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.

**TOP 5 REASONS to study CHEMISTRY**

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

**ALUMNI JOBS**

- 10% of alumni work in **GOVERNMENT**
- 11% of alumni work in **HEALTH & MEDICINE**
- 14% of alumni work in **RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT**
- 32% of alumni work in **EDUCATION**

**alumni STORY**

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.

**2018-19 thresholds**

- **2.7 cGPA** AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE  
  min C+ in CHEM 112
- **1.9 cGPA** PENDING LIST  
  min C- in CHEM 112

*Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. For the latest information please visit: [QUartsci.com](http://QUartsci.com)*
What will I learn? A degree in Chemistry can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:

- Academic and technical skills to conduct research, understand scientific journal articles, trouble-shooting, clearly explain and interpret research data
- Organizational skills to compile, organize and maintain accurate records
- Ability to operate laboratory equipment and to employ appropriate scientific lab 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
- Patent law
- Pharmaceuticals
- Pharmacy
- Public health
- Quality control
- Sustainability design

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

### 1ST YEAR
- In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Chemistry in biology, chemistry, geography and geology along with some electives.
- See the back page for specific courses to consider.
- Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

### 2ND YEAR
- Start going deeper into the discipline of Chemistry, while considering a 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.
- 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.

### 3RD YEAR
- 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 — for some ideas, see the back page.
- Consider presenting your research results at the Southern Ontario Undergraduate Student Chemistry Conference in the Spring or at Inquiry@Queen's.
- 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 participating 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 degree and your optional certificate.

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR
- 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 degree and your optional certificate.
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- 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.
- 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).

### GET THE COURSES YOU NEED
- 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.
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### GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
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### GET THINKING GLOBALLY
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- 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).
- Consider presenting your research results at the Southern Ontario Undergraduate Student Chemistry Conference in the Spring or at Inquiry@Queen's.
- Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEP, NSERC USRA or Work-Study.

### GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION
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- Consider presenting your research results at the Southern Ontario Undergraduate Student Chemistry Conference in the Spring or at Inquiry@Queen's.
- Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen's Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICS)

### CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP
- How does it feel to work in a professional environment? Consider doing an integrated internship between your third and fourth year.
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Sample Year by Year

1ST YEAR
- CHEM 112/6.0
- 3.0 units from MATH 110/6.0, MATH 111/6.0, MATH 112/3.0
- PHYS 104/6.0 or PHYS 106/6.0 or PHYS 117/6.0
- MATH 120/6.0 or MATH 121/6.0 or (MATH 123/3.0 and MATH 124/3.0)
- 9.0 units of electives

2ND YEAR
- CHEM 211/3.0
- CHEM 212/3.0
- CHEM 213/3.0
- CHEM 221/3.0
- CHEM 222/3.0
- CHEM 223/3.0
- 12.0 units of electives

3RD YEAR
- CHEM 311/3.0
- CHEM 312/3.0
- CHEM 313/3.0
- CHEM 321/3.0
- CHEM 322/3.0
- CHEM 323/3.0
- CHEM 397/6.0
- 6.0 units of electives

4TH YEAR
- CHEM 497/6.0
- 12.0 units of CHEM at the 400 level or above or from BCHM at the 300 level or above; BCHM 218/3.0; PHYS 424/3.0
- 9.0 units from CHEM or BCHM at the 300 level or above; BCHM 218/3.0; PHYS 424/3.0
- 3.0 units of electives

Note that degree requirements are revised regularly. The most current requirements, including course lists and options, are found in the Academic Calendar at: QUartsci.com/academic-calendar