

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Can I take Chem 091 even if I have not completed Chem 11?

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must still be chosen keeping in mind the other rules for degree requirements, such as the required number of upper level courses.

Can I take a 3rd-year science course for the 2nd-year science requirement?

In your chemistry degree, you must do some second-year science from outside Chemistry. Only certain 3rd-year courses may be substituted for this purpose. The general principle applied is that if a course is acceptable for students doing a degree in that discipline then it will probably be OK; if it is only available for elective credit in that discipline then it will not be acceptable.

How do I get into honours?

After you have completed your second year, you may be admitted into honours. There is no specific GPA entry requirement, but you will need a graduating GPA of 5.50 to graduate with an honours degree; the Chemistry Department does not track your GPA to see if you will satisfy this goal. To apply for honours, first see the Chemistry honours/majors advisor, who will email the advising centre that the Chemistry Department accepts you into honours. Then you need to go over to the advising centre to declare your honours program.

Should I do an honours degree?

This is largely a personal choice. In general, if you are doing well in your chemistry courses you should consider an honours degree. Some professional programs and graduate schools will admit students with a majors degree, but admission requirements across the country vary. If you plan on obtaining a second degree, you should consult with schools you are considering for further information.

What do I do if I miss a lab period?

Please contact the Senior Lab Instructor of the lab course immediately you know that you will miss it. Contact may be by phone, email or in person. The Senior Lab Instructors are listed in the manuals, on this web site and on the course web sites.

Chem 36x are independent lab courses ($x = 1$, analytical; $x = 2$, inorganic; $x = 3$, organic; $x = 4$, physical). Do I have to take the two halves of these courses in a specific order?

No, the order of terms is not important. For inorganic and organic, you can even take them as two consecutive fall terms or two consecutive spring terms as well as the more common fall + spring. For physical, the fall and the summer terms are the same, so the option becomes fall + spring or summer + spring. For analytical, the fall + spring pattern is currently the only option.