Chemical Engineering

Get to know
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Society relies daily on products such as fuel, pharmaceuticals, advanced composites, semiconductors, magnetic and optical storage devices, agricultural products, light-weight materials, coatings, synthetic fibers and personal care products. Chemical Engineers develop new advanced materials and design the processes that convert raw materials into value-added products.

Chemical Engineering is a broadly based engineering discipline, which combines the study of mathematics, chemistry, physics and biology, with engineering science, design, and economics. You will learn how to design safe, efficient, environmentally-friendly and economical processes. You will also acquire direct experience with pilot-scale chemical process equipment and simulators. Queen’s Chemical Engineering offers options in Chemical Process Engineering and in Biochemical Engineering. Areas of specialization through choice of electives: biochemical, biomedical, environmental, process systems engineering, energy, and materials.

Queen’s ADMISSIONS

Students apply to Queen’s Engineering (QE) through the OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre) website. Secondary School prerequisites include five 4U and 4M courses, one of which must be English 4U. Calculus and Vectors 4U, Advanced Functions 4U, Chemistry 4U, and Physics 4U are all required. A final competitive minimum grade of 80% must be obtained in all courses. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements.

A Common START

Queen’s is unique in offering a common First Year along with an open discipline choice. When you do choose your program, you don’t have to worry about caps or quotas. Provided you pass all of your First Year courses, you are guaranteed a place in your engineering program of choice. Queen’s also offers Section 900, a special extended program for students struggling with First Year courses. Take things at a slower pace and recover in time for Second Year.

Degree OPTIONS

Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering
Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering with Professional Internship
Option in Bioengineering / Process Engineering

Course HIGHLIGHTS

Chemical Engineering students have the opportunity to take a wide range of technical courses to help prepare them for the many possible career destinations available. Such courses include:

- Design of Manufacturing processes
- Technology, Engineering and Management
- Process Dynamics and Control
- Mitigation of Industrial Pollution
- Engineering Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Biomedical Engineering
- Pharmaceutical Technology
- Bioremediation
- Polymer Formulations and Processing Technology

“Semiconductor production, microchips, metals, mineral processing, paper products, petroleum and petrochemicals, plastics, forest products, pharmaceuticals and foods are just some of the sectors in which chemical engineers work.”


That is a degree from Queen’s.

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Chemical Engineering MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE | BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE WITH PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIP

1ST YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

Queen's Engineering first year is common – courses include: Physics, Chemistry, Calculus, Algebra, Graphics, Computing and Earth Systems Engineering.

Discipline selection will take place in February! You will also choose your Sub-Plan: Chemical Process Engineering (CHE1) or Bioengineering (CHE2).

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Queen's Solar Design Team and the Fuel Cell Team.

See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations, such as Let's Talk Science (LTS) and Women in Science and Engineering.

Consider joining an intramural sports or an athletics team. Check out the Athletics & Recreation site.

GET THINKING GlobALLY

Speak to a QUIC advisor or get involved in their programs, events and training opportunities.

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking the Intercultural Awareness Training Certificate hosted by QUIC and Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre, and research possible immigration regulations.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling with program decisions? Go to the Orientation Evenings held by different Engineering departments and attend the various Career Fairs during the year.

Get some help from Career Services.

2ND YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED


You will also take the second EDPS course – APSC200, as well as a laboratory project course and one additional course based on your option: Transport Phenomena Fundamentals (CHE1) or Cell Based Engineering Principles (CHE2).

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEP or NSERC.

Consider entrepreneurial opportunities at programs like the Queen's Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QCSI).

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Get involved with the Engineering Society (ENGSOC).

Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Engineers without Borders (EWB). Attend conferences like the Conference on Industry and Resources Queen's University Engineering (CIRQUE) and the Queen's Engineering Competition.

GET THINKING GlobALLY

Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a 3rd year exchange through your faculty's International Office.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Nontraditional Careers for Chemists. For more information check out Career Cruising.

3RD YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

Courses include: Entrepreneurship Equilibrium, Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics, Materials Engineering, Industrial Engineering, and one additional course based on your option: Fluid Power Fluids, Environmental Biotechnology and Industrial Pollution.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

You will also take course, as well as your option: Envi Biomedical Engin Catalysis (CHE1).

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How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.
CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

Chemical Engineering MAJOR MAP
3RD YEAR

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Employability skills
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- Knowledge of chemical engineering theory and methods
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- Experience working on hands-on engineering projects
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- Written and oral communication - write reports and give presentations to a knowledgeable audience
- Time and resource management
- Sustainability and the impact of engineering on society

Where could I go after graduation?

- Agricultural sciences
- Biochemistry
- Biomedical engineering
- Chemical process engineering
- Cytotechnology
- Environmental management
- Fluid dynamics - aerospace
- Finance & financial analysis
- Food industry, nutrition & dietetics
- Mineral processing
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- Toxicology

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smoother transition to the world of work after graduation.

*Some careers may require additional training. Listed careers are only suggestions.

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Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen’s provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen’s, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen’s has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen’s has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research-intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often identified as the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. At a university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and in a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America, you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen’s – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.