

**Course Objectives/Course Outline**  
**Spokane Community College**

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**Course Title:** Intro to Biochemistry: w/Lab

**Prefix and Course Number:** CHEM& 123

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**Course Learning Outcomes:**

**By the end of this course, a student should be able to:**

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**Course Outline:**

- I. Proteins
  - A. Structure of Amino Acids
  - B. Physical and Chemical Properties of Amino Acids
  - C. Ionic Charge and pH
  - D. Primary, Secondary, Tertiary and Quaternary Structure in Proteins
  - E. Physical and Chemical Properties of Proteins
  - F. Chemical Reactions of Amino Acids and Proteins
- II. Enzymes
  - A. Chemical Nature of Enzymes and Their Function in Biochemical Reactions
  - B. Enzyme Activity
  - C. Regulation of Enzymes (Temperature, pH, Concentration, Inhibitors, Activators, Covalent Modification, and Genetic Control)
  - D. Vitamins
- III. Chemical Messengers
  - A. Chemical Nature of Hormones and Neurotransmitters
  - B. Hormones and Neurotransmitters and Cell Communication
  - C. Endocrine System
  - D. Drugs
- IV. Metabolism
  - A. Strategies of Metabolism
  - B. Cell Structure
  - C. ATP Coupled Reactions
  - D. Coenzymes and Reduced Coenzymes
- V. Carbohydrates
  - A. Structure of Monosaccharides
  - B. Physical and Chemical Properties of Monosaccharides
  - C. Physical and Chemical Properties of Disaccharides and Polysaccharides
  - D. Chemical Reactions of Monosaccharides, Disaccharides and Polysaccharides
- VI. Carbohydrate Metabolism
  - A. Carbohydrate Digestion
  - B. Glycolysis
  - C. Entry of Other Carbohydrates into Glycolysis
  - D. Chemical Reactions of Pyruvate

- E. Citric Acid Cycle, Glycogenesis, Glycogenolysis, and Gluconeogenesis Pathways
- F. Regulation of Pathways
- G. Electron-Transport Chain and ATP Production
- H. Blockers and Uncouplers of Oxidative Phosphorylation
- I. Role of Pathways and Energy Production
- VII. Lipids
  - A. Structure and Classification of Lipids
  - B. Physical and Chemical Properties of Lipids
  - C. Chemical Reactions of Lipids
  - D. Cell Membrane Lipids
  - E. Structure of Cell Membrane
  - F. Transport Across Cell Membrane
- VIII. Lipid Metabolism
  - A. Triglyceride Digestion
  - B. Lipid Transport
  - C. Lipid Storage
  - D. Beta Oxidation
  - E. Lipogenesis
  - F. Ketogenesis
  - G. Regulation of Pathways
  - H. Role of Pathways and Energy Production
- IX. Protein Metabolism
  - A. Protein Digestion
  - B. Protein Catabolism
  - C. Amino Acid Catabolism
  - D. Urea Cycle
  - E. Regulation of Pathways
  - F. Role of Pathways and Energy Production
- X. Nucleic Acids and Protein Synthesis
  - A. Structure of Nucleic Acids, DNA, and RNA
  - B. DNA Replication
  - C. Transcription
  - D. Translation
  - E. RNA
- XI. Body Fluids
  - A. Major Categories of Body Fluids
  - B. Body Fluid Composition
  - C. Red Blood Cells and Blood Gases
  - D. Alkalosis
  - E. Acidosis
- XII. Laboratories
  - A. Perform laboratory experiments pertaining to the above chemical concepts, record observations, gather and analyze data, and present the results in written form