Orientation Exam Requirement

M.A. Requirement

Five orientation exams, covering the five major areas of chemistry (analytical, biochemistry, inorganic, organic and physical) are given just before the Fall semester and before the Spring semester. All students must pass 4/5 of the exams, two of which must be organic and physical chemistry. These exams cover material found in typical undergraduate courses. One exam must be passed at the 40th percentile level, one at the 45th percentile level and two at the 50th percentile level. If the student does not pass any of the four exams, he/she must take an approved course to fulfill this requirement. In order to be given credit for passing an exam, the student must make at least a B grade in the approved course.

Approved courses for the orientation exams:

- Analytical 550, 551, 751, 752, 753, 754
- Biochemistry 560A, 560B, 562, 563, 564
- Inorganic 520A
- Organic 432, 530, 531, any 73X
- Physical 410A, 410B

M.S. Requirement

Five orientation exams, covering the five major areas of chemistry (analytical, biochemistry, inorganic, organic and physical) are given just before the Fall semester and before the Spring semester. All students must pass 3/5 of the exams at the 50th percentile level, one of which must be in the student’s area of interest. These exams cover material found in typical undergraduate courses. If the student does not pass any of the three exams by June 1 of the 1st year for Fall admission or January 1 of the 1st year for Spring admission, he/she must take an approved course to fulfill this requirement. In order to be given credit for passing an exam, the student must make at least a B grade in the approved course.

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- Analytical 550, 551, 751, 752, 753, 754
- Biochemistry 560A, 560B, 562, 563, 564
- Inorganic 520A
- Organic 432, 530, 531, any 73X
- Physical 410A, 410B