

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

- Talk with the chemistry professors about their research and select a research project
- Be diligent in following the degree plan that you continue to adjust with your academic advisor each semester
- Consider adding a minor to your degree

- 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
- Attend a local scientific conference, such as Kansas Academy of Science (KAS)
- 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
- Gain the skill set to communicate your research to a wide audience

**Engage**

- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by participating in various events

- Consider being a chemistry or biology tutor
- Look into summer NSF REU programs or other research opportunities in the summer

- Attend scientific meetings such as local or regional [American Chemical Society](#) (ACS) Meetings and the Annual Meeting of the [Kansas Academy of Science](#)

**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

- Visit with your professors about graduate school and potential careers and attend the Chemistry club meetings to network with people working in the field
- Consider what careers require further education. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like MCAT or GRE)
- Contact alumni or network at events with people working in careers of interest

- 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:

Health Department careers

Environmental chemistry

Chemical industry

Pharmaceutical industry

Petroleum industry

Polymer industry

Food industry

Cosmetics industry

Waste management

Teaching/Education

Sales and marketing

Technical writing

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