DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

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Courses

CHE

CHE 535. Pharmaceutical Chemistry. 3 Credits.
Through the use of case studies, the student will learn the role of the chemist in drug discovery and development. Specifically, target initiation, competitive surveillance, lead discovery and optimization, counterscreens for selectivity, pharmacokinetics, selection criteria for entering development and synthetic optimization will be elucidated.
Typically offered in Spring.
Cross listed courses CHE 535, PPD 535.

CHE 544. Topics In Physical Chemistry. 3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.
Repeatable for Credit.

CRL

CRL 536. Polymer Chemistry Lab. 2 Credits.
A course designed to introduce the advanced student to the synthesis of polymers and the study of the molecular, physical, and thermal properties of these compounds.
Pre / Co requisites: CRL 536 requires prerequisites of CHE 232 and CRL 232 and co-requisite of CHE 536.