

Degrees with Distinction in Chemistry

A student who wishes to earn a B.A. or B.S. degree in chemistry with distinction must meet the general criteria. Students who have completed a minimum of 75 credit hours, have begun undergraduate research under a faculty mentor, and with a GPA of 3.5 or greater may apply for candidacy during their final year before graduation. The student must submit their application for candidacy to the Department Chair at least one semester prior to graduation. It is expected that students seeking a chemistry degree with distinction will complete at least two continuous semesters of enrollment in Chemical Research (Chemistry 3905). The student shall select a committee consisting of their mentor and two other faculty members qualified to evaluate their work. The student must present and defend their research project and its results no later than 6 weeks prior to commencement during their final semester. The student shall schedule a presentation of their work that is open to the public. It is expected that the student will give a 30 minute oral presentation of the results of their research project and then answer questions from their committee. The students shall also complete a written thesis in accordance with the stated specifications of the department. It is expected that this thesis will include an introduction, summary of methods, summary of results, discussion of results, and fully and appropriately reference the relevant literature. Please inquire to your research mentor for further details on the format of the student thesis required to complete a chemistry degree with distinction.