

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTATIONAL CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

Computational chemistry and biochemistry is the application of computational methods to understand chemical and biochemical properties and processes. Majors in this program will learn chemical and molecular modeling and simulation, computational chemical biology, computational drug design, big data in chemistry and biochemistry, and computational methods for data analytics. Students will be prepared to advance in the rapidly growing fields of computational and data science, gaining a strong background in traditional chemistry areas combined with relevant and advanced skills in experimental and computational science.

## Required Courses

| Code   | Title  | Credit Hours |
|--|--|--------------|
| <b>Computational Chemistry and Biochemistry Requirements</b> |  | <b>(45)</b>  |
| CHEM 100   | Introduction to the Profession                       | 2            |
| CHEM 124   | Principles of Chemistry I with Laboratory            | 4            |
| CHEM 125   | Principles of Chemistry II with Laboratory           | 4            |
| CHEM 237   | Organic Chemistry I                                  | 4            |
| CHEM 239   | Organic Chemistry II                                 | 3            |
| CHEM 247   | Analytical Chemistry                                 | 3            |
| CHEM 343   | Physical Chemistry I                                 | 3            |
| CHEM 344   | Physical Chemistry II                                | 4            |
| CHEM 415   | Inorganic Chemistry                                  | 3            |
| CHEM 434   | Spectroscopic Methods in Identification and Analysis | 4            |
| CHEM 452   | Cheminformatics                                      | 3            |
| CHEM 454   | Computational Quantum Chemistry                      | 3            |
| CHEM 456   | Computational Biochemistry and Drug Design           | 3            |
| CHEM 485   | Chemistry Colloquium                                 | 1            |
| CHEM 495   | Seminar in Special Topics                            | 1            |
| <b>Computational Chemistry and Biochemistry Elective</b>     |  | <b>(3)</b>   |
| Select one course from the following:                        |  | 3            |
| CHEM 240   | Organic Chemistry Laboratory                         | 2            |
| CHEM 321   | Instrumental Analysis                                | 4            |
| CHEM 416   | Advanced Chemistry Laboratory                        | 3            |
| CHEM 455   | Advanced Organic Chemistry                           | 3            |
| CHEM 467   | Medicinal Chemistry                                  | 3            |
| CHEM 513   | Statistics for Analytical Chemists                   | 3            |
| CHEM 538   | Physical Biochemistry                                | 3            |
| CHEM 550   | Theoretical and Computational Quantum Chemistry      | 3            |
| <b>Biology Requirements</b>                                  |  | <b>(9)</b>   |
| BIOL 107<br>or BIOL 115                                      | General Biology Lectures<br>Human Biology            | 3            |
| BIOL 401   | Introductory Biochemistry                            | 3            |
| BIOL 402   | Metabolic Biochemistry                               | 3            |
| <b>Mathematics Requirements</b>                              |  | <b>(18)</b>  |
| MATH 151   | Calculus I   | 5            |
| MATH 152   | Calculus II  | 5            |
| MATH 251   | Multivariate and Vector Calculus                     | 4            |
| MATH 252   | Introduction to Differential Equations               | 4            |
| <b>Physics Requirements</b>                                  |  | <b>(8)</b>   |
| PHYS 123   | General Physics I: Mechanics                         | 4            |
| PHYS 221   | General Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism        | 4            |
| <b>Computer Science Requirement</b>                          |  | <b>(9)</b>   |

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|---|--|-------------|
| CS 105<br>or CS 110                                 | Introduction to Computer Programming<br>Computing Principles | 2           |
| CS 201  | Accelerated Introduction to Computer Science                 | 4           |
| CS 331  | Data Structures and Algorithms                               | 3           |
| <b>Humanities and Social Sciences Requirements</b>  |  | <b>(21)</b> |
| See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, sections B and C |  | 21          |
| <b>Interprofessional Projects (IPRO)</b>            |  | <b>(6)</b>  |
| See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, section E        |  | 6           |
| <b>Free Electives</b>                               |  | <b>(9)</b>  |
| Select nine credit hours <sup>1</sup>               |  | 9           |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>                           |  | <b>128</b>  |

<sup>1</sup> Suggested electives include: BIOL 550, CS 411, CS 422, CS 425, ITMD 521, ITMD 525, ITMD 527, ITMD 529, MATH 474, and PHYS 240.

## Bachelor of Science in Computational Chemistry and Biochemistry Curriculum

|  |              | Year 1   |              |
|--|--------------|--|--------------|
| Semester 1                             | Credit Hours | Semester 2   | Credit Hours |
| CHEM 124                               | 4            | CHEM 100   | 2            |
| CS 105 or 110                          | 2            | CHEM 125   | 4            |
| MATH 151                               | 5            | MATH 152   | 5            |
| Humanities 200-level Course            | 3            | PHYS 123   | 4            |
|  |              | Social Sciences Elective                                       | 3            |
|  | <b>14</b>    |  | <b>18</b>    |
|  |              | Year 2   |              |
| Semester 1                             | Credit Hours | Semester 2   | Credit Hours |
| CHEM 237                               | 4            | CHEM 239   | 3            |
| BIOL 107 or 115                        | 3            | CHEM 247   | 3            |
| MATH 251                               | 4            | CS 201   | 4            |
| PHYS 221                               | 4            | MATH 252   | 4            |
| Humanities or Social Sciences Elective | 3            | Humanities Elective (300+)                                     | 3            |
|  | <b>18</b>    |  | <b>17</b>    |
|  |              | Year 3   |              |
| Semester 1                             | Credit Hours | Semester 2   | Credit Hours |
| CHEM 343                               | 3            | BIOL 401   | 3            |
| CS 331                                 | 3            | CHEM 344   | 4            |
| I PRO Elective I                       | 3            | CHEM 434   | 4            |
| Humanities Elective (300+)             | 3            | CHEM 485   | 1            |
| Social Sciences Elective (300+)        | 3            | Free Elective <sup>1</sup>                                     | 3            |
|  | <b>15</b>    |  | <b>15</b>    |
|  |              | Year 4   |              |
| Semester 1                             | Credit Hours | Semester 2   | Credit Hours |
| BIOL 402                               | 3            | CHEM 452   | 3            |
| CHEM 415                               | 3            | CHEM 454   | 3            |
| CHEM 456                               | 3            | CHEM 495   | 1            |
| I PRO Elective II                      | 3            | Computational Chemistry and Biochemistry Elective <sup>2</sup> | 3            |
| Social Sciences Elective (300+)        | 3            | Free Elective <sup>1</sup>                                     | 3            |
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|  | <b>15</b>    |  | <b>16</b>    |

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