

START WELL

STAY ON COURSE

FINISH STRONG



Learn

- Get to know your academic advisor in your department
- Follow your [sample schedule](#)
- Learn how to use the degree audit program [DegreeWorks](#)
- Work on time-management and study skills
- Do not be afraid to ask for help

- Be diligent in following the degree plan that you continue to adjust with your academic advisor each semester
- Stay on track with biology electives to fulfill the degree requirements
- Plan out when you will do a research project, and talk to your professors to find out what projects are available

- In the first two weeks of your last semester, apply for graduation
- Ensure that your degree audit is 100%



Experience

- Join the Washburn Chemistry Club and Biology Club
- Attend [Apeiron](#) or other local conferences
- Consider applying to be a [First Year Experience \(FYE\) Peer Educator](#)

- Investigate requirements for careers or professional schools related to your interests to assess what gaps you may need to fill with research or leadership roles
- Apply for a [Washburn Transformational Experience \(WTE\)](#) or other research grant such as [KINBRE](#) to obtain the funding to pursue an area of research that interests you

- Present your research at the [Kansas Academy of Science \(KAS\)](#) conference, KINBRE, Washburn Day of Transformation and Apeiron



Engage

- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by participating in events such as International Brown Bag lectures

- Consider being a chemistry tutor
- Volunteer at hospitals or shadow medical professionals if you are considering a medical profession
- Engage with faculty who can serve as references and points of contact
- Attend regional conferences such as [Heartland Undergraduate Biochemistry Forum](#)

- Join professional associations like the [American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology \(ASBMB\)](#)
- If possible, attend a national or international meeting such as the ASBMB national meeting



Launch

- Discuss career goals with your advisor
- Volunteer on and off campus with Washburn Chemistry Club - science demonstrations for K-12 students and Women in Science Day

- Use the [ASBMB Career Paths](#) website to explore careers specific to biochemistry
- Contact alumni or network at events with people working in careers of interest
- Consider what careers require further education. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like MCAT or GRE)

- Utilize the [Career Engagement Office](#) to search for jobs
- Prepare your resume and apply for jobs, or submit application for graduate school or professional school
- Consider applying for research fellowships

WHAT'S NEXT?

With a degree in Biochemistry, you can move on to graduate school, professional school, or start a career in:

Agricultural sciences

Biomedical engineering

Biotechnology

Chemical industry

Dentistry

Epidemiology

Law (especially patent law)

Medicine

Optometry

Pharmaceuticals

Public Health

Sales and marketing

Scientific journalism

Scientific computer software development

Teaching/Education

Veterinary medicine

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