Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Meet our Undergraduate Advisors!
Where can you go for HELP? Do you need help with your course planning for your major? Do you have questions about your major requirements? Curious about when you can graduate? Get to know your Chemistry and Biochemistry undergraduate advisors and what we can do for you! (page 4)

This Week

THURSDAY
The deadline to ADD a class is tomorrow (Friday, 10/9). Review your enrollment, waitlist status, and Schedule of Classes to ensure you make final adjustments to your Fall quarter course plans.

FRIDAY
WAITLIST: Tonight is the last time the waitlist will run.

ChemPAL: Graduate and Undergraduate Mentoring Program

The Chemistry Peer Advisory League (ChemPAL) is a new organization that offers Chemistry undergraduate students mentorship from a graduate student within the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department.

Visit them on Facebook for More Details
If you’re interested in the mentoring offered by ChemPAL, fill out this application.

New Chemistry Majors: Did you miss our Orientation Info Session during Welcome Week? View the orientation presentation here.
American Chemical Society Student Affiliates (ACSSA)

UCSD ACSSA is an all-in-one resource for UCSD chemistry students. It provides a multitude of social and academic events geared towards chemistry students. ACSSA features weekly meetings typically with a faculty or industry speaker who shares his/her experience in the chemistry field. They also put on social events, such as movie nights and a quarterly student/faculty mixer, which lets students and professors mingle in a fun, relaxed environment. ACSSA also organizes tours to various chemistry related places, such as the NMR Bubble, and provides resources to help students excel in their classes or to find a job. You do not need to be a member of ACS to attend our events. We encourage anyone interested in the field of chemistry to join and participate in ACSSA events.

Would you like an opportunity to:

- Win cash prizes?
- Practice your scholarly communications skills?
- Enhance your resume?
- Receive feedback from academic and industry judges?

Then start preparing now for our 10th Annual ACSSA Undergraduate Research Symposium in Spring 2016!
Check out these Chemistry Seminars in Winter 2016!

CHEM 87: Chemistry in the Industrial World

This course will discuss an overview of the Chemistry-Industrial Complex, including the basics of the chemical value chain, the pharmaceutical industry, chemical producers, energy producers and small biotech and cleantech companies. Career path options will be discussed and compared to academia and government-based science organizations.

CHEM 192: Career Pathways in Chemistry

This seminar will focus on various aspects of the Chemistry-Industrial Complex in the US. This will be an overview of how Science is performed in industrial settings and what one can expect in a scientific career. The seminar will appeal to chemistry majors and to anyone who is considering any kind of career involving scientific research. 

Prerequisites: Upper division standing or consent of instructor. Students should contact Chemistry & Biochemistry through the VAC to enroll in the seminar.

Coming Soon: Meet with a Prof!

For more information on the 2015 Meet with a Professor schedule:

Click Here!
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Ethel graduated from UC San Diego with degrees in Biology and Ethnic Studies. As an undergrad, she was actively involved in student-led outreach efforts through APSA and the Cross Cultural Center as well as mentored high school and incoming students through OASIS and CREATE. She went on to a PhD program in Ethnic Studies at UC Berkeley and in 2009, returned to UC San Diego (while finishing her dissertation) where she has been able to pursue her interests in student development and academic advising. She loves talking to students and helping students navigate their academic path, at the same time encouraging them to make UCSD their “home” where all students can thrive!

Oura graduated with a B.A. in Sociology and a minor in Asian American Studies from UCSB in 2005. She started her student advising career as the Graduate Program Assistant in the Materials Department at UCSB. In 2015, she decided to move from a small beach town to a bigger beach city of San Diego. She was very fortunate to continue her student advising career as an Undergraduate Coordinator in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at UC San Diego. She is here to help resolve issues you may have with your chemistry major requirements. When she is not advising students, she enjoys going to the beach, cooking and traveling.

Meet our Vice Chair for Education: Dr. Judy Kim
Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Dr. Kim graduated from both MIT and UC Berkeley. She is a physical chemist that is often found volunteering with events such as: Sally Ride Festival, “Woman in Science” Day, San Diego’s High School Science and Engineering fairs, and a favorite “2 Scientists Walked Into a Bar. . .” (the next event is November 12th!). She is an advocate for students, a terrific professor, and we are lucky to have her serve as our Vice Chair for Education.
STUDY TIP
Read course materials before and after lecture to help better retain course information!

Come visit us in York Hall, 4010!

Advising Hours
Appointments Available:
Monday-Thursday, 9:30am-12:00pm and 1:30pm-4:00pm

*Appointments are held Weeks 3-10 each quarter and during summer months.*

Walk-In Advising Hours
Walk in Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-11:45am and 1:00pm-3:45pm

NO Walk-In Advising on Fridays

Office Hours
OPEN: Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm

CLOSED for Lunch: Monday-Friday 12:00pm-1:00pm