What you can do with your BIOCHEMISTRY MAJOR

Biochemistry Major Skills:

Critical Thinking
You learn how to define and analyze problems, identify factors that contribute to outcomes, and analyze connections.

Data Analysis
You learn to analyze quantitative data, utilize appropriate tools, predict outcomes, interpret results of data gathering, and present data.

Research & Research Design
You understand how to define a problem and design a study to find answers (taking professional and ethical responsibility into account), identify strengths and weaknesses of methods and approaches, report findings, and make recommendations.

Written & Oral Communication
You articulate ideas clearly and effectively in written and oral communications; you can explain complex ideas for technical and non-technical audiences.

Digital Literacy
You utilize a variety of data analysis and simulation, database, and graphic softwares.

Teamwork
You work collaboratively with others to achieve common goals, negotiate, and manage conflict.

Supplement Your Skills With:

Experience Fostering Professional Equity & Inclusion

Leadership & Mentoring

Gain Experience: Internships & Part-Time Work

Communication to Non-Scientists

Career & Self Development

Chart Your Path Forward

Activate Your Handshake Account
for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

Explore Career Communities
to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your Biochemistry major into success.

Get Career & Internship Advising
from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you’re a first-year student or about to graduate.

Get Started: successworks.wisc.edu
Wisconsin
Illinois
Minnesota
California
Other

Biochem majors should focus on developing their ‘soft’ non-technical skills through coursework and professional experience. These skills will set you apart as you start and progress in your careers. Employers look for these skills specifically, and they will help you stand out because they are much harder than technical skills to teach and learn. ”

Jennifer Loeb, 2001
Senior Global Commercialization Market Segment Manager, Promega Madison, WI

“My Biochemistry major taught me to think critically about data, and learn beyond my own biases or expectation of results. This is a skill that has been invaluable to my career, but also in my life outside of the laboratory.”

Viva Saint Valentine, 2014
Associate Group Leader, PPD Middleton, WI

Put your Biochemistry major to WORK

Common Alumni Job Titles:
• Scientist/Research Scientist
• Professor
• Consultant
• Physician
• Director

Top Employers of Alumni:
1. UW-Madison
2. PPD
3. AbbVie
4. Covance
5. Epic
6. UW Health
7. Catalent Pharma Solutions
8. Medical College of Wisconsin
9. Thermo Fisher Scientific
10. Abbot

Recent Grads’ Career Plans:
53% Employment
45% Continuing Education or Grad School
1% Volunteer or Service Programs

Recent Grads’ Employment Sector:
• Life Sciences
• Education
• Healthcare
• Information Technology
• Research
• Arts & Entertainment
• Finance
• Manufacturing
• Engineering
• Government

Where Alumni Live & Work:
52% Wisconsin
8% Illinois
6% Minnesota
6% California
28% Other

Recent Grads’ Employment Sector:

Where Alumni Live & Work:

Career Communities for Biochemistry Majors
SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources, and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Biochemistry majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

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