

Programme Outcomes in B.Sc. (Hons.) Chemistry

The B.Sc.(Hons) programme in Chemistry is designed to develop in students in depth knowledge of the core concepts and principles that are central to the understanding of this core science discipline. Undergraduates pursuing this programme of study go through laboratory work that specifically develops their quantitative and qualitative skills, provides opportunities for critical thinking and team work, and exposes them to techniques useful for applied areas of scientific study.

Knowledge: Width and depth: Students acquire theoretical knowledge and understanding of the fundamental concepts, principles and processes in main branches of chemistry, namely, organic chemistry, inorganic chemistry, physical chemistry, analytical chemistry and biochemistry. In depth understanding is the outcome of transactional effectiveness and treatment of specialized course contents. Width results from the choice of electives that students are offered.

Laboratory Skills: Quantitative, analytical and instrument based: A much valued learning outcome of this programme is the laboratory skills that students develop during the course. Quantitative techniques gained through hands on methods opens choice of joining the industrial laboratory work force early on. The programme also provides ample training in handling basic chemical laboratory instruments and their use in analytical and biochemical determinations. Undergraduates on completion of this programme can cross branches to join analytical, pharmaceutical, material testing and biochemical labs besides standard chemical laboratories.

Communication: Communication is a highly desirable attribute to possess. Opportunities to enhance students ability to write methodical, logical and precise reports are inherent to the structure of the programme. Techniques that effectively communicate scientific chemical content to large audiences are acquired through oral and poster presentations and regular laboratory report writing.

Capacity Enhancement: Modern day scientific environment requires students to possess ability to think independently as well as be able to work productively in groups. This requires some degree of balancing. The chemistry honours programme course is designed to take care of this important aspect of student development through effective teaching learning process.

Portable Skills: Besides communication skills, the programme develops a range of portable or transferable skills in students that they can carry with them to their new work environment after completion of chemistry honours programme. These are problem solving, numeracy and mathematical skills- error analysis, units and conversions, information retrieval skills, IT skills and organizational skills. These are valued across work environments.