A C U L T U R E

Our goal is to prepare students to use their knowledge and skills to contribute to society and their profession. We offer undergraduate degrees in both chemical engineering and biological engineering.

The basis of both chemical and biological engineering is the useful transformation of matter from one form to another. That transformation can be brought about by direct chemical reactions, or chemical reactions mediated by living organisms.

Right now, chemical and biological engineers can work in many of the same areas. That may change as biological develops as a profession, but biological engineers are likely to work closely with chemical engineers for the foreseeable future.

The list is expanding all the time—tomorrow's graduates may find careers in fields that do not even exist today as chemical and biological engineering research continually expands the opportunities.

If your student hasn't decided whether he or she wants a career in chemical or biological engineering, take heart—the curricula for chemical engineering and biological are identical for the first three semesters.

In the first three semesters the focus is on basic math and science courses, and both biological engineers and chemical engineers need chemistry, calculus, and physics. The curricula start diverging in the junior year when biological engineering majors take more bio-based science courses while chemical engineering majors take more engineering courses.

Academic Advising

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