Engineering Chemistry

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In existence since 1895, the Engineering Chemistry program is renowned for producing graduates that have a firm grasp of fundamental science as well as the engineering tools that are needed to put this knowledge into practice. Accreditation by the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) as an engineering program, and the Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC) as a chemistry program, allows graduates to pursue professional careers in both disciplines – a truly unique benefit of an Engineering Chemistry degree.

The curriculum will provide you with the in-depth understanding of organic, physical and analytical chemistry that is needed for early-stage design activities, when knowledge of basic principles is needed to create and/or advance new technology. The extensive training you acquire in core engineering principles such as fluid mechanics, thermodynamics and engineering economics will ensure that you can contribute equally well to late-stage design activities that involve detailed equipment specifications and financial analyses.

“Trained in both pure and applied chemical sciences, Engineering Chemists are well positioned to address some of societies most important technological challenges.”

Degree OPTIONS

Bachelor of Applied Science
Bachelor of Applied Science with Professional Internship

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, Chemistry 4U, and Physics 4U are all required along with one of Advanced Functions 4U, Biology 4U, Data Management 4U, Computer Science 4U, Earth and Space Science 4U. A final grade of 70% must be obtained in English 4U. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements.

Course HIGHLIGHTS

The Engineering Chemistry curriculum combines chemistry and applied science courses, several of which are designed specifically for the program. These include:

- Thermodynamics of Energy Conversion Systems
- Electrochemical Engineering
- Applied Surface and colloid science
- Design of Manufacturing Processes
- Organic Process Development
- Quantum Mechanics
- ChemEtronics
- 4th Year Independent Research Thesis

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.

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.

That is a degree from Queen's.
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GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

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

Also APSC100, the entry level course in our Engineering Design and Practice Sequence (EDPS), focusing on problem solving, experimentation principles and finishing off with a team-based engineering project.

Discipline selection will take place in February!

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Solar Design Team (SODT), Fuel Cell Team (QFCT), or the Queen's Engineering and Commodities Association (QSCA).

Look for first year positions in ENGSOC such as First Year Project Coordinators (FYPCOs). See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for ideas.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations, such as ENGSOC EngWeek Committee, the ENGSOC External Relations Committee or a local charity like Martha’s Table.

Get involved with the Engineering Society (ENG-SOC). Attend conferences like the Conference on Industry and Resources Queen’s University Engineering and the Queen’s Engineering Competition.

Do some targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connects Career Network.

Consider joining professional associations like Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering. Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Engineering Chemistry.

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 QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

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.

Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by improving your language skills.

Where could I go after graduation?

• Agriculture
• Alternative energy technology
• Biomedical engineering
• Chemical/process engineering
• Consulting engineers
• Environmental engineering
• Food science and technology
• Forensic science
• Fuels and petrochemicals
• Mineral Processing
• Occupational health and safety
• Patent law
• Pharmaceuticals
• Polymer/rubber/plastic technology
• Public and private research

Get thinking with programs! Go to the Orientation Evenings held by different Engineering departments and attend the various Career Fairs during the year.

Get some help deciding by visiting Career Services.

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

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 GMAT) and get help thinking about grad school from Career Service.

Employability skills

Your time at Queen’s will give you valuable skills to boost your employability, including:

• Knowledge of chemistry and materials at a molecular level
• Knowledge of chemical engineering theory and methods
• Problem solving – adopt an analytical approach to problems facing chemists and chemical engineers
• Written and oral communication – communicate research ideas and information in reports and presentations
• Ability to use modern computer software tools for simulating and analyzing chemical processes
• Proficiency in mathematics
• Understanding of scientific research methods and data collection techniques
• Time and resource management
• Ability to work independently and in teams
• Sustainability and impact of engineering on society

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormap for the online version with links!

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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.

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, and Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

Why study in Kingston?

For 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 us as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and is often awarded the safest city in Canada. We are 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.