

CHEM 801.6 and 802.3 Policies

For Students in the Department of Chemistry

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Overview

CHEM 801.6

CHEM 801.6 provides a comprehensive review of chemistry fundamentals. It also introduces students to more specialized topics at an introductory level. Students take a total of six modules.

CHEM 802.3

CHEM 802.3 is very similar to CHEM 801.6. Students will choose from the same set of modules but will take only three modules instead of six.

Program Requirements

MSc and MSc-to-PhD Transfer Programs

CHEM 801.6 is a **program requirement** for two of the graduate programs in chemistry:

- MSc (6 cu of 9 cu total)
- MSc to PhD Transfer (6 cu of 15 cu total)

In both of these cases, CHEM 801.6 counts toward the total number of cu required for the degree.

Exemptions

Exemptions to the CHEM 801.6 program requirement can be made only in the following set of circumstances, subject to the approval of both your supervisor and the Graduate Affairs Committee (GAC). In all cases, the 6 cu must be replaced with other approved courses. All exemptions are subject to final approval by the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS).

List of Approved Exemptions:

- Students originally admitted to a PhD program that subsequently transfer to an MSc program.
- Students with a BSc degree from the University of Saskatchewan and an admission average of at least 80%, who have completed at least 15 credit units of chemistry courses at the 300/400 level (not counting research courses) offered by the Department of Chemistry. Exemption must be requested by Supervisor prior to the start of CHEM 801.6.
- Students with a BSc degree in chemistry that have an admission average of at least 85%. Exemption must be requested by Supervisor prior to the start of CHEM 801.6.
- Students who are unable to undertake or complete CHEM 801.6 due to unanticipated academic, medical, or personal reasons.

PhD and Direct-Entry PhD Programs

Programs of Study

Neither CHEM 801.6 nor CHEM 802.3 may be used toward the 6 cu (PhD) or 12 cu (direct-entry PhD) coursework requirements of these programs. Your advisory committee may add CHEM 801/802 to your program of study as an **additional** course; however, other courses must still be used to fulfill your basic program requirements.

Probationary Requirements

Many students will have a probationary requirement in their letter of offer, similar to the following:

“As a requirement of probation, you must take CHEM 801.6 in the first term of registration and achieve a minimum grade of 75% or you will be required to discontinue (RTD).”

If you have such a probationary requirement in your letter of offer, and receive a grade below 75% in CHEM 801.6, you will most likely be required to discontinue. The following process should be followed:

1. If you receive a grade of < 75% in Chemistry 801.6, the graduate program coordinator will alert the chair of the GAC and arrange for an advisory committee meeting to be held as soon as possible so that the outcome of CHEM 801.6 can be discussed.
2. If your supervisor believes that there were extenuating circumstances and that you should not be required to discontinue, they must apply to both your advisory committee and the GAC and request that the requirement to discontinue be put aside. The supervisor must provide compelling evidence to support the request (e.g., evidence of strong research performance or TA skills; a description of the extenuating circumstances). The research needs of your supervisor do **not** constitute compelling evidence. Your supervisor should describe what remedial measures will be taken to help you improve your academic performance (e.g., including additional course requirements in your program of study). They must show that any funding consequences arising from your performance in CHEM 801.6 (i.e., a loss of good standing in your program) have been addressed. Revised probationary terms (i.e., a new probationary requirement) must also be provided with the application. This application must be received *before* the AC meeting.
3. The GAC chair (or designate) and your advisory committee will meet with you to discuss the outcome of CHEM 801.6 and to consider the requirement to discontinue. You will then be asked to leave while your committee comes to a decision as to whether they recommend you be required to discontinue.
4. After the meeting, the GAC chair (or designate) will let you know the recommendation of your advisory committee.

5. The GAC chair (or designate) will then contact CGPS to either: (i) recommend that you be required to discontinue; or, (ii) explain why a requirement to discontinue is not being recommended and provide an updated program of study and revised probationary terms.