

Biochemistry & Biotechnology



Career Development Center

college to career major map

	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH OR FINAL YEAR
Academics	<p>Start taking LASC coursework as well as foundation and core Biochemistry & Biotechnology courses.</p> <p>Connect with your advisor early and utilize your faculty office hours when questions and concerns arise.</p> <p>Need help in your classes? Look into tutoring services.</p>	<p>Take a deeper dive into the discipline of Biochemistry & Biotechnology and begin considering an emphasis in business or pre-health and biochemistry.</p> <p>Explore interdisciplinary and research-focused classes such as CHEM 275 as well as other seminars.</p>	<p>Schedule an appointment with your Academic Advisor to ensure you're on track for graduation.</p> <p>Take inventory of your professional goals and decide if your future will need to include graduate school.</p>	<p>Participate in the Student Academic Conference to showcase research, connect with employers, and to boost your resume.</p> <p>Ensure you submit your application for graduation on time.</p> <p>Tour and apply for graduate and/or professional schools.</p>
On-Campus Experience	<p>Sign up to participate in the Biosciences & Chemistry Learning Community.</p> <p>Join a major or interest-specific student organization such as the Chemistry & Biochemistry Club.</p> <p>Participate in Student Life Pathways to continue growing your skills/knowledge outside of the classroom.</p>	<p>Find an on-campus job such as tutoring or learning assistant positions. Visit DragonJobs powered by Handshake or connect with faculty to find opportunities.</p> <p>Continue working on your Student Life Pathways. Try working your way through the Personal Wellness and the Equity and Inclusion paths.</p>	<p>Begin your leadership journey by applying for a student leadership position or run for an officer position in a student organization.</p> <p>During your third year, we suggest focusing on the Professional Success and Contribution and Influence Student Life Pathways. These will help connect you to potential employers and develop skills necessary for success post-graduation.</p>	<p>Assess what experiences or skills are areas of growth for you and fill in gaps with volunteering, organizations, internships, or part-time employment.</p> <p>Finish up your pathways and be sure to add your accomplishments to your LinkedIn and resume.</p>
Connect to the Community & World	<p>Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations. Begin to look into research opportunities including undergraduate research alongside faculty members, or through the National Science Foundation.</p>	<p>Join LinkedIn to begin building your professional network and online presence. Think of your profile as a virtual resume and make sure to update it regularly to reflect new jobs, research, coursework, volunteering, involvement, and skills.</p>	<p>Continue your involvement with student organizations, on and/or off-campus employment, the student life pathways, etc...</p> <p>Think about teaching a course during the summer with College for Kids & Teens.</p>	<p>Join professional organizations such as the American Chemical Society to gain access to research, continuing education opportunities, job boards, and message boards. Make sure to join prior to graduation to receive the discounted student rate (when applicable).</p>
Understand Your Career	<p>Explore your interests, skills, and values and learn about the career readiness competencies by taking the FOCUS 2, an online assessment free for all MSUM students.</p> <p>Schedule an appointment with the Career Development Center to review your FOCUS 2 results and to begin building your resume.</p> <p>Connect with faculty to learn about research opportunities.</p>	<p>Start researching potential career paths on O*Net. Here, you will be able to find valuable information such as typical tasks associated with the profession, skills, and knowledge needed, education and licensures needed, wages and employment trends, professional organizations, and related occupations. We suggest you search for careers such as Chemical Lab Technician.</p>	<p>Attend professional development-related events on-campus, and connect with faculty to learn more about the field and gain insights on how to be successful in your job search.</p> <p>Find an internship or part-time job with a local or regional company or organization to learn the ins and outs of your chosen career. Prepare for the application & interview process by working with the Career Development Center.</p>	<p>Network relentlessly! Attend the spring Career Fairs to get connected to employers looking to hire soon-to-be grads. Check DragonCentral for more information.</p> <p>Schedule appointments with a Career Coach to go over your professional documents and to prepare for upcoming interviews. Remember, once a dragon always a dragon. You have access to these services for life.</p>

Where can you go?

A degree in **Biochemistry & Biotechnology** can take your career in many directions. Some students choose to enter the workforce right after graduation while some choose to continue their education. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for a career as a(n):

- Biochemist
- Biochemical Engineer
- Biotechnologist
- Clinical Research Specialist
- Food Scientist
- Epidemiologist
- Materials Scientist
- Pharmacologist
- Various careers in the Health Science field such as Doctor, Pharmacist, Psychiatrist, Physical Therapist, etc...

What skills will you need?

To be successful in the world of **Biochemistry & Biotechnology** you will need the following skills:

- Quantitative
- Critical-thinking
- Communication
- Interpersonal
- Observational
- Problem-solving
- Emotional stamina

Thankfully, through your coursework, on-campus involvement, part-time employment and/or internships, and other self-guided learning, you will be prepared for life post-graduation.

This page is interactive. Click on the color coded phrases to be taken to a correlating website.

This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone's abilities, experiences and constraints are different. Schedule an appointment with a Career Coach to discuss your individual goals and to create a personalized map.