CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BSCB)

The Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering's undergraduate programs provide a challenging curriculum that allows students to pursue a variety of career options. Not only do graduates work in a variety of high-tech industries, they are well prepared to pursue careers in medicine, business, or law.

Requirements

Prerequisites and Passing Grades

Unless specified otherwise, the minimum passing grade for a course that is a prerequisite for another required course is C-. If a grade of D+ or lower is received in a course which is a prerequisite to another, the student may not register for the subsequent course until the first grade has been raised to a C- or higher.

Unless specified otherwise, the minimum passing grade for a course that is not specifically a prerequisite for another required course is D-.

Students may be dropped from courses if they do not meet the minimum prerequisite grade requirements. It is the student's responsibility to communicate with the department if summer coursework and/or transfer credit will be used to meet the prerequisite requirement.

Course Requirements

A total of 128 credit hours is required.

Optional Program Track

Premed Track

This track is offered for students preparing for medical school. Since chemical engineering already requires most of the premed courses, it is a logical choice for students who desire an engineering degree and the opportunity to pursue a medical profession. For information on the premed track, visit the department's current students webpage and consult the current advising guide.

Recommended Four-Year Plan of Study

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• Be successfully working and communicating in a variety of technical fields.
• Be adapting to new technologies and changing professional environments.

Learning Outcomes

Program Educational Objectives

The department prepares graduates to make significant contributions in many diverse areas. Specifically, within a few years of graduation our graduates will have achieved one or more of the following attributes:

• In their chosen field, be established in a professional career, be pursuing an advanced degree or be seeking advanced certification.
• Be recognized as academic, industrial or entrepreneurial leaders.
• Be successfully working and communicating in a variety of technical fields.
• Be adapting to new technologies and changing professional environments.

Student Outcomes

Upon graduation, students are expected to be able to:

• Identify, formulate and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science and mathematics.
• Apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental and economic factors.
• Communicate effectively with a range of audiences.
• Recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental and societal contexts.
• Function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks and meet objectives.
• Develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions.
• Acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.

Bachelor’s–Accelerated Master’s Degree Program(s)

The Bachelor’s–Accelerated Master’s (BAM) degree program options offer currently enrolled CU Boulder undergraduate students the opportunity to receive a bachelor’s and master’s degree in a shorter period of time. Students receive the bachelor’s degree first, but begin taking graduate coursework as undergraduates (typically in their senior year). Because some courses are allowed to double count for both the bachelor’s and the master’s degrees, students receive a master’s degree in less time and at a lower cost than if they were to enroll in a stand-alone master’s degree program after completion of their baccalaureate degree. In addition, staying at CU Boulder to pursue a bachelor’s–accelerated master’s program enables students to continue working with their established faculty mentors.

BS in Chemical and Biological Engineering, MS in Chemical Engineering

Admissions Requirements

In order to gain admission to the BAM program named above, a student must meet the following criteria:

• Have a cumulative GPA of 3.250 or higher.
• Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in CHEN coursework.
• Have completed CHEN 2120, CHEN 3200, CHEN 3210, CHEN 3320 and CHEN 3010 prerequisite courses with grades of B- in each course.
• Have at least junior class standing.
• Complete MAPS requirements.
• Provide a one-page statement of purpose. The statement should describe briefly your past work in the field, including noncourse educational experiences, teaching, or other relevant employment, publication, theses, research in progress, other scholarly activities, and your plans for graduate study and a professional career.
• GRE.
• Provide an unofficial transcript.

Program Requirements

Students may take up to and including 12 credit hours while in the undergraduate program which can later be used toward the master’s degree. However, only six credit hours may be double counted toward the bachelor’s degree and the master’s degree. Students must apply to graduate with the bachelor’s degree, and apply to continue with the master’s degree, early in the semester in which the undergraduate requirements will be completed.¹

Please see the BAM degree program (https://www.colorado.edu/chbe/ under-graduate-program/undergraduate-opportunities) webpage for more information.

¹ Students who were admitted prior to July 2019 follow a concurrent Bachelor’s/Master’s structure, and the two degrees are awarded simultaneously when requirements for both degrees are met.