CHEMISTRY - MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS)

Students are not admitted for the master’s degree but may be transferred to the MS plan if they are unable to meet the demands of the PhD program.

Requirements

Language Requirement
The department does not require foreign language proficiency for the master’s degree.

Examinations
Administration of preliminary examinations varies, depending on students’ entering field. Candidates opting for MS Plan I must pass a master’s thesis defense examination at the time they complete their work. MS Plan II does not require a final oral examination.

Required Courses and Credits
There are two methods of obtaining a master’s degree from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Both plans are available only with departmental approval.

Plan I: Thesis
This plan requires 30 credits, including 15 credits of formal coursework, 15 credits in research/seminar courses, the completion of a research investigation and the presentation of a thesis.

Plan II: Research Report
This plan requires 30 credits, including 21 credits of formal coursework plus 9 credits of research/seminar and presentation of a research report, but no thesis.