command of oral, aural, written, and visual literacy skills that enable people to exchange messages appropriate to the subject, occasion, and audience. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Teamwork, and Personal Responsibility.

Select six hours of the following:

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<sup>2</sup> A total of thirty-seven hours of upper division coursework is required of all Bachelor of Science degrees.

C Course requires a grade of C or better.

For students whose secondary education was in English:

COMM 1611	Written and Oral Communication		
ENGL 1313	Writing About Literature		
RWS 1301	Rhetoric & Composition I		
RWS 1302	Rhetoric & Composition 2		
RWS 1601	Rhetoric, Composition & Comm		
For students whose secondary education was not in English:			
ESOL 1311	Expos Engl Compos-Spkr Esl		
ESOL 1312	Res & Crit Writng Spkr Esl		
TOTAL HOURS		6	

#### II. American History (six hours)

ode Title Hours

Courses in this category focus on the consideration of past events and ideas relative to the United States, with the option of including Texas History for a portion of this component area. Courses involve the interaction among individuals, communities, states, the nation, and the world, considering how these interactions have contributed to the development of the United States and its global role. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Social Responsibility, and Personal Responsibility.

HIST 1301	History of U.S. to 1865	3
HIST 1302	History of U.S. Since 1865	3
TOTAL HOURS		6

## III. Language, Philosophy & Culture (three hours)

Code Title Hours

Courses in this category focus on how ideas, values, beliefs, and other aspects of culture express and affect human experience. Courses involve the exploration of ideas that foster aesthetic and intellectual creation in order to understand the human condition across cultures. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Social Responsibility, and Personal Responsibility.

Select one of the following:		3	
ANTH 2325 Language in Culture 8	& Society		
AFST 2300	Intro-African Amer Studies		
CHIC 2302	Latina/o Presence in the U.S.		
ENGL 2311	English Literature		
ENGL 2312	English Literature		
ENGL 2313	Intro to American Fiction		
ENGL 2314	Intro to American Drama		
ENGL 2318	Intro to American Poetry		
ENGL 2325 Language in Culture 8	ENGL 2325 Language in Culture & Society		
FREN 2322	Making of the "Other" Americas		
HIST 2301	World History to 1500		
HIST 2302	World History Since 1500		
LING 2325 Language in Culture &	Society		
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy		
PHIL 2306	Ethics		
RS 1301	Introduct to Religious Studies		
SPAN 2340	Seeing & Naming: Conversations		
WS 2300	Introduction to Womens Studies		
WS 2350	Global Feminisms		
TOTAL HOURS		3	

## IV. Mathematics (three hours)

Code Title Hours

Courses in this category focus on quantitative literacy in logic, patterns, and relationships. Courses involve the understanding of key mathematical concepts and the application of appropriate quantitative tools to everyday experience. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, and Empirical & Quantitative Skills.

Select one of the following: 3

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MATH 1309	College Algebra	
MATH 1310	Trigonometry and Conics	
MATH 1319	Math in the Modern World	
MATH 1320	Math for Social Sciences I	
MATH 1411	Calculus I	
MATH 1508	Precalculus	
MATH 2301	Math for Social Sciences II	
STAT 1380	Statistical Literacy	
STAT 2480	Elementary Statistical Methods	
TOTAL HOURS		3

## V. Life & Physical Sciences (six hours)

Code Title Hours

Courses in this category focus on describing, explaining, and predicting natural phenomena using the scientific method. Courses involve the understanding of interactions among natural phenomena and the implications of scientific principles on the physical world and on experiences. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Empirical & Quantitative Skills, and Teamwork.

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Required: Lecture/Lab Sequen	nce plus Additional Lecture
ASTR 1107	Astronomy Lab I
ASTR 1307	Elem Astronomy-Solar System
ASTR 1308	Elem Astr Stars & Galaxies
BIOL 1103	Introductory Biology Lab
BIOL 1104	Human Biology Laboratory
BIOL 1107	Topics in Study of Life I
BIOL 1108	Organismal Biology Laboratory
BIOL 1203	Introductory Biology
BIOL 1304	Human Biology
BIOL 1305	General Biology
BIOL 1306	Organismal Biology
BIOL 2111	Human Anat/Physio Lab I
BIOL 2113	Human Anat/Physio Lab II
BIOL 2311	Human Anat/Physiology I
BIOL 2313	Human Anat/Physiology II
CHEM 1105	Laboratory for CHEM 1305
CHEM 1106	Laboratory for CHEM 1306
CHEM 1107	Intro General Chemistry Lab
CHEM 1108	Intro Organic & Biochem Lab
CHEM 1305	General Chemistry
CHEM 1306	General Chemistry
CHEM 1307	Intro to General Chemistry
CHEM 1308	Intro Organic & Biochemistry
ESCI 1101	Environmental Sci. Lab
ESCI 1102	Non-major Lab for ESCI 1301
ESCI 1301	Intro to Environmental Sci
GEOG 1106	Laboratory for GEOG 1306
GEOG 1306	Physical Geography
GEOL 1103	Lab for GEOL 1313
GEOL 1104	Lab for GEOL 1314
GEOL 1111	Principles of Earth Sci - Lab
GEOL 1112	Laboratory for Geology 1212
GEOL 1211	Principles of Earth Sciences
GEOL 1212	Principles of Earth Science
GEOL 1230	The Blue Planet
GEOL 1231	Natural Hazards

	GEOL 1313	Intro to Physical Geology	
	GEOL 1314	Intro to Historical Geol	
	HSCI 2302	Fundamentals of Nutrition	
	HSCI 2303	Wellness Dynamics	
	MICR 2330	Microorganisms and Disease	
	PHYS 1403	General Physics I	
	PHYS 1404	General Physics II	
	PHYS 2120	Laboratory for PHYS 2320	
	PHYS 2121	Laboratory for PHYS 2321	
	PHYS 2320	Introductory Mechanics	
	PHYS 2321	Introductory Electromagnetism	
٦	TOTAL HOURS		6

## VI. Political Science (six hours)

Code Title Hours

Courses in this category focus on consideration of the Constitution of the United States and the constitutions of the states, with special emphasis on that of Texas. Courses involve the analysis of governmental institutions, political behavior, civic engagement, and their political and philosophical foundations. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Social Responsibility and Personal Responsibility.

 Required Courses:
 POLS 2310
 Introduction to Politics
 3

 POLS 2311
 American Gover & Politics
 3

 TOTAL HOURS
 6

## VII. Social & Behavioral Sciences (three hours)

Code Title Hours

Courses in this category focus on the application of empirical and scientific methods that contribute to the understanding of what makes us human. Courses involve the exploration of behavior and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, and events, examining their impact on the individual, society, and culture. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Empirical & Quantitative Skills, and Social Responsibility.

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Select one of the following:		3
ANTH 1301	Origins of Humanity	
ANTH 1302	World Cultures	
ANTH 1310	Cultural Geography	
ANTH 2320	Introduction to Human Language	
ASIA 2300	Asian American Studies	
CE 2326	Econ for Engrs & Scientists	
CHIC 2311	Intro to Chicano Studies	
COMM 2350	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 2372	Mass Media and Society	
ECON 2303	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 2304	Principles of Microeconomics	
EDPC 1301	Introduction to Ed Psychology	
EDU 1342	Action Research in Classrooms	
ENGL 2320	Introduction to Human Language	
GEOG 1310	Cultural Geography	
LEAD 2300	Leadership in Action	
LING 2320	Introduction to Human Language	
LING 2340	Lang. Inside & Out: Sel Topics	
PSYC 1301	Introduction to Psychology	
SOCI 1301	American Society	
SOCI 1310	Cultural Geography	
TOTAL HOURS		3

## **VIII. Creative Arts**

Code Title Hours

Courses in this category focus on the appreciation and analysis of creative artifacts and works of the human imagination. Courses involve the synthesis and interpretation of artistic expression and enable critical, creative, and innovative communication about works of art. Course objectives for this component are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Teamwork, and Social Responsibility.

Select one of the following:		3
ART 1300	Art Appreciation	
ARTH 1305	History of Art I	
ARTH 1306	History of Art II	
CHIC 1311	Chicana/o Fine Arts Appreciat	
DANC 1304	Introduction to Dance	
FILM 1390	Intro-Art of Motion Pict.	
MUSL 1324	Music Appreciation	
MUSL 1327	Jazz to Rock	
MUSL 2321	Music, Culture, and Society	
THEA 1313	Introduction to Theatre	
TOTAL HOURS		3

## IX. Component Area Option (six hours)

Code Title Hours

a. A minimum of 3 SCH must meet the definition and corresponding Core Objectives specified in one of the foundational component areas. b. As an option for up to 3 semester credit hours of the Component Area Option, an institution may select course(s) that: (i) Meet(s) the definition specified for one or more of the foundational component areas; and (ii) Include(s) a minimum of three Core Objectives, including Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, and one of the remaining Core Objectives of the institution's choice.

	ANTH 1312 Science & Society		
	ANTH 1313 Human Variation		
	BUSN 1301	Intro to Global Business	
	COMM 1301	Public Speaking	
	COMM 1302	Business/Profession Comm	
	CS 1310	Intro-Computational Thinking	
	CS 1320	Computer Programming Sci/Engr	
	EL 1301	Eng Innovation and Leadership	
	ENGR 1302	Engineering Design Experience	
	ENGR 1303	Applied Engineering Analysis	
	KIN 1301 Physical Activity for Hea	Ith & Wellness	
	LEAD 1300	Introduction to Leadership	
	SCI 1301	Inquiry in Math & Science	
	SOCI 1312 Science & Society		
	SPLP 1312	Comm. Var. Across the Lifespan	
	UNIV 1301	Seminar/Critical Inquiry	
٦	TOTAL HOURS		6

## 4-Year Sample Degree Plan

## **BS Biochemistry- Starting with Calculus**

Code	Title	I	Hours
BS BIOCHEMISTRY			
FRESHMAN			
Fall			
BIOL 1305	General Biology		4
& BIOL 1107	and Topics in Study of Life I		
CHEM 1305	General Chemistry		4
& CHEM 1105	and Laboratory for CHEM 1305		
MATH 1411	Calculus I		4

SCI 1301	Inquiry in Math & Science	3
Spring		
BIOL 1306	Organismal Biology	4
& BIOL 1108	and Organismal Biology Laboratory	
CHEM 1306	General Chemistry	4
& CHEM 1106 COMM 1301	and Laboratory for CHEM 1306	2
MATH 1312	Public Speaking Colorling II	3
RWS 1301	Calculus II	3
SOPHOMORE	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
Fall		
CHEM 2321	Organic Chemistry I	5
& CHEM 2221	and Organic Chemistry I Lab	3
HIST 1301	History of U.S. to 1865	3
PHYS 2320	Introductory Mechanics	4
& PHYS 2120	and Laboratory for PHYS 2320	
STAT 2480	Elementary Statistical Methods	4
Spring		
CHEM 2322	Organic Chemistry II	5
& CHEM 2222	and Organic Chemistry II Lab	
HIST 1302	History of U.S. Since 1865	3
PHYS 2321 & PHYS 2121	Introductory Electromagnetism	4
RWS 1302	and Laboratory for PHYS 2321	2
	Rhetoric & Composition 2	3
JUNIOR Fall		
CHEM 3310 & CHEM 3110	Analytical Chemistry and Lab for Chemistry 3310	4
CHEM 3330	Biochem I:Struc & Function	4
& CHEM 3131	and Lab for Chemistry	
PHIL 2306	Ethics	3
POLS 2310	Introduction to Politics	3
PSYC 1301	Introduction to Psychology	3
Spring	Ant Association	
ART 1300	Art Appreciation	3
CHEM 3332	Biochem II: Metabol & Bioenerg	3
MICR 2340 & MICR 2141	General Microbiology and Gen Microbiology Laboratory	4
POLS 2311	American Gover & Politics	3
SENIOR	Allionour Gover a Foliaco	O
Fall		
BIOL 3314	Molecular Cell Biology	4
& BIOL 3115	and Molecular Cell Biol Laboratory	·
CHEM 4334	Structural Biochemistry	4
& CHEM 4134	and Structural Biochemistry Lab	
Upper Division Elective		3
Upper Division Elective		3
Spring		
MICR 3349 & MICR 3150	Prokaryotic Molecular Genetic and Prokaryotic Mol Genetic Lab	4
BIOL 3320	Genetics	3
CHEM 4335	Biophysical Chemistry	3

POLS 2311

**SENIOR** 

Upper Division Elective 3 **Total Hours** 120 BS Biochemistry- Starting with Pre-Calculus Title Hours **BS BIOCHEMISTRY FRESHMAN** Fall **BIOL 1305** General Biology 4 & BIOL 1107 and Topics in Study of Life I **CHEM 1305 General Chemistry** 4 & CHEM 1105 and Laboratory for CHEM 1305 MATH 1508 Precalculus 5 3 SCI 1301 Inquiry in Math & Science Spring **BIOL 1306** Organismal Biology 4 & BIOL 1108 and Organismal Biology Laboratory CHEM 1306 **General Chemistry** 4 & CHEM 1106 and Laboratory for CHEM 1306 **COMM 1301 Public Speaking** 3 4 **MATH 1411** Calculus I RWS 1301 Rhetoric & Composition I 3 **SOPHOMORE** Fall **CHEM 2321** Organic Chemistry I 5 & CHEM 2221 and Organic Chemistry I Lab HIST 1301 History of U.S. to 1865 3 MATH 1312 Calculus II 3 **PHYS 2320** 4 Introductory Mechanics & PHYS 2121 and Laboratory for PHYS 2321 **Spring** CHEM 2322 Organic Chemistry II 5 & CHEM 2222 and Organic Chemistry II Lab HIST 1302 History of U.S. Since 1865 3 PHYS 2321 Introductory Electromagnetism 4 & PHYS 2121 and Laboratory for PHYS 2321 **RWS 1302** Rhetoric & Composition 2 3 **STAT 2480** 4 **Elementary Statistical Methods JUNIOR** Fall **CHEM 3310 Analytical Chemistry** 4 & CHEM 3110 and Lab for Chemistry 3310 **CHEM 3330** Biochem I:Struc & Function 4 & CHEM 3131 and Lab for Chemistry **PHIL 2306 Ethics** 3 **PSYC 1301** Introduction to Psychology 3 Introduction to Politics 3 POLS 2310 **Spring ART 1300** 3 Art Appreciation **CHEM 3332** Biochem II: Metabol & Bioenerg 3 MICR 2340 4 General Microbiology & MICR 2141 and Gen Microbiology Laboratory

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American Gover & Politics

## Fall

BIOL 3314 & BIOL 3115	Molecular Cell Biology and Molecular Cell Biol Laboratory	4
CHEM 4334 & CHEM 4134	Structural Biochemistry and Structural Biochemistry Lab	4
Upper Division Elective		3
Upper Division Elective		3
Spring		
BIOL 3320	Genetics	3
CHEM 4335	Biophysical Chemistry	3
MICR 3349 & MICR 3150	Prokaryotic Molecular Genetic and Prokaryotic Mol Genetic Lab	4
Upper Division Elective		3
Total Hours		125