

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY

Environmental chemistry is a study of chemical principles and methodologies applicable to environmental phenomena and issues. The objective of this chemistry-focused environmental science program is to provide students with a rigorous education in traditional chemistry areas and a structured and interdisciplinary training crossing chemistry and environmental science. The program will provide students with a fundamental understanding of current environmental issues such as pollution of air and water, waste and recycling, and climate change, as well as a solid background in environmental chemical and instrumental analysis. Majors will gain the technical skills to work in atmospheric science, hydrologic science, environmental science, environmental analytical chemistry, environmental toxicology, and environmental health science.

## Required Courses

| Code  | Title  | Credit Hours |
|---|--|--------------|
| <b>Environmental Chemistry Requirements</b> |  | <b>(51)</b>  |
| CHEM 100                                    | Introduction to the Profession                       | 2            |
| CHEM 124                                    | Principles of Chemistry I with Laboratory            | 4            |
| CHEM 125                                    | Principles of Chemistry II with Laboratory           | 4            |
| CHEM 237                                    | Organic Chemistry I                                  | 4            |
| CHEM 239                                    | Organic Chemistry II                                 | 3            |
| CHEM 240                                    | Organic Chemistry Laboratory                         | 2            |
| CHEM 247                                    | Analytical Chemistry                                 | 3            |
| CHEM 321                                    | Instrumental Analysis                                | 4            |
| CHEM 343                                    | Physical Chemistry I                                 | 3            |
| CHEM 344                                    | Physical Chemistry II                                | 4            |
| CHEM 415                                    | Inorganic Chemistry                                  | 3            |
| CHEM 434                                    | Spectroscopic Methods in Identification and Analysis | 4            |
| CHEM 463                                    | Analytical Method Development Laboratory             | 3            |
| CHEM 472                                    | Environmental Chemistry                              | 3            |
| CHEM 473                                    | Environmental Analytical Chemistry                   | 3            |
| CHEM 485                                    | Chemistry Colloquium                                 | 1            |
| CHEM 495                                    | Seminar in Special Topics                            | 1            |
| <b>Environmental Chemistry Electives</b>    |  | <b>(6)</b>   |
| Select two courses from the following:      |  | 6            |
| CHEM 410                                    | Science of Climate Change                            | 3            |
| CHEM 416                                    | Advanced Chemistry Laboratory                        | 3            |
| CHEM 452                                    | Cheminformatics                                      | 3            |
| CHEM 460                                    | Bioanalytical Chemistry                              | 3            |
| CHEM 461                                    | Bioanalytical Chemistry Laboratory                   | 3            |
| CHEM 467                                    | Medicinal Chemistry                                  | 3            |
| CHEM 475                                    | Forensic Chemistry                                   | 3            |
| CHEM 476                                    | Forensic Chemistry Laboratory                        | 3            |
| CHEM 500                                    | Advanced Analytical Chemistry                        | 3            |
| CHEM 513                                    | Statistics for Analytical Chemists                   | 3            |
| CHEM 538                                    | Physical Biochemistry                                | 3            |
| <b>Biology Requirements</b>                 |  | <b>(6-7)</b> |
| BIOL 107                                    | General Biology Lectures                             | 3            |
| or BIOL 115                                 | Human Biology  |              |
| BIOL 401                                    | Introductory Biochemistry                            | 3-4          |
| or BIOL 403                                 | Biochemistry   |              |
| <b>Mathematics Requirements</b>             |  | <b>(18)</b>  |
| MATH 151                                    | Calculus I   | 5            |
| MATH 152                                    | Calculus II  | 5            |
| MATH 251                                    | Multivariate and Vector Calculus                     | 4            |

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| MATH 252  | Introduction to Differential Equations        | 4              |
| <b>Physics Requirements</b>                         |   | <b>(8)</b>     |
| PHYS 123  | General Physics I: Mechanics                  | 4              |
| PHYS 221  | General Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism | 4              |
| <b>Computer Science Requirement</b>                 |   | <b>(2)</b>     |
| CS 105  | Introduction to Computer Programming          | 2              |
| or CS 110   | Computing Principles                          |                |
| <b>Humanities and Social Sciences Requirements</b>  |   | <b>(21)</b>    |
| See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, sections B and C |   | 21             |
| <b>Interprofessional Projects (IPRO)</b>            |   | <b>(6)</b>     |
| See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, section E        |   | 6              |
| <b>Free Electives</b>                               |   | <b>(9)</b>     |
| Select nine credit hours <sup>1</sup>               |   | 9              |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>                           |   | <b>127-128</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Suggested electives include: BIOL 210, BIOL 445, BIOL 514, ENVE 404, ENVE 463, ITMD 521, ITMD 525, and ITMD 527.

## Bachelor of Science in Environmental Chemistry Curriculum

|  |              | Year 1  |              |
|--|--------------|---|--------------|
| Semester 1                             | Credit Hours | Semester 2                                    | Credit Hours |
| CHEM 124                               | 4            | CHEM 100                                      | 2            |
| CS 105 or 110                          | 2            | CHEM 125                                      | 4            |
| MATH 151                               | 5            | MATH 152                                      | 5            |
| Humanities 200-level Course            | 3            | PHYS 123                                      | 4            |
|  |              | Social Sciences Elective                      | 3            |
| <b>14</b>                              |              | <b>18</b>                                     |              |
|  |              | Year 2  |              |
| Semester 1                             | Credit Hours | Semester 2                                    | Credit Hours |
| CHEM 237                               | 4            | CHEM 239                                      | 3            |
| BIOL 107 or 115                        | 3            | CHEM 240                                      | 2            |
| MATH 251                               | 4            | CHEM 247                                      | 3            |
| PHYS 221                               | 4            | MATH 252                                      | 4            |
| Humanities or Social Sciences Elective | 3            | Humanities Elective (300+)                    | 3            |
| <b>18</b>                              |              | <b>15</b>                                     |              |
|  |              | Year 3  |              |
| Semester 1                             | Credit Hours | Semester 2                                    | Credit Hours |
| CHEM 321                               | 4            | CHEM 344                                      | 4            |
| CHEM 343                               | 3            | CHEM 434                                      | 4            |
| I PRO Elective I                       | 3            | CHEM 472                                      | 3            |
| Social Sciences Elective (300+)        | 3            | CHEM 485                                      | 1            |
| Free Elective <sup>1</sup>             | 3            | Humanities Elective (300+)                    | 3            |
| <b>16</b>                              |              | <b>15</b>                                     |              |
|  |              | Year 4  |              |
| Semester 1                             | Credit Hours | Semester 2                                    | Credit Hours |
| BIOL 401 or 403                        | 3-4          | CHEM 495                                      | 1            |
| CHEM 415                               | 3            | Environmental Chemistry Elective <sup>2</sup> | 3            |
| CHEM 463                               | 3            | Environmental Chemistry Elective <sup>2</sup> | 3            |
| CHEM 473                               | 3            | I PRO Elective II                             | 3            |
| Free Elective <sup>1</sup>             | 3            | Social Sciences Elective (300+)               | 3            |
|  |              | Free Elective <sup>1</sup>                    | 3            |
| <b>15-16</b>                           |              | <b>16</b>                                     |              |

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