

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 69 (CHEM): **Change the major competency requirement for the B.S. degree in Chemistry**

Effective Date: Fall 2018

1. Delete: On page 96, item III under **Bachelor of Science Degree:**

III. Other departmental requirements-A grade of C or better in CHEM 418 is required to demonstrate practical, written, computer, and oral competency in chemistry.

Add: On page 96, in place of deleted entry:

III. Other departmental requirements--A grade of C or better in CHEM 416 is required to demonstrate practical, written, computer, and oral competency in chemistry.

Impact Statement: This change has no effect on the courses or the number of credit hours required for the B.S. degree in Chemistry. All students majoring in chemistry with the B.S. degree must still successfully complete CHEM 416, 417 and 418 as part of their research requirements in chemistry. Moving the demonstration of competency for the B.S. to CHEM 416 will allow for an earlier determination of whether students can be successful in this degree program.

Rationale: This change is being made to help with student retention in the program. Students majoring in chemistry must be competent in chemistry prior to graduation. If a student is unable to demonstrate competency in CHEM 416, they will have the opportunity to change to the B.A. degree two semesters earlier than when it is currently happening. This change would allow students to make the necessary changes to their course curriculum and still graduate within a reasonable amount of time if a change in degree is necessary.