

**HANDBOOK FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**  
**Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Texas Tech University**  
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## I. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Welcome to the Graduate Program in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Texas Tech University! The purpose of this Handbook is to give you a description of the departmental requirements for earning an advanced degree in chemistry. General requirements for graduate degrees are given in the Catalog of the Graduate School for the current year; those requirements govern advanced degree study at all times. The requirements presented in this Handbook are intended to amplify and supplement those stated by the Graduate School, particularly as they pertain to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Keep in mind that *you are subject to the Handbook that was current at the time that you enrolled*. The only exception are students who matriculated in fall 2009 and spring 2010 who are subject to this (2010) version. If you have questions about your graduate program that the graduate catalog and this Handbook do not answer, then you should consult with your Research Advisor, the departmental Graduate Advisor, or the Dean of the Graduate School. Good luck with your studies.

### A. Some Introductory Information and Guidelines

#### The Graduate Advisor

The Graduate Advisor is a member of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry faculty who is in charge of overseeing the orientation of newly enrolled graduate students and the progress of each graduate student as they advance through their degree programs. The Graduate Advisor:

- 1) Signs the Program for the Master's Degree, or the Program for the Doctoral Degree.
- 2) Notifies you of your progress in meeting the degree requirements.
- 3) Assists you in requesting to have graduate courses transferred for credit at Texas Tech.

While the Graduate Advisor will help you to decide what courses you should enroll in during your first year of graduate studies, the Research Advisor that you choose in your first year will begin to play a major role in such decisions as you progress in your studies. The Graduate Advisor can act as an intermediary between you and the departmental faculty and as an intermediary between you and the Graduate School, in cases where you need such an intermediary. It is important to emphasize that your Research Advisor will become your principal advisor/mentor once you take the important step of joining a research group.

#### The Graduate Advising Assistant

The Graduate Advising Assistant maintains the database system that tracks your progress with the departmental requirements. This office is located in Room 109. It is very important that the Assistant receives the required forms in a timely manner so that your records can be kept current. Until the Assistant receives the forms, the Department does not recognize that you have completed the requirement and this may cause delays in your graduation plans.

## Some Basic Requirements for Graduate Study in the Dept. of Chem. and Biochem.

Every student who is pursuing an M.S. or Ph.D. degree in this department must, in order to attain or maintain their eligibility for their degree, do the following:

- 1) Be registered as outlined below.
- 2) Meet the deadlines indicated in this Handbook for the degree requirements.
- 3) Submit a degree plan ("Program for the Doctoral Degree" or "Program for the Master's Degree") by the deadlines listed.
- 4) Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher in graduate coursework.
- 5) Complete the required number of credit hours (SCH) for the degree.
- 6) Complete the Final Examination requirement to the satisfaction of the student's Advisory Committee by the established deadline.

### **B. Registration Requirements, Coursework, and Grading**

#### Registration Requirements

##### 1) University Enrollment Requirements

The credit hour minimum for registration is governed by Texas Tech University Operating Policy and Procedures Manuals, OP 64.02, which states

*Full-time Study:* "Students must be enrolled full time (at least 9 hours in each long term, 3 hours in each relevant summer session) to be eligible to hold fellowships, teaching assistantships, graduate part-time instructorships, research assistantships, or other appointments designed for the support of graduate study, as well as to qualify for certain types of financial aid. All international students are required by law to have full-time enrollment in every long semester. Graduate students designated **PGRD** (those who have earned an undergraduate degree but who will take only undergraduate courses) may not be appointed to teaching assistantships, graduate part-time instructorships, or research assistantships, as noted in the *Graduate Catalog*. If a student is devoting full time to research, utilizing university facilities and faculty time, the schedule should reflect at least 9 hours enrollment (at least 3 hours in each summer session). Enrollment may include research, individual study, thesis, or dissertation. *Exceptions to full-time enrollment for employment purposes require approval by the graduate dean.*"

*Continuous Enrollment:* "Each student who has begun thesis or dissertation research must register in each regular semester and at least once each summer until the degree has been completed, unless granted an official leave of absence from the program for medical or other exceptional reasons."

##### 2) Chemistry and Biochemistry Seminar Enrollment Requirements

*M.S. Students:* Registration in two different Fall semesters (CHEM 5101) and two different Spring semesters (CHEM 5102) is minimally required. Ordinarily this requirement is fulfilled during the first two years of graduate study. However, if

the literature seminar requirement is not satisfied at the end of the fourth semester of enrollment, continued enrollment in CHEM 5101 and/or CHEM 5102 is required until the literature seminar requirement is satisfied.

*Ph.D. Students:* Registration in two different Fall semesters (CHEM 5101) and two different Spring semesters (CHEM 5102) is minimally required, and thereafter until admission to candidacy. Ordinarily this is fulfilled during the first two years of graduate study. However, if admission to candidacy requires more than two full calendar years, or if the literature seminar requirement is not satisfied by the end of the fourth semester of enrollment, continued enrollment in CHEM 5101 and/or CHEM 5102 is required until these requirements are satisfied.

### 3) Additional Registration Requirements

The Graduate School requires a minimum of 30 hours of graduate work for the Master's Degree and a minimum of 72 hours of graduate work for the Ph.D. Degree. Most students must take more than the minimum to complete their degrees. Additional tuition and fees will be charged if the number of doctoral hours taken exceeds 130 hours for doctoral students. However, doctoral students with more than 99 doctoral hours may be dismissed or fined if they are not making progress toward their degree. On the basis of 9 hours per long semester and 3 hours per summer session, Ph.D. students will have a bit more than four years, if they already have an M.S. Degree, and a bit more than five years, if they do not have an M.S. degree, to complete their degree program, before incurring these additional fees and/or tuition charges. Note that students who already have an M.S. "start the clock" with a certain number of doctoral hours, at the start of their Ph.D. programs. In either case, it is imperative that students pursue their studies in a timely fashion to avoid these financial penalties. There are no credit limitations for M.S. students.

A typical 9 credit hour course load for first-year students is two or three lecture courses, a varying number of research credit hours (CHEM 7000), and the seminar course. After the first year, a typical course load is one or two lecture courses, research (CHEM 7000), a varying number of thesis or dissertation hours (CHEM 6000 for M.S. students, CHEM 8000 for Ph.D. students) and the seminar course. During the summer, when few if any lecture courses are offered, the typical course load is for thesis/dissertation and research.

#### Grading

A grade of "CR" (for "credit") is assigned for the thesis (CHEM 6000) or dissertation (CHEM 8000) credit hours taken each semester, while a letter grade (from "A" to "F") is assigned for CHEM 7000 credit hours taken each semester. A letter grade is assigned for the thesis or dissertation credit hours after the student has passed his/her final oral examination. The CHEM 7000 grade is assigned for first-semester students by the Graduate Advisor, based on the effort that the student has made in interviewing prospective Research Advisors. Once a student has chosen a Research Advisor, then it is that Research Advisor who assigns the student's grade in CHEM 7000, based upon that student's effort and progress on his or her research project. Note that starting in fall 2010, *all students must complete qualified Chemical Safety Training before being able to work in a research lab or register for CHEM 7000.*

### Course Offerings

The Graduate Catalog lists the courses offered by the department, as well as graduate-level (i.e. with numbers of 5000 or greater) courses offered by other departments on campus. A limited number of graduate-level courses from departments other than the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry can be taken and counted toward a chemistry graduate student's degree plan. Each division also has lecture courses that are required for students specializing in that area (for both M.S. and Ph.D., unless otherwise stated):

<u>Division</u>	<u>Courses</u>
Analytical Chemistry (at least two req'd)	Advanced Analytical Chemistry (CHEM 5314) Analytical Separation Science and Tech. (CHEM 5318) Analytical Spectroscopy (CHEM 5320) Electrochemical Analysis (CHEM 5319)
Biochemistry	Any five, 5000-level CHEM courses designated as "biochemistry" courses, including but not limited to: Enzymes (CHEM 5337); Lipids (CHEM 5336); Nucleic Acids (CHEM 5339); Physical Biochemistry (CHEM 5335); Proteins (CHEM 5333).
Chemical Education	see the section entitled "Requirements for M.S. and Ph.D. Degree with Specialization in Chemical Education."
Chemical Physics	see the section entitled "Requirements for M.S. and Ph.D. Degree with Specialization in Chemical Physics."
Inorganic Chemistry (each req'd only for Ph.D.)	Advanced Inorganic Chemistry I (CHEM 5301) Advanced Inorganic Chemistry II (CHEM 5302)
Organic Chemistry	Advanced Organic Chemistry I (CHEM 5321)
Physical Chemistry	Advanced Physical Chemistry (CHEM 5342)

In addition, each division offers, at various times, "topics" courses (CHEM 5304 - Topics in Chemistry), with specific sections dedicated to each division or topic. CHEM 5304 may be repeated for credit if a different topic is covered. Indeed, different sections of CHEM 5304, each covering a different topic, may be taken in the same semester.

The Biochemistry Laboratory (CHEM 3313) taught each Spring semester, is recommended for all biochem students who did not have a biochemical methods course as an undergraduate. (Enrollment in this course is at the discretion of the student and his or her research advisor.) This course does not count toward required hours.

If you have earned credit for graduate courses at other institutions that are equivalent to ones offered in our department, then you may petition to have these courses included in your degree program. In order to initiate course transfers, fill out the "Course Transfer Request" form on the departmental website under "Current Graduate Students", attach the appropriate documentation and give it to the Graduate Advising Assistant. This information will be conveyed to the division normally involved in teaching this course along with the scores on your diagnostic exam. You will be informed of the division's decision on your request through a memo from the Graduate Advisor.

## Lecture Course Requirements

For the M.S. degree in specializations different than chemical education, a minimum of 15 lecture course hours are required. Most lecture courses are worth three hours, although increasingly, one-credit-hour lecture courses are now being offered. At least 12 of the 15 hours must come from three-credit-hour courses, i.e. three one-credit-hour lecture courses may be used for the remainder. The seminar courses do not count as lecture courses.

For the Ph.D. degree in specializations different than chemical education, a minimum of 18 lecture course hours are required, of which at least 15 hours must come from three-credit-hour courses. However, an additional requirement for Ph.D. students is that the combined hours from lecture and seminar courses must total at least 24.

If allowed by the division and research advisor, some lecture courses outside of the division and/or department may contribute to the above totals—although the Graduate Catalog stipulates that these may be included only “if they provide coherent support for the program courses in the major,” and that “courses listed for the major will be primarily in one academic program.” For the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees with a specialization in chemical education see the section entitled “Requirements for M.S. and Ph.D. Degree with Specialization in Chemical Education.”

The choice of which courses you should take in order to fulfill your coursework requirements will be made by you, based on your area of specialization, the requirements that the division of your area of specialization may make, and on the special training that your research project may require. You should seek the advice of your Research Advisor.

*In summary*, graduate credit hours must be distributed so that there are at least

### *Masters Candidates:*

- 15 graduate level lecture course hours
- 4 hours in graduate seminar (CHEM 5101 and/or 5102; one credit hour per semester)
- 5 hours in research (CHEM 7000), and
- 6 hours in Master's Thesis (CHEM 6000)

### *Doctoral Candidates:*

- 24 graduate-level lecture and seminar course combined hours:
  - 18 lecture course hours; 4 seminar course hours (CHEM 5101/5102)
  - 36 hours in research (CHEM 7000), and
  - 12 hours in Doctoral Dissertation (CHEM 8000)

## **C. Additional Requirements for the M.S. and Ph.D. Degrees**

The following discussion lists explicit requirements for each of the two degrees. Note that a checklist for each degree can be found on pp. 24 and 25 of this Handbook; you and your Research Advisor should each maintain a copy in order to ascertain your progress toward the degree. Also, be sure to consult the Graduate Catalog for the year that you entered the program to determine the Graduate School requirements that you must meet.

### List of M.S. Degree Requirements

In Order to Earn the M.S. Degree in Chemistry, You Must  
Do the Following:

By the Following Deadline:

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| 1) Complete the Diagnostic Requirements   | on or before the second available opportunity (approx one semester; see Diagnostic Exam Requirements, p. 10)                                    |
| 2) Choose your Research Advisor   | the end of your first long semester.<br>The form is on the departmental website under "Current Graduate Students"                               |
| 3) Fill out, obtain signatures on, and submit the form "Program for the Master's Degree" to the Graduate School (see Degree Program Forms on p. 13), including specification of your advisory committee   | the end of your first long semester.  |
| 4) Complete an approved literature seminar to your division (this is <i>not</i> the same as your Final Examination), as evidenced by the Graduate Advising Assistant receiving a completed, signed "Report of Literature Seminar" form (see Literature Seminar Requirement, p. 13)  | The form is on the departmental website under "Current Graduate Students"   |
| 5) Complete at least 15 credit hours of graduate-level lecture courses, plus 4 hours of seminar (CHEM 5101/5102)  | the end of your fourth long semester.   |
| 6) Complete at least 5 credit hours of CHEM 7000, plus 6 credit hours of CHEM 6000 (Master's Thesis)  | The form is on the departmental website under "Current Graduate Students"   |
| 7) Complete a research project as supervised by your Research Advisor, write up your results in a thesis which follows Graduate School guidelines, undergo a final oral examination with your advisory committee, and submit the requisite number of corrected copies of your thesis to the Graduate School according to the deadlines set by them each semester. | whenever completed<br><br>the departmental registration requirements assures that you will have completed this with extra credit hours to spare |
| 8) Complete and submit the form, "Chemistry Graduate Student Exit Survey," to the Graduate Advising Assistant.  | the end of your sixth calendar year of enrollment.  |

after successful completion of the thesis; prior to leaving Texas Tech.  
The form is on the departmental website under "Current Graduate Students"

### List of Ph.D. Degree Requirements

In Order to Earn the Ph.D. Degree in Chemistry, You Must

Do the Following:

- 1) Complete the Diagnostic Requirements
- 2) Choose your Research Advisor
- 3) Choose at least 2 but no more than 4 other faculty members to be on your advisory committee
- 4) Fill out, obtain signatures on, and submit the form "Program for the Doctoral Degree and Admission to Candidacy" to the Graduate School (see Degree Program Forms on p. 13)
- 5) Submit a detailed written report to your committee, meet with them to give a 30-45 minute oral presentation (followed by a question and answer/oral examination session), on your research project. Both written and oral components must include substantive discussion of both progress thus far, as well as proposed future work. Submit completed, signed, "Report of Research and Future Work Examination" form to Graduate Advising Assistant (see Research and Future Work Examination on p. 14)
- 6) Successfully complete four Cumulative Examinations
- 7) Complete an approved literature seminar to your division (this is *not* the same as your Final Examination), as evidenced by the Graduate Advising Assistant receiving a completed, signed "Report of Literature Seminar" form (see Literature Seminar Requirement, p. 13)

By the Following Deadline:

on or before the second available opportunity (approx one semester; see Diagnostic Exam Requirements, p. 10)  
the end of your first long semester.

The form is on the departmental website under "Current Graduate Students" end of your first calendar year of enrollment.

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The form is on the departmental website under "Current Graduate Students" by the end of your second calendar year of enrollment.  
The form is on the departmental website under "Current Graduate Students"

the end of your second long semester for the first cumulative examination; the end of your fourth long semester for all four cumulative examinations  
the end of your fourth long semester.

The form is on the departmental website under "Current Graduate Students"

- 8) Become admitted into candidacy for the doctoral degree
- 9) Complete at least 24 combined credit hours of graduate-level lecture and seminar courses; at least 18 must be from lecture courses, and at least 4 from seminar. Enroll in seminar (CHEM 5101/5102) until admission to candidacy
- 10) Complete at least 36 credit hours of CHEM 7000, plus 12 credit hours of CHEM 8000 (Doctoral Dissertation)
- 11) Complete a research project as supervised by your Research Advisor, write up your results in a dissertation which follows Graduate School guidelines, undergo a final oral examination (which has been announced to the entire Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and according to Graduate School guidelines) with your advisory committee, and submit the requisite number of corrected copies of your dissertation to the Graduate School according to the deadlines set by them each semester
- 12) Complete and submit the form, "Chemistry Graduate Student Exit Survey," to the Graduate Advising Assistant.
- Your Research Advisor and the Graduate Office will submit your name for candidacy when you have passed your fourth cumulative examination and passed your research and future work examination (the date is important; see item 11 below) whenever completed; after admission to candidacy
- the departmental registration requirements assures that you will have completed this with extra credit hours to spare within 4 years of the date that you were admitted into candidacy; the end of your 8th calendar year of enrollment
- after successful completion of the dissertation; prior to leaving Texas Tech. The form is on the departmental website under "Current Graduate Students"

## II. DISCUSSION OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

### A. Diagnostic Examination Requirements

Each entering graduate student must demonstrate sufficient working knowledge of basic undergraduate chemistry in their area of specialization, and must be assessed in two other areas of chemistry, as determined by scores on standardized multiple choice “diagnostic” examinations, generally written by the American Chemical Society (ACS).

Students who enter the Graduate School of Texas Tech University with general GRE scores (verbal + quantitative) of at least 1100 and an advanced chemistry subject GRE score in the 80th percentile, are exempt from taking the diagnostic examinations. Students specializing in Biochemistry are exempt from the Biological Chemistry diagnostic requirement\* if they have general GRE scores (verbal + quantitative) of at least 1100 and an advanced biochemistry, cell and molecular biology subject GRE score in the 80th percentile. Students specializing in chemical physics are exempt from the requirement of taking and passing the physical chemistry diagnostic exam, if they demonstrate a general GRE score of at least 1100 and an 80th percentile or higher ranking on the Physics subject GRE; however, these students must still take two additional chemistry diagnostic exams in other areas.

Apart from the above exceptions, all entering graduate students must take three diagnostic exams at their first opportunity after arriving at Texas Tech, one of which should be in their area of specialization. If the exam in the specialization area is not passed in the first attempt, the student will be provided with a second chance to pass this exam, at the next available opportunity approximately one semester later. All students *must* pass the diagnostic exam in their specialization area within these first two opportunities, in order to remain in the graduate program in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. The exams are offered by each of the divisions of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry prior to registration for each fall and spring semester, and at the end of the spring semester. Each exam is comprehensive, three hours in length, and covers undergraduate material only. Each student must select the three fields in which he/she will take the diagnostic exams according to the following requirements:

<u>Area of specialization:</u>	<u>Required Exams:</u>
Analytical Chemistry	pass Analytical Chemistry, take any two others
Biochemistry*	pass Biochemistry, take any two others. Physical Chemistry for Biological Sciences may be substituted for the regular Physical Chemistry exam (only students in Biochemistry are allowed to make this substitution).
Chemical Education	see “Requirements for M.S. and Ph.D. Degree with Specialization in Chemical Education.”
Chemical Physics	pass Physical Chemistry, take any two others
Inorganic Chemistry	pass Inorganic Chemistry, take any two others
Organic Chemistry	pass Organic Chemistry, take any two others
Physical Chemistry	pass Physical Chemistry, take any two others

\*For students pursuing biochemistry having an undergraduate degree that emphasized biology over chemistry, there is a special series of diagnostic examinations; Biological Chemistry, parts 1, 2, & 3. This series of examinations is available only to biochemistry students. If you are uncertain as to your area of specialization, you should not take this series. A successful completion cannot be achieved by combining passes from the Biological Chemistry series with passes from the other track of diagnostic examinations. Instead, there are three ways to pass the biological chemistry series, as follows:

- (a) 50% or better on all three biological chemistry exams, –OR–
- (b) 60% or better on two out of three biological chemistry exams, –OR–
- (c) 67% or better on one out of three biological chemistry exams

If you do not pass the diagnostic exam in your specialization area on your first attempt, then you must engage in self-study (possibly including enrollment in an undergraduate-level course) in that subject prior to retaking the exam the next time that it is offered.

Please note the following additional information relating to diagnostic requirements:

- 1) Graduate students who are specializing in biochemistry and who have not taken an undergraduate laboratory course in biochemistry (or do not have laboratory experience in biochemistry from prior graduate-level research work) must take CHEM 3313 ("Biological Chemistry Lab," offered in the Spring), even if they have passed the Biochemistry diagnostic examination. This CHEM 3313 course will not count toward the student's graduate degree.
- 2) Entering students who plan to petition the Department for approval to have graduate-level courses that they have taken elsewhere transferred for credit toward their Ph.D. program will have their diagnostic exam performances scrutinized as part of the approval process.

## **B. Choosing a Division, Research Advisor, and Advisory Committee**

### Your Division

At the time you enter the graduate program, you will also select a Division of the department that best represents your area of specialization. This choice will determine your specific diagnostic exam, cumulative exam, seminar, and course requirements. You may choose a Division other than that of your Research Advisor, but your choice should be appropriate for your research project. The departmental Divisions are: Analytical Chemistry, Biochemistry, Chemical Education, Inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, and Physical Chemistry.

### Your Research Advisor

During your first long semester, you must select a Research Advisor, the professor with whom you will do research work in your graduate career. This professor becomes your primary advisor and is in charge of your work and your program. Your Research Advisor

is the key person in your graduate work. To acquaint yourself with the research activities of the faculty, you must talk with at least three professors before making a choice. A form to record these three interviews can be found on the departmental website under "Current Graduate Students"; it should be signed by all the professors with whom you interview. You must return the form with the three signatures to the Graduate Advising Assistant before the end of the first semester. By this time you should have found a professor with whom you wish to work and who has agreed to mentor you, and in this case, the faculty member should have signed the form. If you have not yet found a mutually acceptable advisor, you must nevertheless turn in the interview form at the end of your first semester and work diligently to find an advisor as soon as possible. If you are having unusual difficulties finding an advisor, feel free to discuss the matter with the Graduate Advisor.

You are urged to consider all factors carefully before making this important choice. It is often helpful to talk to experienced graduate students, especially those working with professors being interviewed, in order to get their opinions. Remember, also, that many professors have research projects in areas outside the area of their normal teaching duties.

### Your Advisory Committee

The advisory committee is the group of faculty who, along with your Research Advisor, will evaluate your progress toward your degree, offer guidance on your research project, and assess your qualifications for the degree via oral examination.

The advisory committee for the Master's degree study must consist of at least *two* individuals, your Research Advisor (the chairman of the committee) and at least one other member of the Chemistry and Biochemistry faculty.

The advisory committee for the Doctoral degree must consist of at least *three* individuals, your research advisor (the chairman) and at least two other faculty members. There should be no more than 5 members on your committee. Your committee is typically made up of faculty from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, but your particular research project may merit the inclusion of faculty from other departments.

You choose your advisory committee by considering, with the advice of your Research Advisor, a list of faculty whom you think would be most appropriate (based on the nature of your research project), then asking each of those faculty if he/she would be willing to serve on your committee. (In some cases, a faculty member will decline serving on your committee due to impending absences from the department or other circumstances). The members of your committee will be listed on the degree program that you will submit to the Graduate School.

If a member of your committee leaves the university, or for some other reason can no longer serve on your committee, then you can replace him/her with another faculty member, and notify the Graduate School of this change by submitting a "Change of Degree Plan" form which must be signed by the Graduate Advisor. The "Change of Degree Plan" form is in the Graduate Advising Office, Room 109.

### **C. Degree Program Forms**

In order to be approved by the Graduate School for completing your degree, you must submit a completed degree program to them (and provide a copy to the graduate advising assistant) according to the deadlines indicated above. These forms (one for the M.S. and one for the Ph.D. degree) require, in addition to your name and address, the following:

- Your thesis/dissertation topic (a preliminary *title* for your thesis/dissertation)
- The names of the members of your advisory committee
- A list of the courses that you have taken, or intend to take, in order to fulfill the coursework requirements for the degree
- Your expected graduation date, which will be May, August, or December of some year in the future.

Note that *anything* designated on your degree program—thesis/dissertation title, advisory committee members, courses, graduation date—can be changed by submitting a signed (by the Graduate Advisor) “Change of Degree Plan” form to the Graduate School. The “Change of Degree Plan” form is in the Graduate Advising Office, Room 109.

The degree program forms are straightforward to complete, but you should feel free to show the Graduate Advisor a rough draft before you submit the final version to him or her for approval. Samples of completed forms are on pages 27 and 28 of this Handbook. Blank forms are on the departmental website under “Current Graduate Students”.

One thing to note about your degree program is that *the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry does not require that you choose a minor area of study.*

### **D. Literature Seminar Requirements**

The requirements for both the M.S. and Ph.D. graduate degrees include the presentation of one acceptable literature seminar by the end of the fourth long semester. The seminar requirement is satisfied by the formal presentation of a 50-minute lecture on a specific topic that you have chosen in your major area that is not directly related to your research project. Each seminar is presented as a divisional seminar, but it must be formally announced to the department as a whole and be open for attendance by all interested listeners. Most divisions require that a written abstract of the seminar topic be prepared for distribution at the time of the seminar. You should discuss the appropriateness of your chosen seminar topic with your Research Advisor and seek his/her advice during the preparation of your seminar. Furthermore, you should make a special effort to arrange for the members of your advisory committee to attend your seminar.

The faculty attending your seminar will evaluate your performance, after which your Research Advisor will notify the Graduate Advisor when you have successfully completed this requirement. In order to assist your Research Advisor in this, present him or her with a copy of the "Report of Research Seminar" form which can be found on the

departmental website under “Current Graduate Students”; he/she must sign the form and submit it to the Graduate Advising Assistant.

#### **E. Qualifying Examination for Ph.D. Students**

The Qualifying Examination for the Ph.D. degree in Chemistry consists of the Research and Future Work Examination, together with the Cumulative Examinations. Exact deadlines (indicated in the summary on p. 8) exist for each part of the Qualifying Examination, and the failure of a student to abide by these deadlines will result in his/her disqualification from the Ph.D. program of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Success in both parts of the qualifying examination will qualify the student for admission to candidacy. A suitable form must be filled out and signed by the research advisor, and submitted first to the graduate advising office, and then to the graduate school.

##### Research and Future Work Examination

By the end of a student's second calendar year as a graduate student in the department, the student must submit a detailed written report of his/her research project to his/her advisory committee, and meet with the committee to orally discuss the research project and answer questions as part of the oral examination. The written report should be 6-10 pages long, and be subdivided into sections suitable for a short research proposal (e.g., “Aims”, “Background”, “Preliminary Results”, “Research Plan”, etc.) The oral examination should consist of a 30-45 minute presentation by the student, with the subsequent question-and-answer session not necessarily limited to the presentation topics, but also designed to encompass the broader, contextual scope of the student's scientific understanding, vis-à-vis the research project. Both written and oral components of the Research and Future Work Examination must include substantive discussion of both the preliminary research progress conducted thus far, as well as future work proposed as part of the student's Ph.D. research project. Students should enlist the aid of their Research Advisors during their preparation for the examination. Having established a framework, baseline, and benchmarks for expected outcomes, students who have passed the Research and Future Work Examination are encouraged to submit subsequent progress reports to their advisory committees at least once a year.

The primary purpose of the Research and Future Work Examination is to evaluate the development of the student into a Ph.D.-caliber scientist. Thus the committee will expect the student to demonstrate:

- scholarship (development of a strong background in the subject),
- ability (development of expertise in the techniques required by the project),
- communication skills (development of expertise in presenting the research subject and discussing it on an *ad hoc* basis), and
- creativity (development of the ability to solve problems independently and to foresee research directions which may be revealed by the research project).

A secondary purpose of the Research and Future Work Examination is to allow the various committee members to critique the student's research project, and to offer advice about its design, direction, and feasibility.

Upon completion of the oral examination session, the committee will vote on whether or not the student has demonstrated sufficient development as a predoctoral student to assure ultimate success in attaining the Ph.D. degree. If the committee votes that the student has *not* demonstrated sufficient development, then it will recommend that the student be disqualified from pursuing a Ph.D. degree in the department, and the Graduate School will be notified that the student has failed his/her qualifying examination. In some cases, the committee might vote that a student retake all or part of the examination (e.g. repeat the oral part or rewrite the written part).

When a student has successfully completed the Research and Future Work Examination, he/she must have his/her research advisor and committee sign a "Report of Research and Future Work Examination" form (a blank copy of this form is on the departmental website under "Current Graduate Students"). The completed form must then be submitted to the Graduate Advising Assistant.

Any student who does not successfully complete his/her Research and Future Work Examination by the end of his/her second calendar year (August 31 for Fall entering students, December 31 for Spring entering students) will fail the qualifying examination, and will be disqualified from pursuing the Ph.D. in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

### Cumulative Examinations

Cumulative examinations are administered approximately once per month during the academic year (September through April), on Saturday mornings, according to a schedule distributed to students and posted on the Departmental website under "Current Graduate Students" before the beginning of the academic year. Until 2012, in order to accommodate an earlier system, four cumulative examinations will be offered each long semester. However, ***students under the current system will only be allowed to take the last three cumulative examinations offered each semester!!!*** In other words, they will have to sit out the first cumulative examination date of each semester until 2012. From that time forward, only three cumulative examination dates will be offered per semester, all of which students under the current system will be eligible to take.

Each division in the department, including Chemical Education, will offer a cumulative examination on each scheduled date. On a given exam day, it is permissible for students to attempt a cumulative examination in an area outside of their specialization, although it is expected that the majority of the exams taken will be within the specialization area (but see "Requirements for M.S. and Ph.D. Degree with Specialization in Chemical Education," if this is applicable).

The purpose of the cumulative examinations is to encourage and measure the

development of a student's comprehension of advanced-level topics in his or her area of specialization—as a means of gauging his or her likelihood of success in completing the doctoral degree, and potential to become a productive member of the scientific community, in the specialization area. The questions may vary from detailed essay questions to calculations to short answers. A common format for a cumulative examination is a series of questions about some recent journal article (or articles) that must be answered in blue books which accompany the examination. In general, the exams will emphasize data interpretation and problem solving (i.e. given these data, tell us what happened? How did it happen? How could you change what happened?) Depending upon the division giving the exam, the topic of a cumulative examination may or may not be announced beforehand (different divisions follow different procedures in this regard). A file of cumulative examinations is maintained in Room 109 for students to examine in order to assess typical questions.

The departmental rules concerning cumulative examinations are as follows:

- a) Starting with the first month of the first semester that a student enters the department's Ph.D. program, a student must pass at least one cumulative exam by the last month of his/her second long semester in the Ph.D. program, and he/she must pass four cumulative examinations by the last month of his/her fourth long semester in the Ph.D. program.
- b) A student is allowed to attempt no more than a total of 12 cumulative examinations. Each examination paper (bluebook) handed in by a student at the end of an examination period is counted toward this total.
- c) If a student has not passed the required number of cumulative examinations within the time and/or number constraints indicated above, then the student will have failed the qualifying examination, and will be disqualified from pursuing the Ph.D. degree in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Note that students are allowed to hand in more than one completed cumulative examination paper on a single Saturday, i.e. more than one exam may be attempted per exam date. However, *all* exams that are handed in count toward the 12-examination limit; thus in such cases the student may meet his or her 12-examination limit *before* the end of his or her fourth long semester.

## **F. Final Oral Examination (Thesis/Dissertation Defense)**

### Final Oral Examination for M.S. Degree

The Final Oral Examination consists of an oral presentation, in seminar format, of your research results, followed immediately by an oral examination session in which your committee members ask you questions about your research project and related subjects. The presentation for the M.S. degree does not have to be open to the public; typically it is made to your committee. You must present copies of your thesis to your committee at least a week before the oral examination. Following the oral examination, your committee will decide if you have passed the examination or not, and they will

recommend changes in your thesis based on their reading of it. When your committee has decided that you have passed the examination and you have corrected the thesis according to their instructions, you must prepare a final copy of your thesis and submit it to the Graduate School for their approval. It is important that you pay close attention to the deadlines and thesis format requirements set by the Graduate School when you are completing your M.S. degree requirements.

As soon as a date and time has been arranged with your committee members for your Final Oral Examination, you need to reserve the room through the appropriate departmental personnel. The Final Oral Examination must be announced on the weekly departmental seminar list. The title, as well as a copy of an abstract, should be given to the appropriate departmental personnel by Thursday of the week preceding your Final Oral Examination.

#### Final Oral Examination for Ph.D. Degree

The Final Oral Examination must be announced via a formal announcement that follows format guidelines established by the Graduate School. The examination may not be administered until at least *three weeks* after the announcement has been submitted to the Graduate School. Copies of this announcement will be mailed throughout the campus, and the Graduate School will select a graduate school dean's representative to serve as an additional member of your committee to participate in the final oral examination and report to the Graduate School about the examination. As stated in the Graduate Catalog, *your Advisory Committee must approve the first written draft of the dissertation before the oral examination is scheduled.*

The final oral examination for the Ph.D. degree will consist of a *public* presentation of your research results in the form of a 50-minute seminar. This presentation will be followed by a period of questions from the public audience, then a closed-door oral examination by your advisory committee. You must present a copy of your dissertation to each member of your committee (including the dean's representative) *at least one week* before the date of your final examination. Following the oral examination, your committee will decide if you have passed the examination or not, and they will recommend changes in your dissertation based on their reading of it. When your committee has decided that you have passed the examination and you have corrected the dissertation according to their instructions, you must prepare a final copy of your dissertation and submit it to the Graduate School for their approval. Your Research Advisor will notify the Graduate School at this time that you have successfully completed your final oral examination. It is important that you pay close attention to the deadlines and dissertation format requirements set by the Graduate School when you are completing your Ph.D. degree requirements.

As soon as a date and time has been arranged with your committee members for your Final Oral Examination, you need to reserve the room through the appropriate departmental personnel. The Final Oral Examination must be announced on the weekly departmental seminar list. The title, as well as a copy of an abstract, should be given to

the appropriate departmental personnel by Thursday of the week preceding your Final Oral Examination.

To clarify the process by which a doctoral student obtains preliminary approval of his/her dissertation from his/her doctoral committee members prior to the scheduling of his/her Final Oral Examination with the Graduate School, the following procedure is established.

- 1) The committee members will provide a preliminary evaluation of the dissertation within seven days of its acceptance from the candidate for review.
- 2) If a committee member feels that major changes are required, this will be communicated to the candidate within the seven-day period. Such major changes will have to be made by the student and the committee members will have another seven days to evaluate the revised dissertation once they accept it for review.
- 3) If only minor changes are required, the committee member will give preliminary approval to the dissertation. (Note that some modifications of the dissertation will undoubtedly still be required after the dissertation defense. However these will be of a relatively minor nature and will not involve, for example, the rewriting of an entire chapter.)
- 4) If the candidate receives no communication from a committee member by the end of the seven-day period, it will be assumed that committee member has given preliminary approval to the dissertation.

### III. APPENDICES

#### A. Requirements for M.S./Ph.D. Degree with Specialization in Chemical Education

For students wishing to pursue a graduate degree with a specialization in Chemical Education, the requisite guidelines are somewhat different from the other specialization areas, as explained in detail in this section. In all cases, the goal is to provide the student with a firm grounding in both chemistry or biochemistry and education, while not extending the student's stay much past that of a chemistry/biochemistry degree in a traditional area.

The M.S. degree program in Chemical Education is designed for students interested in teaching careers at the secondary level, at the two-year college level, as well as at four-year colleges and universities. This degree is appropriate for high school teachers wishing to expand their content and educational backgrounds. However, it is also appropriate for those individuals wishing to teach in a post-secondary education setting. Typically, those interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in a traditional area of chemistry with the goal of pursuing an academic career at a liberal arts college or university will find that the M.S. in Chemical Education gives them a competitive edge in the job market because of their experience with education. In any case, the M.S. degree in Chemical Education is a stand-alone (i.e. "self-contained") degree program.

The Ph.D. degree program in Chemical Education is designed for students interested in research and/or teaching careers at the secondary level, at the two-year college level, as well as at four-year *and Ph.D. granting* colleges and universities. As is typical of many other such programs, students interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in Chemical Education at Texas Tech *must first obtain an M.S. in a "traditional" area of chemistry or biochemistry*, either from Texas Tech or from another institution that is acceptable to the Graduate Affairs Committee. Those students who obtain the M.S. from Texas Tech should notify the Graduate Advisor and the M.S. Research Advisor as soon as possible of their intent to later pursue the Ph.D. in Chemical Education at Texas Tech, once the M.S. is completed.

The academic requirements for the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Chemical Education are the same as those for the other specialization areas, except as explicitly discussed below.

#### Diagnostic Exams

As for the other specialization areas, all Chemical Education students must demonstrate their working knowledge of chemistry by taking three diagnostic exams upon arriving at Texas Tech. In addition, students pursuing the Chemical Education M.S., *or* the Ph.D. *after earning a traditional M.S. elsewhere*, must also take the ACS General Chemistry end-of-year exam as part of their diagnostic examination requirement. Passing requirements depend on the class of Chemical Education student, as listed below:

M.S. degree:              pass one diagnostic examination in any specialization area, –OR–  
                                pass ACS General Chemistry exam at 70<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher

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| Ph.D. degree<br>(M.S. elsewhere): | pass diagnostic exam in M.S. specialization area, –OR–<br>pass ACS General Chemistry exam at 70 <sup>th</sup> percentile or higher         |
| Ph.D. degree<br>(M.S. at TTU):    | diagnostic exams taken <i>as M.S. student</i> under usual guidelines, i.e.<br>pass one diagnostic examination in M.S. specialization area. |

As for the other specialization areas, those students who do not pass the diagnostic exam requirement at the first available opportunity will have a second chance to do so.

#### Advisory Committee

The advisory committee for an M.S. student must consist of a minimum of two members, one of whom is the Research Advisor within the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and the other whom is strongly advised (but not required) to be a tenure-acquiring faculty member from the College of Education.

The advisory committee for a Ph.D. student must consist of a minimum of three members, including the Research Advisor and at least one other faculty member from within the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and a third member who is strongly advised (but not required) to be a tenure-acquiring faculty member from the College of Education.

#### Literature Seminar

As for the other specialization areas, the literature seminar must be successfully presented by the end of the fourth long semester. M.S. students, and Ph.D. students who received their M.S. elsewhere, must present their literature seminars to their *advisory committees*, rather than to their divisions (as there is no Chemical Education seminar *per se*). Would-be Ph.D. students receiving their M.S. degrees at Texas Tech present their literature seminars to their divisions, in accord with usual guidelines for M.S. students.

#### Research and Future Work Examination—Ph.D. Only

Ph.D. students enrolling at Texas Tech with an M.S. from elsewhere must complete this requirement within their first two calendar years, as for the other specialization areas. However, Ph.D. students pursuing the M.S. degree at Texas Tech will be given *three* calendar years after their initial arrival at Texas Tech, to fulfill this requirement. Although the latter class of student may well be taking some education courses during their time as M.S. candidates, particularly in the third year, the primary focus during this period will be the traditional M.S. area of specialization. As such, it would be inappropriate for such students to take the Ph.D. Research and Future Work Examination until some idea of a research project has been established with the Chemical Education Ph.D. Research Advisor (who may well be different from the M.S. Research Advisor).

#### Cumulative Examinations—Ph.D. Only

All Chemical Education Ph.D. students must pass four cumulative examinations, two of

which must be specifically in the area of Chemical Education, and two of which must be in any other areas for which cumulative examinations are offered. Ph.D. students enrolling at Texas Tech with an M.S. from elsewhere must pass these exams according to the same timeline established for the other specialization areas—i.e., one by the end of the second long semester, and all four by the end of the fourth long semester. However, Ph.D. students pursuing the M.S. degree at Texas Tech will be given *six long semesters* after their initial arrival at Texas Tech, to fulfill this requirement. Specifically, they must pass two cumulative examinations by the end of their *fourth* long semester (likely to be in the M.S. specialization area), and all four by the end of their *sixth* long semester.

### Lecture Course Requirements

Lecture course requirements for the Chemical Education program are somewhat greater and more involved than for the other specialization areas, to accommodate the inherent interdisciplinary nature of the discipline, while also ensuring the rigorous training in chemistry and biochemistry necessary to achieve a graduate degree of this name. All M.S. and Ph.D. students in Chemical Education will be required to take a special one-credit-hour survey course, “Introduction to Chemical Education” (CHEM 5010, section number TBD), within their first two calendar years at Texas Tech (three years for Ph.D. students pursuing the M.S. degree at Texas Tech). In addition, a certain number of lecture course credit hours must come from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and a certain number from education courses, with the breakdown depending on degree type, i.e. M.S. or Ph.D. Note that Ph.D. students enrolling at Texas Tech with an M.S. from elsewhere may petition to transfer their M.S. courses for graduate credit, in the same manner as for the other specialization areas (see p. 11).

The specific lecture course credit hour requirements are broken down as follows:

#### *Masters Candidates:*

16 graduate-level lecture course hours

- 1 hour: “Introduction to Chemical Education”
- 9 hours: Additional lecture courses from Chemistry and Biochemistry
- 6 hours: Additional lecture courses from College of Education

#### *Doctoral Candidates:*

22 graduate-level lecture course hours

- 1 hour: “Introduction to Chemical Education”
- 12 hours: Additional lecture courses from Chemistry and Biochemistry
- 9 hours: Additional lecture courses from College of Education

The education courses must be chosen from the approved list below, or with special permission of the Research Advisor and Graduate Advisor. (The student may need to take required prerequisites in education, and should discuss this with an advisor in the College of Education). The courses may be set up in such a way as to provide a concentration (for example, in Quantitative Research Methods/Statistics or in Technology) or breadth, depending upon the research project and ultimate goals of the student.

**Approved College of Education Courses**

<i>Category/Course Number</i>	<i>Category/Course Number</i>
<i>Curriculum</i>	<i>Qualitative Research Methods</i>
EDCI 5320	EPSY 5379
EDCI 5321	EPSY 5382
EDCI 5335	EPSY 5385
<i>Educational Psychology/Testing</i>	EPSY 6304
EPSY 5332	EPSY 6305
EPSY 5653	<i>Quantitative Research Methods/Statistics</i>
EPSY 6302	EPSY 5380
EPSY 6303	EPSY 5381
<i>Education Theory</i>	EPSY 5383
EDCI 5371	EPSY 6301
EDCI 5386	<i>Technology</i>
EDCI 6320	EDIT 5322
<i>Higher Education</i>	EDIT 5326
EDHE 5342	EDIT 5341
EDHE 5343	EDIT 5342
<i>Math/Science Education</i>	
EDCI 5372	
EDCI 5373	
EDCI 5377	

**B. Requirements for M.S./Ph.D. Degree with Specialization in Chemical Physics**

The main goal of this specialization is to prepare students who wish to study chemical problems by the methods and theories of modern physics. This specialization includes courses in chemistry, physics, and mathematics and research on a suitable problem under the direction of a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry or the Department of Physics. It is envisioned that a large fraction of students who choose the chemical physics specialization will be chemistry students with strong backgrounds in mathematics and physics. However, the academic requirements for the chemical physics specialization should make it also attractive to physics students. Because the coursework is difficult, this specialization will be recommended to students who are academically strong in chemistry, physics, and mathematics, as judged by transcripts and test scores.

Since this specialization will be administered in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, the academic requirements are similar to those that are currently required in the other areas of chemistry. In particular, these requirement are the same as those for the Physical Chemistry specialization area, except as explicitly discussed below.

Diagnostic Exams

Chemical physics students in both the M.S. and Ph.D. programs must demonstrate their working knowledge of basic undergraduate chemistry and physics by taking three diagnostic exams upon arriving at Texas Tech, and passing the physical chemistry

diagnostic exam within their first two opportunities. Chemical physics students may place out of the physical chemistry diagnostic requirement by scoring well on the physics subject GRE (p. 10), but must in this case still take two diagnostic exams in other areas.

#### Advisory Committee

The advisory committee for an M.S. student must consist of a minimum of two members, one of whom must be a tenure-acquiring faculty member within the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and one who must be a tenure-acquiring faculty member from the Department of Physics. The advisory committee for a Ph.D. student must consist of a minimum of three members, two of whom must be tenure-acquiring faculty members within the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and one who must be a tenure-acquiring faculty member from the Department of Physics.

#### Required Physics Courses

The students must show proficiency in Electricity and Magnetism and Mechanics by passing with a grade of B or better one course from Physics 3305-3306 (5315-5316) and one course from Physics 4304-4305 (5324-5325), or the equivalent courses from other institutions. Students may receive *graduate credit* for *only two* of these four courses. If taken for graduate credit, two of these courses will count as courses taken outside of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, as described below.

#### Course Work

*Masters Candidates:* The 30 required graduate credit hours are distributed as follows:

- 15 graduate-level lecture course hours
- 4 hours in graduate seminar (CHEM 5101 and/or CHEM 5102)
- 5 hours in research (CHEM 7000), and
- 6 hours in Master's Thesis (CHEM 6000)

Of the 15 lecture course hours, at least 9 must be taken within the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

*Doctoral Candidates:* The 72 required graduate credit hours are distributed as follows:

- 24 graduate-level lecture and seminar course combined hours:
  - 18 lecture course hours; 4 seminar course hours (CHEM 5101/5102)
  - 36 hours in research (CHEM 7000), and
  - 12 hours in Doctoral Dissertation (CHEM 8000)

Of the 18 lecture course hours, a maximum of 9 can be taken outside of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

It is anticipated that most of courses taken for the chemical physics specialization will be graduate courses in physical chemistry. If a student, because of his/her research area, chooses to take graduate courses in areas other than physical chemistry, these will be accepted for his/her 15 (for the M.S.) or 18 (for the Ph.D.) lecture course hours. Chemical physics students may be allowed to substitute departmental physics or mathematics seminar courses for some of the Departmental Chemistry and Biochemistry seminars.

### C. Checklist for the M.S. Degree in Chemistry

Requirement	Deadline	Date Completed
1) Completion of Diagnostic Requirements	by 2nd available opportunity	_____
2) Choose Research Advisor	end of 1st long semester	_____
3) Choose at least one other faculty member for advisory committee	end of 1st long semester	_____
4) Fill out, obtain signatures on, and submit the form "Program for the Master's Degree" to the Graduate School	end of 1st long semester	_____
4) Complete literature seminar to division (Graduate Advising Assistant must receive signed "Report of Literature Seminar" form)	end of 4th long semester	_____
5) Complete 15 credit hours of graduate-level lecture courses, at least 12 of which must be from three-credit-hour courses. Also complete 4 credit hours of CHEM 5101 and/or 5102	whenever completed whenever completed	_____
6) Complete at least 5 credit hours of CHEM 7000 and 6 credit hours of CHEM 6000	departmental requirements assure that you will have extra credit hours to spare	_____
7) Complete research project, write up results in a thesis which follows Graduate School guidelines, pass final oral examination	end of 6 <sup>th</sup> calendar year	_____
8) Complete and submit the form, "Chemistry Graduate Student Exit Survey," to the Graduate Advising Assistant.	after successful completion of the thesis; prior to leaving Texas Tech	_____

All forms can be found on the Departmental website  
[www.depts.ttu.edu/chemistry](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/chemistry) under "Current Graduate Students"

#### **D. Checklist for the Ph.D. Degree in Chemistry**

Requirement	Deadline	Date Completed
1) Completion of Diagnostic Requirements	by second available opportunity	_____
2) Choose Research Advisor	by end of 1st long semester	_____
3) Choose at least two other faculty members for advisory committee	by end of first calendar year	_____
4) Fill out, obtain signatures on, and submit the form "Program for the Doctoral Degree and Admission to Candidacy" to the Graduate School	by end of first calendar year	_____
5) Complete Research and Future Work Examination (Graduate Advising Assistant must receive completed, signed "Report of Research and Future Work Examination" form)	by end of second calendar year	_____
6) Successfully complete four Cumulative Examinations	first exam by end of 2nd long semester, all 4 exams by end of 4th long semester	_____
7) Complete literature seminar to division (Graduate Advising Assistant must receive signed "Report of Literature Seminar" form)	end of 4th long semester	_____
8) Admission into candidacy degree	Research advisor will submit your name	_____
9) Complete 24 credit hours of combined graduate-level lecture courses (at least 18 hours) and seminar (at least 4 hours). At least 15 hours must be from three-credit-hour lecture courses.	whenever completed	_____

11)	Complete 36 credit hours of CHEM 7000 and 12 credit hours of CHEM 8000	departmental registration requirements assure completion of this with extra credit hours to spare	_____
12)	Complete research project, write up results in a dissertation which follows Graduate School guidelines, pass final oral examination	within 4 years of date for admission to candidacy; end of 8 <sup>th</sup> calendar year	_____
13)	Complete and submit the form, "Chemistry Graduate Student Exit Survey," to the Graduate Advising Assistant.	after successful completion of the dissertation; prior to leaving Texas Tech	_____

All forms can be found on the Departmental website  
[www.depts.ttu.edu/chemistry](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/chemistry) under "Current Graduate Students"

#### **E. Sample of Completed “Program for the Master’s Degree” Form**

Anything on the degree plan can be changed after it is filed;  
forms to make changes are in Room 109.

The department only awards M.S. degrees in Chemistry.

Use the department address as “current address”

List the 6 lecture courses you have taken or will take for your degree, including any approved transfer courses.

Committee should have at least 2 members.

Thesis title must be included.

For special topics courses, give the semester(s) that you took (or will take) the course(s).

**F. Sample of Completed “Program for the Doctoral Degree and Admission to Candidacy” Form**

Anything on the degree plan can be changed after it is filed;  
forms to make changes are in Room 109.

Use the department address as “current address”

The department only awards Ph.D. degrees in Chemistry.

List the 8 lecture courses you have taken or will take for your degree, including any approved transfer courses.

List your first year (2 long semesters & summer) as the residence year  
(24 total credits)

Committee should have at least 3 members

Dissertation title must be included

For special topics courses, give the semester(s) that you took (or will take) the course(s)