

An advising guide for navigating the **newly revised** Introductory Organic Chemistry course sequence (CHEM 0350/0360/0370)

The Chemistry Department has recently made two significant changes to the introductory organic chemistry curriculum:

- **The lab components of the CHEM 0350/0360 will now become their own course - CHEM 0370.** CHEM 0370 will be offered both Spring and Fall semesters **starting in Fall 2026**. Starting in Spring 2026, CHEM 0350 will be a lecture-only course. CHEM 0360 will become lecture-only in Fall 2026. (Fall 2025 CHEM 0360 will remain as a lecture+lab course). CHEM 0370 will cover the equivalent amount of material that used to be covered across both semesters of CHEM 0350/0360. CHEM 0370 will be a 0.5 credit course that has CHEM 0360 as a co/pre-requisite. CHEM 0370 enrollment will be capped at 288.
- **Starting Fall 2026, CHEM 0350 and CHEM 0360 lectures will be offered BOTH semesters.** There will be **one** section of each course offered in the Fall and Spring. Each of these sections will be capped at 288 students.

Although these changes do not start until Spring 2026 at the earliest with lecture-only CHEM 0350, they impact how incoming 1st-year students may want to think about navigating the CHEM 0330/0350/0360 sequence, which are courses required for Chemistry, Biochemistry, and various additional STEM concentrations as well as for students interested in Health Careers. Listed below are some advising implications that arise from these changes.

- **1st year students do not need to rush to take CHEM0350 in Spring 2026.** They have the option of deferring till Fall 2026 and will still be able to complete the entire sequence by the end of their sophomore year. **This also gives them the option of starting CHEM 0330 in either semester of their 1st year.**
- **Students who start the chemistry sequence with CHEM0100 will now be able to complete the sequence by the end of their sophomore year,** instead of having to wait until Fall of their junior year (or take a summer course) to complete CHEM 0360.
- **Students do not need to take CHEM0330 and CHEM0350 back-to-back.** E.g.
- a student can take 0330 in Fall or Spring of their 1st year and complete the 0350/0360 sequence fall/spring of their sophomore year.

The Department will host a virtual office hour during Orientation week (**3:30-4:30 pm Thur Aug 28** - <https://brown.zoom.us/j/99817811611>) to answer questions advisors or students may have about Chemistry course selection. Contact the Chemistry Director of Undergraduate Studies – amit_basu@brown.edu – with any questions.