

Biochemistry

Recommended Graduation Plan (Fall 2026)

This recommended graduation plan is designed to provide a blueprint for students to complete their degrees on time. Students must meet with their Academic Advisor to develop a more individualized plan to complete their degree.

NOTE: This recommended Graduation Plan is applicable to students admitted into the major during the 2026-2027 academic year

CRWT Placement
CRWT 101 to CRWT 102
CRWT 101S to CRWT 102S

Math Placement
MATH 022 to MATH 024 to MATH 110

NOTE: CRWT and MATH courses are determined by placement testing and should be taken following the sequence above.

First Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
BIOL 111 & BIOL 111L - Fundamentals of Biology I Lec & Lab	4+1		BIOL 113 & BIOL 113L - Fundamentals of Biology II Lecture & Lab	4+1	
CHEM 116 & CHEM 116L - General Chemistry I Lecture & Lab ¹	4+1		CHEM 117 & CHEM 117L - General Chemistry II Lecture & Lab	4+1	
Gen Ed: INTD 101 - First Year Seminar	4		Gen Ed: MATH 121 - Calculus I	4	
Gen Ed: CRWT 102 - Critical Reading and Writing II	4		General Education Requirement	4	
			SNH Pathways Module 1: (PATH 001) Career Assessment/Advising	Degree Rqmt.	
Total:	18		Total:	18	

Second Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
CHEM 211 & CHEM 211L - Organic Chemistry I Lec & Lab	4+1		CHEM 213 & CHEM 213L - Organic Chemistry II Lecture & Lab	4+1	
MATH 122 - Calculus II	4		PHYS 117 - Physics II w/ Calculus & PHYS 117L - Introductory Physics II Lab	4+1	
PHYS 116 - Physics I w/ Calculus & PHYS 116L - Introductory Physics I Lab	4+1		General Education Requirement	4	
General Education Requirement	4		General Education Requirement	4	
SNH Pathways Module 2: (PATH 002) Resume/CV Writing	Degree Rqmt.		SNH Pathways Module 3: (PATH 003) Interview Preparation	Degree Rqmt.	

Total:	18		Total:	14	
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Third Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
CHEM 324 & CHEM 324L - Quantitative Chemical Analysis Lecture & Lab	4+1		CHEM 350 - Physical Chemistry I	4	
CHEM 425 – Biochemistry ** I	4		CHEM 446 - Biochemistry II C,	4	
BIOL 332 & BIOL 332L** - Genetics Lecture & Lab WI	4+1.5		CHEM 430 - Experimental Biochemistry Lab WI	2	
Elective: SNH-Research Honors Course RE #	1		Elective: SNH-Research Honors Course RE #	1	
			Electives for ACS Certification#	5	
Total:	15.5			16	

Fourth Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
CHEM 350L - Physical Chemistry I Lab WI	1.5		BIOL 407 & BIOL 407L** - Cell and Molecular Biology Lecture & Lab WI	4+1.5	
Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4		Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4	
Elective: SNH-Research Honors Course RE #	1		Elective: SNH-Research Honors Course RE #	1	
Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4		Electives for ACS Certification#	5	
General Education Requirement	4				
Total:	14		Total:	15.5	

Total Credits Required: 128 credits

GPA Required: overall GPA 2.0 and major GPA 2.0

General Education courses can be done in any order with the exception of INTD 101, CRWT and MATH. Those three general education courses will need to be done first. First Year Seminar is taken in the first semester. Failure to complete CRWT and MATH will result in a hold when the student hits 64 credits. The following general education courses can be done in any order. For more info on these courses, please visit the [General Education program requirements website in the College Catalog](#):

- Social Science Inquiry (SOSC 110) [+W]
- Scientific Reasoning
- Historical Perspectives [+W]
- Studies in the Arts & Humanities (CRWT 102 is a prerequisite to this course) [+W]
- Global Awareness [+W]

- Distribution Category (Social Systems, & Society **OR** Culture & Creativity **OR** Values and Ethics)
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+W: Students transferring in with 48 or more credits are waived from these general education requirements.

**Offered in both fall and spring semesters, so can be taken in either semester

*** CHEM 430: Experimental Biochemistry runs every other spring: Spring 2027, Spring 2029, etc, so this course will need to be taken either Spring semester of junior or senior year.

¹Also satisfies Gen-Ed: Scientific Reasoning Category

²Also satisfies Gen-Ed: Quantitative Reasoning Category

For biochemistry major students, there are two different options to follow to be certified by the American Chemistry Society (ACS), (this is not required to graduate)

- Option 1: Complete Advanced Inorganic Chemistry Lecture (CHEM 451), Advanced Inorganic Chemistry Lab (CHEM 451L) and at least one semester of SNH Research Honors as electives
- Option 2: Complete Advanced Inorganic Chemistry Lecture (CHEM 451), Advanced Inorganic Chemistry Lab (CHEM 451L), Instrumental Analysis Lecture (CHEM 427) and Instrumental Analysis Lab (CHEM 427L) as electives
- These can be taken in the Spring semester of either junior or senior year. CHEM 427 and CHEM 451 run in alternating Spring semesters on an every-other-year cycle. CHEM 451: Spring 2027, Spring 2029 etc, CHEM 427 Spring 2026, Spring 2028 etc

RE Although no additional electives are required to graduate, the Biochemistry Program strongly recommends taking optional recommended electives (see list of the recommended elective courses from biochemistry major requirements at www.ramapo.edu/catalog)

Biochemistry Program strongly recommends taking SNH Research Honors courses (SRSH 301, 302, 401 and 402) during the 3rd and 4th year for hands-on research experience. Students who complete all of SNH Research courses (SRSH 301, 302, 401, and 402) will graduate with SNH Research Honors Distinction.

C Biochemistry II (CHEM 446) capstone course is designed to draw from and build on content and skills learned during a student's progression through the major with a significant writing component. In undertaking this course, students will demonstrate: a thorough understanding of the relevant biochemistry material, an ability to apply problem-solving strategies, oral and written communication and presentation skills, an ability to comprehend and critically evaluate scientific literature. Senior presentation for biochemistry major will be one of the requirements for this course. Requires prerequisite CHEM 425

WI: Writing Intensive – 3 courses required in the major