

Cosmetic Science

AT SPELMAN COLLEGE



The Cosmetic Science program offers a Cosmetic Chemistry concentration and minor and a Cosmetic Science minor.

The program focuses on the molecular sciences related to product formulation and development, providing a fundamental understanding of the origin, structure, and function of ingredients.

The program aims to offer a culturally relevant academic experience that resonates with Spelman's student population by:

- Providing a perspective on the science of beauty and cosmetics at the intersection of race, gender, and culture.
- Advancing research related to ethnic hair and skin care products.
- Positioning Black women as leaders of research and product development in the beauty industry.

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Undergraduate Programs Tracks

Careers in Cosmetic Chemistry

Formulator
Product Developer
Researcher
Quality Control/Quality Assurance
Specialist Product
Safety Specialist
Regulatory Affairs Specialist
Clinical Research Scientist
Packaging Scientist
Microbiologist
Sensory Scientist
Market Research Analyst
Technical Sales Representative
Educator/Trainer
Content Creator
Tech (AI)



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Cosmetic Chemistry Concentration

First Year

Fall Semester

General Chemistry I for Majors (CHE111)
General Chemistry I Lab/Recitation (CHE111L)
Precalculus (MAT116 or MAT120)
First Year Composition (ENG103)
African Diaspora/World I (ADW111)
First Year Seminar in Chemistry (CHE101)
First Year Experience (FYE 101)

Spring Semester

General Chemistry II for Majors (CHE112)
General Chemistry II Lab/Recitation (CHE112L)
Calculus I (MAT231)
African Diaspora/World II (ADW112)
Big Questions Colloquia (BQC100)
First-Year Experience (FYE102)
Wellness & Health

Second Year

Fall Semester

Organic Chemistry I for Majors (CHE231)
Organic Chemistry I Lab/Recitation (CHE231L)
Physics I: Mechanics & Lab (PHY151)
Calculus II (MAT232)
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Wellness & Health

Spring Semester

Organic Chemistry II for Majors (CHE232)
Organic Chemistry II Lab/Recitation (CHE232L)
Physics II: Elec/Mag & Lab (PHY241)
Computer Science I - C++ (CIS121)
Survey of Beauty and Cosmetics (COS212)

Third Year

Fall Semester

Physical Chemistry I (CHE345)
Analytical Chemistry (CHE301)
Analytical Chemistry Lab Elective (CHE301L)
Foreign Language (FL201)
Divisional Requirement I

Spring Semester

Divisional Requirement II
Cosmetic Chemistry (COS326)
Cosmetic Formulations (COS326L)
Cosmetic Science Elective
Foreign Language (FL202)

Senior Year

Fall Semester

Biochemical Principles (CHE410)
Chemistry of Natural Products (CHE452)
Cosmetic Science Elective
Oil and Fragrance Chemistry (COS425L)
Undergraduate Research in Chemistry

Spring Semester

Chemistry Elective
Chemistry Seminar (CHE429)
Women's or International Studies
Divisional Requirement 3
Black Hair Lab (COS426L)
Undergraduate Research in Chemistry

Cosmetic Chemistry Minor

For Biology, Health Sciences, or Pre-med Tracks

Survey of Beauty and Cosmetics (COS212), Cosmetic Chemistry (COS326), Cosmetic Formulations (COS326L), Chemistry of Natural Products (CHE452), Oil and Fragrance Chemistry (COS425L), and Toxicology (CHE411). One of the following is also required: Entrepreneurial Mindset, Women in Entrepreneurship, Principles in Marketing, Health Economics, Entrepreneurship of Beauty, and Psychology of Beauty

Cosmetic Science Minor

Not for Biology, Health Sciences, or Pre-med Tracks. Ideal for majors outside of the natural sciences.

General Chemistry I (CHE111), General Chemistry I Lab/Recitation (CHE111L), General Chemistry II (CHE112), General Chemistry II Lab/Recitation (CHE112L), Organic Chemistry I (CHE231), Organic Chemistry I Lab/Recitation (CHE231L), Survey of Beauty and Cosmetics (COS212), Cosmetic Chemistry (COS326), and Cosmetic Formulations (COS326L). One of the following is strongly recommended: Entrepreneurial Mindset, Women in Entrepreneurship, Principles in Marketing, Health Economics, Entrepreneurship of Beauty, and Psychology of Beauty

Please consult the CIS Department for CIS+X and and EHS for Health Sciences Option 2