First-Year Fall Semester Schedule: Biochemistry Majors

The liberal arts curriculum of Georgetown College strikes a balance between structure and freedom. The structure is contained in the core requirements which will be the focus of your academic efforts during your first and sophomore years. However, there is a great deal of freedom within those requirements. As you fulfill your requirements, you will be introduced to new ways of perceiving the world, to methods and disciplines that will enrich your analytic and critical abilities, and to areas of study you may not have encountered before.

In your first semester in the College, you will select a schedule of four or five courses. As a Biochemistry major pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree, three of your courses will be major requirements. For the remaining one or two you will choose courses from among the following areas:

- Writing
- Humanities: Arts, Literatures, and Cultures
- History
- Philosophy
- Theology
- Foreign Language
- Courses Engaging Diversity
- Free Electives

Obviously, you cannot take a course in each of these areas in the first semester. In subsequent semesters you will be able to choose new areas of exploration and build on subjects you have enjoyed in the first semester.

In making your selections, please read carefully the other information and resources found at college.georgetown.edu/guide-to-prereg. As you plan, please note that students in the College are not permitted to take more than one course per department per semester until the junior year.

Your first semester schedule will look like this:

- **COURSE 1:** BIOL 103 (Biology Lecture) and BIOL 113 (Biology Lab)
- **COURSE 2:** CHEM 055 (Chemistry Lecture) and CHEM 057 (Chemistry Lab)*
- **COURSE 3:** MATH 035 (Calculus I) or the next appropriate level math course if you have AP credit for Calculus I.
- **COURSE 4:** core requirement (ex: Writing)
- **COURSE 5:** core requirement (ex: Foreign Language)**

If you received a 5 on the Chemistry AP exam you are exempt from CHEM 055. You are still expected to take CHEM 057. However, with departmental permission, Chemistry and Biochemistry majors can opt to take CHEM 064 (Introduction to Research Experimentation) with a Chemistry faculty member in lieu of CHEM 057. Please contact Professor Diana Glick in the Department of Chemistry, at 202-687-5961 or glickdc@georgetown.edu, if you are interested in this option. You should take another core course in lieu of CHEM 055. If you do not need to take CHEM 055, please email Dean Chiarolanzio at chiarolt@georgetown.edu so we can delete it from your schedule. Please note: Pre-med students must take CHEM 055 even if they received a 5 on the Chemistry AP exam.

Although we hope you create your preregistration schedule deliberately and thoughtfully, please note that you may not receive a seat in every course you select. Not to worry. You will have the opportunity to adjust or complete your course schedule during registration in late August. Remember that preregistration is the first of several steps in constructing a final schedule.
*You have already been enrolled in specific sections of these Biology and Chemistry courses. You can find your section numbers and meeting times by viewing your schedule in MyAccess. You do not need to reenter these courses while registering.

**A fifth course is optional. You may choose to take four courses in your first semester as you adjust to the rigor of this curriculum.