Your university
Stephen F. Austin State University is a regional institution located in Nacogdoches, Texas. The university enrolls approximately 13,000 students, offering 80 undergraduate majors and more than 120 areas of study within six academic colleges – business, education, forestry and agriculture, sciences and mathematics, fine arts, and liberal and applied arts. The university is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Your college
The College of Sciences and Mathematics embraces the national STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiative to increase the number of students who are interested in and academically prepared for STEM careers. Students in the College of Sciences and Mathematics benefit from dedicated professors, small class sizes and unique opportunities to engage in research projects with STEM faculty members.

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Bachelor of Science
- Biochemistry
  - Pre-professional programs: dentistry, medicine, optometry, pharmacy and veterinary medicine
- Chemistry
  - Major tracks: biochemistry/pre-medical, professional chemist and secondary education

Master of Science
- Natural science with concentration in chemistry

Minor
- Chemistry

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Our degrees

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
All students must complete a major and a minor (or second major), the core curriculum requirements and at least 120 semester hours for graduation.

- Chemistry — The curriculum is designed for students to pursue opportunities in industrial labs or continue to graduate school. Students may choose any minor. Students interested in teaching high school chemistry must minor in secondary education.
- Biochemistry — The curriculum is designed for students interested in biochemistry-related careers or life/health sciences. Biochemistry majors are required to minor in biology.

MASTER OF SCIENCE (Natural science major with a concentration in chemistry)
Thesis and non-thesis options are available. Contact the department for details and information about graduate assistantships.

OVERLAP PROGRAM
The Overlap Program is a five-year dual bachelor’s/master’s program available for qualified undergraduates.

MINOR
A minimum of 18 hours of chemistry is required with some specific required courses.

Our graduates are prepared for successful careers in the chemical industry, life or health sciences, and secondary school teaching. We also prepare graduates to pursue higher degrees and obtain technical positions in basic research with governmental agencies, businesses and universities.

Many of our alumni enroll in graduate school to continue their studies in various areas of chemistry such as analytical, biochemical, environmental, inorganic, organic and physical chemistry. Individuals with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry or biochemistry also are prepared for professional programs such as medical, dental, or pharmacy schools.

Ten reasons to major in chemistry or biochemistry at SFA
- The department is accredited by the American Chemical Society.
- The Robert A. Welch Foundation Grant provides $40,000 in scholarships for chemistry students annually.
- The Alumni Association offers scholarships specifically for chemistry majors.
- SFA offers small class sizes and individual attention from faculty members.
- Undergraduates have access to all scientific equipment.
- Research opportunities are available beginning at the sophomore level (stipends available).
- Employment opportunities in the department as a laboratory assistant are offered.
- Scientific speakers, conferences and social functions abound.
- All departmental faculty members hold the highest degree in their field.