

Addendum to Graduate Handbook and Regulations for the Department of Chemistry

Effective October 12, 2010

In the section entitled Requirements for the Ph.D. degree, replace the paragraph on Chem 771 in section A) on p. 9 with the following:

Research Courses

Chem 771 – Introduction to Research

This course consists of the research done by first year students to initiate their thesis or dissertation project. A written report and an oral seminar on research done for Chem 771 will be evaluated by the student's committee by the end of the quarter in which the student takes the 11th credit in the course. This is generally the Spring Quarter of the first year for full time graduate students. The written report *must* be made available to the committee at least 7 calendar days prior to the oral seminar. The evaluation will include questions from the committee to determine whether the student has made satisfactory progress in initiating the research project, whether the student has an appropriate level of understanding of the project and the techniques used in the project, and whether the student has satisfactorily integrated material learned in the first year coursework into their thinking about the research. This course will be graded SP/UP until the term in which the 11th credit is taken, at which time a final grade of **A**, **C**, or **F** will be assigned by the committee. This process may only be attempted once. Failure to receive a passing grade of "**A**" in Chem 771 by the end of that quarter will result in ineligibility for the Ph.D. program *and* the Thesis M.S. program. A grade of "**F**" makes a student ineligible to continue in the graduate program in chemistry. A grade of "**C**" allows the student to continue in the non-thesis M.S. track only. In this case, the student must satisfy the Graduate School requirement of a minimum GPA of 3.00 for all graduate courses taken, *including Chem 771*.