Chemistry explores the composition, structure, and transformation of matter. Frequently called the central science, it provides the basis for studies in many other disciplines, ranging from biology to materials science, in addition to being a booming discipline of its own.

Not too long ago, Jenny Du was a student at Queen’s. Now she’s living the California lifestyle at a cool startup. As the Director of Extraction, Jenny works with a team at Apeel Sciences to use natural plant extracts to formulate edible coatings that work to extend the shelf-life of fresh produce.

Chemistry opens very broad career options. With extensive experimental training, Chemistry studies are very hands-on and fun! Queen’s Chemistry Department is a very supportive and nurturing environment; our graduating class is small and close-knit. All major and specialization students conduct research in fourth year as part of their plan. Queen’s Chemistry programs are accredited by the Canadian Society for Chemistry.

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global. That is a degree from Queen’s.
## Chemistry MAJOR MAP *

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS): SPECIALIZATION, MAJOR, MINOR

### 1ST YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Chemistry in biology, chemistry, geography and geology along with some electives.

Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

### 2ND YEAR

**START GOING DEEPER INTO THE DISCIPLINE OF CHEMISTRY**

Start going deeper into the discipline of Chemistry, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as French for Professionals. Attend Degree + in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.

Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

### 3RD YEAR

**A CHANCE TO START GROUPING COURSES IN AREAS OF INTEREST**

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### GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**JOIN CLUBS ON CAMPUS**

Join clubs on campus such as Let’s Talk Science, Women in Science and Engineering or the Undergraduate Science Case Competition.

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

**LOOK INTO SUMMER JOBS**

Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEP, NSERC-USRA or Work-Study.

Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen’s Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICSI).

**GET INVOLVED WITH THE DEPARTMENTAL STUDENT COUNCIL**

Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC). Connect with professors at socials or attend speaker events. Start or continue volunteering.

**BUILD YOUR INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE**

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### GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

**VOLUNTEER ON OR OFF-CAMPUS**

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### GET THINKING GLOBALLY

**PREPARE FOR WORK OR STUDIES IN A MULTI-CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT**

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

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

**IS AN EXCHANGE IN YOUR FUTURE?**

Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office.

### GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

**GRAPPLING WITH PROGRAM DECISIONS**

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services. Attend departmental information sessions on Plan selection (March).

**EXPLORING CAREER OPTIONS**

Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as the Chemistry Careers. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

**START FOCUSING ON AREAS OF INTEREST**

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or MCAT) and get help thinking about grad school from Career Services, as well as departmental resources; start looking into graduate school scholarship applications.

### Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps for the online version with links!
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- Observation and decision making skills
- Team working in a multidisciplinary context
- Resource and time management
- Practical and fundamental knowledge of all subdisciplines of chemistry

Where can I go?
A degree in Chemistry can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master’s. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

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- Forensic science
- Environmental sustainability
- Materials science
- Patent law
- Pharmaceuticals
- Pharmacy
- Public health
- Quality control
- Sustainability design

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Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications, or other decisions.

* This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone’s abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online My Major Map tool.
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 awarded 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. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and 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.