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.

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.

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 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.

Queen’s Chemistry programs are accredited by the Canadian Society for Chemistry.
### 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 Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

**Get Relevant Experience**
- 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.
- Volunteer on or off-campus with community organizations such as Science Rendezvous. Consider joining an intramural sports or an athletics team. Check out the Athletics and Recreation site.

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

**Get Thinking Globally**
- 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.

**Get Ready for Life After Graduation**
- 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).

### 2ND YEAR

**Get the Courses You Need**
- Start going deeper into the discipline of Chemistry, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as French for Professionals. Attend Degree 1 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.

**Get Relevant Experience**
- 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 (QICS).

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

**Get Thinking Globally**
- 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**
- 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 Counseling or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

### 3RD YEAR

**Get the Courses You Need**
- A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Chemistry. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

**Get Relevant Experience**
- Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.
- Consider presenting and publishing your work through Inquiry@Queen’s.

**Get Connected with the Community**
- Do some targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connects. Check out Career Services networking workshops. Participate in meetings with the Queen’s Chemistry Innovation Council (QVIC).

**Get Thinking Globally**
- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

**Get Ready for Life After Graduation**
- 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.

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

**Get the Courses You Need**
- In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

**Get Relevant Experience**
- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs, graduate studies, or other opportunities. Assess what you’re lacking and fill in gaps – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.
- Consider presenting your research results at the Southern Ontario Undergraduate Student Chemistry Conference in the Spring or at Inquiry@Queen’s.
- Consider joining associations like the Chemical Institute of Canada or the Association of the Chemical Profession of Ontario.
- Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Chemistry.

### What will I learn?
- A degree in Chemistry can equip you with:
  - Academic and technical skills to conduct research, understand scientific journal articles, trouble-shooting, clearly explain and interpret research data
  - Organizational skills to complete, organize and maintain accurate records
  - Ability to operate laboratory equipment and to employ appropriate scientific techniques
  - Proficiency in mathematical and logical analysis
  - Sensitivity to the health and safety of others - safe handling, storage and disposal of hazardous chemicals
  - Written and oral communication skills to prepare and present reports from research ideas and information using current technology
  - 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:
  - Environmental research
  - Forensic science
  - Environmental sustainability
  - Materials science
  - Patents law
  - Pharmaceuticals
  - Pharmacy
  - Public health
  - Quality control
  - Sustainability design

- International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.
- Consider widening your global skills by applying to the dual MSc Queen’s – Stuttgart degree. Do your research at the University of Stuttgart in Germany.
- 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.