

MEMO

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Re: Chemistry Minor

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Hello Advisors,

Two updates on the chemistry minor:

1) due to inconsistencies in how the chemistry minor GPA is noted online and in the APRRs prior to 2004; and due to inconsistencies in how advisors across campus are approving the chemistry minor at degree check time, we have found that it will be more fair to students in catalog years prior to 2004 if we don't enforce the minimum minor GPA of 2.0 that we prefer. Since advisors across campus are signing off on the chemistry minor for their majors it would be unfair to students who come through our doors in chemistry for the minor approval if they were held to our standard of a minimum 2.0 minor GPA while their peers who don't meet the minimum of 2.0 are getting approval elsewhere. But please realize that the 2004 catalog year and later have the minimum GPA for the minor specified in the APRR.

2) I am getting a slew of questions from students about why we don't apply all the Pima units for gen-chem and o-chem to our minor requirements of 20 units. Pima provides 5 units for gen-chem and o-chem integrated lecture/lab courses of which 4 units are directly equivalent to our gen-chem and o-chem classes (103/104, 241/243). The fifth unit is elective credit, but is NOT applicable to the chemistry minor. The additional elective unit sits in section 4 of the SAPR because it is not applicable toward any UA chem requirement.

Please let your inquiring students know that this breakdown is stated in the CEG online. 3 units apply to the lecture, and 1 applies to the lab, and the last unit is elective that does not apply to either course - it is elective credit that we will not pull into the UA chemistry minor.

If you have additional questions, please ask. And thanks for helping us out with all our 800+ chemistry minors!

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