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Subject: Re: Update on CHEM 5813 and CHEM 5843 for Nutrition

Hi Sabrina,
Chem 5813 is one of the largest grad courses on campus. This will not materially affect the enrollment.
Regards,
Matt

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Dear Suresh,

Just to clarify, we will not be including CHEM 5813/5843 as official required core for our MS students; but as you suggest, we certainly will encourage them for both undergraduate and graduate students considering professional schooling as next steps. It's great to hear that some undergraduates students might be considered for entrance into the graduate level biochemistry courses.

All the best,
Sabrina

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Dear Sabrina

Thank you for checking with us. It is totally fine if graduate students in your program are mandatorily required to take CHEM 813/5843. I would even advocate for undergraduate students in your program, if they are leaning to go to professional schools (medical/pharmacy/dental/graduate schools) taking the more challenging honors Biochemistry courses (CHEM 4813H/4853H) as a part pf their undergraduate curriculum. .This might increase enhance their competitive edge to attend professional schools. Of course. this is just my personal opinion!

best
Suresh

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Dear Dr. Thallapuranam, Dr. Girodat, Dr. Sakon, and Dr. McIntosh,

Historically, graduate students in our Human Environmental Sciences MS program who were interested in nutrition were encouraged to take CHEM 5813 Biochemistry I and/or CHEM 5843 Biochemistry II, depending on their background. It is even possible that one or both of these graduate courses may have been designated “on paper” at some point as a part of the core courses for these students. However, during this past year we have done much work to clean up catalog language, restructure our HESC MS program with a separate Human Nutrition concentration, and update the list of core courses to reflect our peer programs and aspirational/benchmark programs in Human Nutrition. Hence, I am writing with the update that we will next be proposing through the curriculum process that our MS-degree seeking students in the newly created Human Nutrition concentration complete a list of core courses that does not include either CHEM 5813 or CHEM 5843. Based on historical data and how small our graduate program is, this is not anticipated to impact overall enrollment in either CHEM course; over the last 8 years, only one of our graduate students took CHEM 5813 and only another one of our graduate students took CHEM 5843.

I just wanted to be transparent and confirm that there aren’t any concerns with this. This is only in regards to the graduate level biochemistry courses; our undergraduate students will still continue to enroll in CHEM 3813.

Kind regards,
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