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Major: Biochemistry, BA

This degree plan contains the foundational chemistry courses in all 5 subdisciplines (organic, inorganic, biochemistry, analytical, and physical chemistry). There are a larger number of open elective credits, which is useful for students applying to health professional or other professional graduate programs with pre-requisites outside of biochemistry. In fact, this degree program was designed with pre-medical students in mind.

What skills do students develop in this program?

Students gain hands-on laboratory experiences in the core courses, including instrumental analysis, biochemistry lab, and inorganic chemistry lab. This prepares students for careers that involve analytical and critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. The flexibility to take courses in other fields allows students to explore other interests including minors.

What kind of student is a good fit for the BA in Biochemistry?

Students who are interested in applying to medical school, pharmacy school, or other health professions, or students who have an interest in a broad range of science courses.

Are there any popular classes in the program that you would suggest or recommended classes for a student who is just starting to explore the major?

- BIO 191: General Biology I
- CHE 130 and CHE 131: General Chemistry I (lecture and lab)

What are examples of internships and/or research opportunities that students in this major are currently working on or have access to as majors in this program?

All faculty in Chemistry and Biochemistry who are research-active love having our majors in their labs. Students commonly fulfill their Experiential Learning requirement by performing research for credit. There are funding opportunities within DePaul that students can apply for along with their research advisor to have paid research experiences in the summer and academic year. Also, the College of Science and Health has a Dean's Fellowship program with external summer research opportunities, many of which a BA in Biochemistry major would be eligible to apply for.

What are students doing after graduation?

Many of our graduates get jobs right out of DePaul, working as research technicians or in some other industry related to their experiences here. Another subset of students attend graduate school (Chemistry or Biochemistry MS or PhD, law school, etc.), and the rest attend professional schools in the health professions (pharmacy, medicine, etc.).