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American River College's chemistry program provides a series of courses designed to meet transfer requirements for physical and biological science majors as well as students majoring in other fields of study.

CHEM 130 Chemistry for Funeral Services 4 Units

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.
Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course is a survey of the basic principles of chemistry as they relate to Funeral Services. Especially stressed are the chemical principles involved in sanitation, disinfection, public health and embalming practices. The development and use of personal, professional and community sanitation practices are covered as well as use and precautions related to potentially harmful chemicals that are currently used in the field of funeral services.

CHEM 305 Introduction to Chemistry 5 Units

Prerequisite: MATH 100 with a grade of "C" or better
Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.
General Education: AA/AS Area IV; CSU Area B1; CSU Area B3; IGETC Area 5A

Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course covers general principles of chemistry such as unit analysis, atomic structure, nomenclature, mole concept, stoichiometry and gases. A brief introduction of organic chemistry and biochemistry is provided. It is primarily designed for most general education and allied health majors.

CHEM 306 Introduction to Chemistry 5 Units

Prerequisite: CHEM 305 with a grade of "C" or better.
Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course is a continuation of CHEM 305. It covers the organic functional groups and reactions involved in the chemistry of life (biochemistry), as applied to the health sciences. (CAN CHEM 8); (CHEM SEQ B Sum of CHEM 305 and 306).

CHEM 309 Survey of General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry 5 Units

Prerequisite: MATH 100 with a grade of "C" or better
Advisory: ENGRD 116, ENGWR 102, ESLR 320, ESLW 320, and MATH 120; or placement through the assessment process.
General Education: AA/AS Area IV; CSU Area B1; CSU Area B3

Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course is a one-semester survey of general, organic, and biological chemistry for nursing majors and other health-related fields. Topics include general chemistry, organic chemistry, and biological chemistry as they apply to chemistry of the human body. This course satisfies the requirements of those health-career programs which require one semester of chemistry.

CHEM 310 Chemical Calculations 4 Units

Prerequisite: MATH 100 with a grade of "C" or better
Corequisite: MATH 120

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area IV

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course is an introduction to chemical calculations, terminology, chemical concepts and laboratory techniques. It is designed for those who will take CHEM 400 and need intensive preparation in problem solving.

CHEM 325 Pollution, Poisons, and Planet Earth 4 Units

Advisory: MATH 32; ENGRD 116 or ESLR 320

General Education: AA/AS Area IV; CSU Area B1; CSU Area B3; IGETC Area 5A

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course describes the fundamental concepts of general, organic, and biological chemistry as they relate to human-made and natural pollution and poisons in the environment. The laboratory part of the course is designed to highlight current topics in environmental chemistry, investigate indicators of a healthy or polluted environment, and to investigate the effects of toxic chemicals on living systems. Field trips are required.

CHEM 334 Chemistry in the Kitchen 3 Units

General Education: AA/AS Area IV

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course qualitatively covers a variety of chemical principles in the context of cooking. These principles include basic atomic structure and geometry, phase changes, acids and bases, proteins and denaturing, fermentation, fats and carbohydrates. This course is designed for K-6 educators who want to increase their understanding of chemistry principles. Many of the topics are keyed to the new California State Science Standards.

CHEM 400 General Chemistry 5 Units

Prerequisite: MATH 120 with a grade of "C" or better and one of the following: 1) CHEM 310 with a grade of "C" or better 2) Or CHEM 305 with a grade of "C" or better and placement through the chemistry assessment process 3) Or High School chemistry with a grade of "C" or better and placement through the chemistry assessment process

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; OR placement through assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area IV; CSU Area B1; CSU Area B3; IGETC Area 5A

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC; 108 hours LAB

This course covers the basic principles of chemistry with an emphasis on chemical calculations, chemical reactions including balancing of complicated redox reactions, stoichiometry, gas laws, thermochemistry, atomic structure and bonding theories, ionic equations, solutions, intermolecular forces and phases of matter and acid/base chemistry including titrations and pH. Laboratory work is devoted to investigations of the theoretical work discussed in lecture.

CHEM 401 General Chemistry 5 Units

Prerequisite: CHEM 400 with a grade of "C" or better
General Education: CSU Area B1; CSU Area B3; IGETC Area 5A
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC; 108 hours LAB

This course is a continuation of the principles of chemistry with emphasis on equilibria, bonding, thermodynamics, kinetics, and electrochemistry. A brief introduction to organic chemistry is included. Laboratory work is devoted to qualitative analysis and experiments dealing with the theoretical work discussed in lecture.

CHEM 410 Quantitative Analysis 5 Units

Prerequisite: CHEM 401 with a grade of "C" or better.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC; 108 hours LAB

This quantitative analytical chemistry course emphasizes the theory and practice of gravimetric, volumetric, potentiometric, spectrophotometric and chromatographic methods of analysis. The course focuses on calibration, standardization, method development and validation procedures, sampling, and data handling. This course is for chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering, pharmacy, biology, molecular biology, and microbiology majors. (CAN CHEM 12)

CHEM 420 Organic Chemistry 5 Units

Prerequisite: CHEM 401 with a grade of "C" or better.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC; 108 hours LAB

This course is designed primarily for chemistry, chemical engineering, premedical, pharmacy and other majors who require a more intensive course than CHEM 423. Emphasis is on the application of modern principles regarding structure, reactivity, methods of synthesis and physical properties of carbon compounds.

CHEM 421 Organic Chemistry 5 Units

Prerequisite: CHEM 420 with a grade of "C" or better.
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC; 108 hours LAB

This course covers general physical and chemical properties of aromatic compounds, ethers, carbonyl compounds, amines, carbonyl derivatives, and biological compounds of interest. It also includes mass spectrometry, UV-VIS spectrometry, and carbon-13 NMR. Special attention is given to development of reaction mechanisms, methods of organic synthesis and instrumental analysis as it applies to organic chemistry.

CHEM 423 Organic Chemistry - Short Survey 5 Units

Prerequisite: CHEM 401 with a grade of "C" or better
General Education: CSU Area B1; CSU Area B3; IGETC Area 5A
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course is an introductory survey of the compounds of carbon with emphasis on those of biological interest, designed primarily for students majoring in the life sciences, nutrition/dietetics, and related fields. This course is not recommended for students majoring in chemistry, chemical engineering, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and chiropractics.

CHEM 430 Molecular Modeling 1 Unit

Prerequisite: CHEM 401 with a grade of "C" or better.
Advisory: CHEM 420 or 423.
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 12 hours LEC; 27 hours LAB

This computer based course will cover a variety of topics involving molecular modeling and simulations. Some of the topics to be covered include reaction mechanisms, thermo chemistry, electrophilic and nucleophilic substitutions, complexes, and spectroscopy.

CHEM 480 Honors General Chemistry 1 Unit

Prerequisite: CHEM 400 with a grade of "C" or better; ENGWR 300 with a grade of "C" or better or honors placement on the English assessment; GPA of 3.0 or better.
Corequisite: CHEM 401.

Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 18 hours LEC

This honors course provides advanced studies for general chemistry students. It involves in-depth discussion and analysis of recent scientific articles in terms of general chemical principles.

CHEM 482 Biology/Chemistry Honors Seminar 1 Unit

Same As: BIOL 480

Prerequisite: Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above; CHEM 400 and BIOL 400 with a grade of "C" or better; ENGWR 300 or 480 with a grade of "C" or better.

Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 18 hours LEC

This honors section will provide a seminar approach for advanced students of general chemistry and biology to discuss and analyze in-depth recent scientific articles in terms of the chemical and biological principles introduced in these curricula. Not open to students who have taken BIOL 480. May be taken two times for credit.