

Chemistry

Preamble and objectives of the Course: In the first two semesters of the six semesters graduation program of B. Sc. (Chemistry) the learner was introduced to some basic aspects in the various core branches of chemistry like Physical Chemistry, Organic chemistry and Inorganic chemistry. Concepts about the structure of atom, distribution of electrons, Thermodynamics, Formation of organic compounds and basic ideas in reactivity of molecules in general and organic compounds in particular were introduced to the learner. He was made inquisitive about why and how should atoms combine to give molecules or ions. The non-orbital approach to appreciating the shapes of polyatomic species in general and molecules in particular. The story of chemistry is taken further in the coming two semesters of the second year of the B. Sc. (Chemistry) Program. However it is also realised that some students opting for the course on Chemistry may not continue with the subject subsequently as such the syllabus is designed to retain the interest of the serious learner of chemistry as well as be helpful to non-chemistry learners. With such students who would want to pursue other branches of science but would want to acquire a basic appreciation and experience of chemistry a separate paper (Paper-III) is designed. This paper along with the laboratory session unit that goes with it deals with the basics of chemical analysis, separating components from a given sample, basic concepts like pH, experimental techniques like Titrimetry, Gravimetry, using instruments to carry out analysis, the various techniques like chromatography, electrophoresis, Instrumentation in general is felt to be of interest to learners of various branches like physics, botany, zoology, and microbiology. The major objectives of B.Sc. Chemistry course are

- To infuse in the learner a spirit of inquiry into the fundamental aspects of the various core areas of Chemistry.
- To make the learner proficient in analyzing the various observations and chemical phenomena presented to him during the course.
- To make the learner capable of solving problems in the various units of this course
- To give the learner an opportunity to get hands on experience of the various concepts and processes in the various branches of chemistry
- To impart various skills of handling chemicals, reagents, apparatus, instruments and the care and safety aspects involved in such handling
- To make the learner capable of analyzing and interpreting results of the experiments he conducts or performs
- To make the learner capable of acquiring or pursuing a source of livelihood like jobs in chemical industry
- To arouse the interest to pursue higher levels of learning in chemistry.