

ADVISORY EXAMINATIONS

Begin now to prepare for advisory examinations!

The advisory examinations are an important part of your initial work at the University of Wisconsin. You should spend some time between now and August preparing for these examinations. Advisory exams are **August 18 and 19**. We recommend that between now and then you systematically set aside some time each day to review your undergraduate chemistry courses. Use your lecture notes and texts as a guide.

There are four exams, covering four areas of chemistry: analytical, inorganic, organic and physical. You are required to take the exams in all four areas. The American Chemical Society standardized exams are likely to be used in all areas, but there may be a different exam or additional sections similar to a typical final exam from an undergraduate course. Exams are graded pass/fail.

Examination results will be made available to the student's temporary advisor, and will be used to guide first semester course selection. The temporary advisor will evaluate the results of the advisory examinations together with the student's prior coursework and research interests and will decide on appropriate coursework for the first semester. The results will also be available to all students at the time of advising so that each student has a chance to consider the scores and be best prepared to participate in choosing coursework during the advising period. The results of these exams will be added to the student's record and may be used by professors when evaluating students for their research groups.

Further details of the requirements (along with a list of recommended study texts) are given in the booklet "Information for Candidates for Graduate Degrees in the Department of Chemistry, University of Wisconsin-Madison".

Poor performance on the advisory examinations may result in your needing to take additional courses. Poor performance may also result in a delay in beginning research or in difficulties in getting into the research group of your choice.

If you wish, you may come to Madison early to have time to study for the advisory examinations. The Chemistry Library is available as one place for you to study.