## Chemistry 2302

## Workshop 25 Analyzing Non-Standard Amino Acids

Along with the twenty standard amino acids, there are many more non-standard amino acids that can be detected by amino acid analysis. A few are specified by the genetic code in prokaryotes, but most are generated by modifying a standard amino acid after it has been incorporated into a protein.

- 1. Ion exchange chromatography separates amino acids partly on the basis of isoelectric point (and partly by hydrophobic attraction to the polystyrene column resin). For each of the non-standard amino acids below:
  - Draw the most stable structures for the z = +1, 0, and -1 charge states.
  - Using the  $pK_a$  values for the acid-base reactions that connect the z = 0 charge state with its z = +1 and z = -1 neighbors, predict the isoelectric point pl.



2. Predict where, relative to the standard amino acids shown below, each non-standard amino acid would elute in ion-exchange chromatography.



3. Based on their structures, which standard amino acid would you guess is modified to produce each non-standard amino acid above?