Chemistry/Science/Technical Electives for Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

General Overview

Science Electives
Any BCHS, BIOL, CHEM, or PHYS courses at the 3300-level or above, or a pre-approved NSM course at the 3300-level or above. Courses that have been approved in the past, and for which a general petition is not needed include: BCHS 3304 (General Biochemistry)*, BCHS 3305 (General Biochemistry II), BIOL 3301 (Genetics), BIOL 3306 (Evolutionary Biology), BIOL 3332 (Elementary Microbiology), CHEM 4336 (Fundamental Biochemistry)*, CHEM 4365 (Inorganic Chemistry II), GEOL 3370 (Selected Topic is Geology), GEOL 4330 (Intro To Geophysics), MATH 3338 (Probability), MATH 3339 (Statistics for the Sciences), and PHYS 3315 (Modern Physics). In case of doubts, please check with a ChBE advisor to ensure its acceptance. A petition might be required to ensure the course will be counted toward the degree plan.

Please note that CHEM 4370 and CHEM 4373 are duplicates of CHEE 3466 (required in our curriculum) so they cannot count towards the degree. Similarly, credit may not be received for both MATH 3331 and CHEE 3321 (CHEE 3321 is required in our curriculum).

Chemistry Electives
In addition to those listed above, other pre-approved CHEM electives include CHEM 3369 (Analytical Chemistry), CHEM 4364 (Advanced Organic Chem), and CHEM 4369 (Analytical Chemistry 2). Most CHEM courses at 3300-level or above and not already counted in the degree plan can be approved by petition. Please check with Ms. Ellison if you are not sure whether a petition is needed.

*Students may take either BCHS 3304 or CHEM 4336. Credit will not be given for both courses.

Technical Electives
Common technical elective courses that will not require a general petition are listed below, by the semester when they are typically offered. Many of these courses are offered less frequently than once per year, and sometimes they are offered in an alternate semester. Please check the course listing.

FALL
CHEE 5323/6323 - Fundamentals of Tissue Engineering
CHEE 5350 - Advanced Oxidation Processes for Aqueous Systems
CHEE 5368/6368 - Chemical Process Economics I
CHEE 5384/6384 – Petrochemical Processes
CHEE 5397/6397 - Selected Topics in Biochemical Engineering
CHEE 5397/6397 - Advanced Wastewater Treatment Chem
CHEE 5397/6397 - Fundamentals of Modern Chemicals Mfg
CHEE 6300 - Physics and Chemistry of Engineering Materials
CHEE 6397 - Phase Transitions in Solutions
CHEE 7397 - Selected Topics - Microbiology in Medicine and Engineering
CHEE 7397 - Selected Topics - Polymer Surfaces, Interfaces

SPRING
CHEE 5323/6323 - Fundamentals of Tissue Engineering
CHEE 5365/6365 - Fundamentals of Catalysis
CHEE 5367/6367 – Advanced Process Control
CHEE 5369/6369 - Chemical Process Economics II
CHEE 5377 - Introduction to Polymer Science
CHEE 5379/6379 - Safety and Reliability
CHEE 5383 - Advanced Unit Operations
CHEE 5397/6397 - Special Topics in Data Analytics
CHEE 6337 – Advanced Reactor Engineering
CHEE 6332 - Mathematical Methods in Chemical Engineering II
CHEE 6360 - Biomolecular Engineering
CHEE 6375 - Chemical Processing for Microelectronics

SUMMER
CHEE 5384/6384 – Petrochemical Processes
CHEE 5370 / 5397/6397 - Sustainability and Environmental Mitigation

Select courses in other engineering departments, or in other colleges at UH (those with clear engineering content), can also be approved as technical electives. Check with the appropriate department for prerequisites, syllabus, and space availability.

Pre-approved non-CHEE technical electives include CIVE 6391 (Envrn Engr Microbiology), ECON 3363 (Environmental Economics), ECON 3385 (Economics of Energy), ENRG 3310 (Introduction to Energy & Sustainability)**, ENRG 4397 (Energy and Sustainability), GEOL 3342 (Principles of Air Pollution), MECT 3341 (Computer-Aided Drafting I), PETR 3315 (Introduction to Well Logging), PETR 3362 (Reservoir Engineering I), PETR 53XX, and TECH 4310 (Future of Energy & Environment).

** ENRG 3311 (Fundamentals of Sustainability) is NOT an approved elective.

Students can also earn technical elective credit for conducting research with a faculty member (as Independent Study or through Honors Thesis).

If not already approved, a general petition is required to ensure that a course will be counted toward the degree plan.