

Department of Chemistry
Undergraduate Student Academic Affairs Office
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Change of Major to Chemistry

Guidelines for changing your major to Chemistry at the Sophomore level (45-89.9 units) or higher, given below (higher GPAs are desired if all 16 units of repeats have been used). Each change of major applicant is analyzed for merit on a case-by-case basis by the Undergraduate Advisor:

For the BA:

- 1) have an overall GPA ≥ 2.3 ;
- 2) have an overall Chemistry GPA ≥ 2.5 ;
- 3) complete the following courses with grades of "C" or better (or $>$ "C" average in each series)

CHEM 001A, 001B, 001C
MATH 009A, 009B, 009C
PHYS 002A, 002B and PHYS 02LA, 02LB

For the BS:

- 1) have an overall GPA ≥ 2.3 ;
- 2) have an overall Chemistry GPA ≥ 2.5 ;
- 3) complete the following courses with grades of "C" or better (or $>$ "C" average in each series)

CHEM 001A, 001B, 001C
MATH 009A, 009B, 009C
PHYS 040A, 040B

A comparison of required courses between a BA and a BS in Chemistry is located at
<http://www.chem.ucr.edu/undergrad/optioncomparison.pdf>

PHYS 002A, 002B, 002C and PHYS 02LA, 02LB, 02LC is acceptable for the **BA degree only**.

PHYS 040A, 040B, 040C, 040D is a hard requirement for the **BS degree** and **will not be waived, except on a case by case basis for very strong students**.

If you want to pursue a BS in Chemistry and you have completed the PHYS 002ABC series, you will be given credit for PHYS 040A. You must then complete the PHYS 040 series (PHYS 040B, PHYS 040C, PHYS 040D).

Procedure: It is assumed that you have met the requirements listed above **before** submitting a *Change of Major* to Colleen Fleming in the Chemical Sciences I Building, Room 224 for processing. Change of Major forms will be processed by the end of the third week of the quarter. You will be notified by email of a decision. *Change of Major* forms received after the second week of the quarter will be reviewed after current quarter grades are available.

Change of Major forms are available in the Chemistry Undergraduate Academic Advising office (Chemical Sciences I Building, Room 224), Office of the Registrar (1125 Hinderaker Hall), and at the CNAS Undergraduate Academic Advising Center (1223 Pierce Hall).