CHEMISTRY - PH.D.

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Description
The Ph.D. degree in Chemistry provides students with opportunities for research in the areas of analytical, inorganic, organic and physical chemistry, as well as biochemistry. Many of the research topics are built around interdisciplinary themes in biomedical research (bioanalytical, bioinorganic and biophysical chemistry) and materials science (nanomaterials, liquid crystals, photonic materials, spectroscopy, surface science).

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• Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
• Bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
• Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
• Minimum 3.250 graduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
• Completion of undergraduate courses consisting of one year each in analytical chemistry or biochemistry, organic chemistry, physical chemistry, calculus and physics is expected
• Official transcript(s)
• Goal statement
• Three letters of recommendation
• English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  • Minimum 525 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  • Minimum 71 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  • Minimum 74 MELAB score
  • Minimum 6.0 IELTS score
  • Minimum 50 PTE score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an improved knowledge of a specialization within chemistry.
2. Plan and execute chemical experiments.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements
Code Title Credit Hours
CHEM 70894 COLLEGE TEACHING OF CHEMISTRY 1
CHEM 80199 DISSERTATION I 30

Chemistry Electives
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Chemistry Seminar Electives, choose from the following: 4
CHEM 72191 SEMINAR: ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY
CHEM 72391 SEMINAR: INORGANIC CHEMISTRY
CHEM 72491 SEMINAR: ORGANIC CHEMISTRY
CHEM 72591 SEMINAR: PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

Chemistry Seminars in Development/Problem Solving Electives, choose from the following: 4
CHEM 70291 SEMINAR: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN BIOCHEMISTRY
CHEM 70391 SEMINAR: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INORGANIC CHEMISTRY
CHEM 70591 SEMINAR: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY
CHEM 71191 SEMINAR: PROBLEM SOLVING IN ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY
CHEM 71491 SEMINAR: PROBLEM SOLVING IN ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

Minimum Total Credit Hours for Post-Baccalaureate Students 90
Minimum Total Credit Hours for Post-Master’s Students 60

Each doctoral candidate, upon admission to candidacy, must register for CHEM 80199 for a total of 30 credit hours. It is expected that a doctoral candidate will continuously register for Dissertation I, and thereafter CHEM 80299, each semester, until all requirements for the degree have been met.

Candidacy for Degree
To be admitted to candidacy for the doctoral degree, the student must pass a written examination in the field of specialization, the form and time of the examination being determined by each division (analytical chemistry, biochemistry, inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry or physical chemistry). Those failing this examination may repeat the examination once. After passing the written examination, the student must present a detailed written proposal for his/her dissertation research. The successful oral defense of this proposal and its acceptance by the advisory committee admits the student to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree.