CHEMISTRY, PHD

The Graduate Program is designed for students who wish to earn a Ph.D. in Chemistry while undertaking cutting edge research. The program provides students with the necessary theoretical background and hands-on training to become independent and highly successful scientists. Graduate students achieve mastery of advanced chemistry topics through courses in different subdisciplines.

Graduate students conduct research in the fields of bioinorganic chemistry, bioorganic chemistry, chemical biology, biophysical chemistry, bioinformatics, materials science, laser chemistry, health related chemistry, structural and dynamical studies of biological systems, X-ray scattering/diffraction, NMR spectroscopy, applications of computing and computer graphics, as well as investigations of chemical communication and hormone-receptor interactions.

For more information: https://www.chem.upenn.edu/content/phd-program

View the University’s Academic Requirements for PhD Degrees (http://catalog.upenn.edu/pennbook/academic-rules-phd/).

Curriculum

Twenty course units are required for graduation.

The PhD program requirements consist of:

• A minimum of six course units of lecture courses (usually completed in the first academic year)
• Chemical Information Course
• Lab Rotations (Biological and Biophysical students only)
• Teaching Requirement (Students must TA for two semesters)
• Second Year Candidacy Exam
• Annual Dissertation Committee Meetings
• Public Defense
• Written Dissertation

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2021 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

Sample Plan of Study

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Course Units</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Year 1</td>
<td>Select 6 course units of required coursework</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Chemical Information Course</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Choose a Research Supervisor</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 2</td>
<td>CHEM 999 Independent Study and Research</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Form Dissertation Committee</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Candidacy Exam</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 3</td>
<td>CHEM 999 Independent Study and Research</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Annual Meeting of the Dissertation Committee
Year 4
CHEM 999 Independent Study and Research

Annual Meeting of the Dissertation Committee
Years 5 and 6
Write Dissertation
Public Defense

Additional Coursework may be taken throughout.