

Allegheny College Department of Chemistry
Policy for Course Transfer

As a liberal arts institution, Allegheny offers a curriculum which is greater than the sum of its parts. In other words, each class is guided and informed by overarching departmental, divisional, and institutional goals and standards, and the progression of courses within a program has been carefully thought out. Therefore, the expectation is that your coursework be completed on campus. In rare circumstances, there may be valid reasons to take a course over the summer, but this should be discussed with your advisor and any relevant pre-professional offices. If you are considering taking a chemistry course over the summer, please be aware of the following guidelines:

1. For a course to be considered as equivalent to Allegheny courses (i.e., transferring in as CHEM 110, 112, etc.), the course must fulfill all of the following criteria:
 - a. Be taught at an accredited college or university offering a degree in Chemistry;
 - b. Be offered by an American Chemical Society (ACS) [accredited department](#)*;
 - c. Include an actual wet laboratory associated with the course;
 - d. Be part of the normal Chemistry curriculum (i.e., be required for the Chemistry major) at the host institution; and
 - e. Cover the appropriate material as determined by the Chair of Chemistry at Allegheny.**

Please be aware that **the course must be pre-approved before enrolling in the class** (pre-approval instructions, including the required form, can be found [here](#)). A course receiving this designation (if successfully completed with a grade of "C" or better) will serve as a prerequisite for subsequent Chemistry courses at Allegheny. **Online courses will not be considered for equivalent transfer.****

2. Some courses fulfilling some, but not all, of the requirements above may be considered for transfer as CHEM 1TE (100-level elective) or CHEM 2TE (200-level elective). They **do not** serve as prerequisites for subsequent Chemistry courses at Allegheny, but they may satisfy requirements for other major programs. Students considering these courses should consult with their advisors and the Chair of their major program. To be considered for transfer, the course must have an actual wet laboratory.
3. Other courses designed as non-majors courses may be eligible for transfer as CHEM OTL. These courses do not serve as prerequisites for subsequent Chemistry courses, nor are they likely to satisfy requirements for major programs. However, they will satisfy the Allegheny lab requirement in the Natural Sciences. To be considered for transfer, the course must have an actual wet laboratory.

* courses from 2-year institutions that have a clearly established articulation agreement with an ACS-accredited Chemistry program at a 4-year institution may also satisfy this criterion.

**These requirements may be relaxed for courses taken during the Covid-19 pandemic, as long as 1a.-d. are satisfied. Each request will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.