

## Course Information Document: Undergraduate

### For students starting in Academic Year 2019/2020

#### 1. Course Summary

<b>Names of programme(s) and award title(s)</b>	Master in Chemistry (MChem) Master in Chemistry (MChem) with International Year (see Annex A for details) Master in Chemistry (MChem) with Industrial Placement Year (see Annex B for details)
<b>Award type</b>	Integrated Masters
<b>Mode of study</b>	Full time
<b>Framework of Higher Education Qualification (FHEQ) level of final award</b>	Level 7
<b>Duration</b>	4 years 5 years with International Year or Industrial Placement Year between years 2 and 3
<b>Location of study</b>	Keele University – main campus
<b>Accreditation (if applicable)</b>	'Master in Chemistry (MChem)' and 'Master in Chemistry (MChem) with International Year' are both fully accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry. The newly introduced 'Master in Chemistry (MChem) with Industrial Placement Year' will be submitted for accreditation
<b>Regulator</b>	Office for Students (OfS)
<b>Tuition Fees</b>	<b>UK/EU students:</b> Fee for 2018/19 is £9,250*  <b>International students:</b> Fee for 2018/19 is £15,835**  The fee for the international year abroad is calculated at 15% of the standard year fee  The fee for the industrial placement year is calculated at 20% of the standard year fee
<b>Additional Costs</b>	Please refer to the Additional costs section

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## 2. What is an Integrated Masters programme?

Integrated master's awards - which are common in science, mathematics and engineering - are delivered through a programme that combines study at the level of a bachelor's degree with honours with study at master's level. As such, a student graduates with a master's degree after a single four-year programme of study. The Integrated Masters programme described in this document builds upon the three year Single Honours programme by adding a fourth year in which students study modules in Chemistry at an advanced level.

These specifications refer solely to the MChem route which requires a minimum of 360 credits in Chemistry. Students seeking further information on BSc Honours routes involving Chemistry are advised to consult the relevant programme specifications.

Students studying a 2nd subject in 1st and 2nd year are referred to as being on the Combined Honours (CH) Route. Students studying only Chemistry are referred to as being on the Single Honours (SH) Route.

**Note: For clarity, this document refers to each level of study by its FHEQ level. Year 1 corresponds to Level 4, Year 2 to Level 5, Year 3 to Level 6 and Year 4 to Level 7.**

FHEQ Level	Combined Honours Route	Single Honours Route	International Year	Industrial Placement Year
4	60 credits Chemistry	90 credits Chemistry	Follow either the combined honours or single honours route	Follow either the combined honours or single honours route
	60 credits Subject X	30 credits Electives		
5	105 – 120 credits Chemistry	105 – 120 credits Chemistry	105 – 120 credits Chemistry	105 – 120 credits Chemistry
	0 – 15 credits Electives	0 – 15 credits Electives	0 – 15 credits Electives	0 – 15 credits Electives
International Year			Equivalent of 120 credits, Pass/Fail	
Placement Year				Equivalent of 120 credits, Pass/Fail
6	120 credits Chemistry	120 credits Chemistry	120 credits Chemistry	120 credits Chemistry
7	120 credits Chemistry	120 credits Chemistry	120 credits Chemistry	120 credits Chemistry
<b>Total</b>	405-420 credits Chemistry 60 credits Subject X 0-15 credits Electives	435 – 450 credits Chemistry 30 – 45 credits Electives	405-450 credits Chemistry 60 credits Subject X 0-45 credits Electives	405-450 credits Chemistry 60 credits Subject X 0-45 credits Electives
<b>Degree</b>	MChem Chemistry	MChem Chemistry	MChem Chemistry with International Year	MChem Chemistry with Industrial Placement Year

At Level 4, students may select to study Chemistry AND Subject X, or pursue the Single Honours Chemistry Route. From Level 5 onwards, all students must study Single Honours Chemistry. You must elect to transfer from Combined Honours Chemistry or Medicinal Chemistry Courses to MChem Chemistry by the beginning of Level 5 study; you may not transfer from a Combined Honours course after this point.

Progression to the MChem programme requires an average of at least 60% at Levels 5 and 6. If you do not attain this average, you will be transferred automatically to the appropriate BSc Honours degree for Level 6.

### 3. Overview of the Programme

Chemistry is the central science, disciplined in experimental approach, highly creative in thinking, and life-enhancing in impact. The contribution of chemistry to our modern world ranges from advanced materials in gadgets, and high-tech materials used on the International Space Station, to life-saving drugs that are essential to modern medicine. The wide diversity of chemistry is reflected in teaching and research at Keele University.

In first and second year, lectures cover core material for study, introducing you to concepts that are developed in workshops and laboratory classes. Assessment is through a combination of exams and coursework including reports, presentations, and laboratory diaries. You will receive comprehensive feedback on assessed work in a variety of formats including written, audio, and face-to-face methods.

In third and fourth year, lectures and seminars cover research-focused material. Assessment includes exams and coursework designed to further develop information retrieval and critical thinking skills. Third year project work is in the format of a research project module which is assessed through the evaluation of the laboratory diary, an oral examination and writing of a scientific paper. In the fourth year, you will undertake an extended 60 credit research project over both semesters to be assessed by dissertation, poster presentation and oral examination. You have access throughout your degree to excellent laboratory facilities that are exceptionally well equipped with computational facilities and chemical instrumentation, much of which is research grade. The structure of the programme is designed to enable you to enhance your employability through the development of problem-solving, presentational and communication skills as well as developing your research skills and your capacity to learn independently. If you take advantage of the full range of opportunities the programme offers, you will have acquired the knowledge and skills to present yourself with confidence in pursuit of your chosen career in a competitive world. The MChem programme goes further than our BSc programmes in offering you the opportunity to develop your subject specific knowledge, and research, problem solving and communication skills. Through choice of the research project and selection of topics within modules, you will have the opportunity to tailor your final year to suit your interests and aspirations.

### 4. Aims of the Programme

The broad aims of the programme are to:

- equip you with depth and breadth of chemistry knowledge,
- develop a wide range of laboratory and analytical skills,
- develop enhanced problem solving, research and communication skills.

### 5. What you will learn

The intended learning outcomes of the programme (what students should know, understand and be able to do at the end of the programme), can be described under the following headings:

- Subject knowledge and understanding
- Subject specific skills
- Intellectual skills
- Key or transferable skills (including employability skills)

#### **Subject knowledge and understanding**

Successful students will be able to demonstrate:

- knowledge of the major aspects of chemical terminology and vocabulary
- knowledge and understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles
- knowledge of a range of inorganic and organic materials
- understanding of general synthetic pathways, including related isolation, purification and

characterisation techniques

- awareness of issues within chemistry that overlap with other related disciplines
- knowledge of selected aspects of chemistry at the forefront of the discipline
- knowledge of aspects of chemical science research methods and peer-reviewed chemical science literature
- the ability to adapt and apply methodology to the solution of unfamiliar problems
- the ability to design and plan experiments through selection of appropriate techniques and procedures, and to evaluate critically the outcomes of those experiments

### **Subject specific skills**

Successful students will be able to:

- demonstrate skills in the safe-handling of chemical materials, taking into account their physical and chemical properties including any specific hazards associated with their use
- conduct risk assessments
- conduct documented laboratory procedures in synthetic and analytical work, in relation to both inorganic and organic systems
- monitor, by observation and measurement, chemical properties, events or changes, with systematic and reliable recording and documentation thereof
- operate standard chemical instrumentation
- interpret and explain the limits of accuracy of their own experimental data in terms of significance and underlying theory
- demonstrate the ability to work independently, identify areas for further training and be self-critical in the evaluation of risks, experimental procedures and outcomes
- demonstrate the ability to assimilate, evaluate and present research results objectively
- demonstrate the skills required to undertake a research project reporting outcomes that are potentially publishable (in a peer-reviewed publication)

### **Intellectual skills**

Successful students will be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of essential chemistry-related facts, concepts, principles and theories
- apply such knowledge and understanding to the solution of qualitative and quantitative problems, both familiar and unfamiliar
- recognise and analyse problems and plan strategies for their solution
- evaluate, interpret and synthesise chemical information and data
- carry out practical application of theory using computer software and models
- communicate scientific material and arguments
- use information technology (IT) to manipulate and present chemical information and data
- demonstrate self-direction, initiative and originality when solving problems
- demonstrate the ability to make decisions in complex situations

### **Key or transferable skills (including employability skills)**

Successful students will be able to:

- communicate information, ideas, problems, and solutions to both specialist and non-specialist audiences orally and in writing
- demonstrate problem-solving skills, relating to qualitative and quantitative information
- demonstrate numeracy and mathematical skills, including such aspects as error analysis, order-of-magnitude estimations, correct use of units and modes of data presentation
- retrieve and cite information, in relation to primary and secondary information sources, including retrieval of information through online computer searches
- demonstrate skills in the use of information technology for presenting information and data
- interact with other people and engage in team-working, time management and organisational skills, as evidenced by the ability to plan and implement efficient and effective modes of working
- show development of skills and awareness necessary to seek out opportunities to undertake appropriate further training of a professional nature
- demonstrate the ability to communicate and interact with professionals and work in multi-skilled teams
- show development of independent learning skills required for continued professional development

### **Additional learning outcomes specific to MChem Chemistry with International Year**

Successful students will be able to:

- Describe, discuss and reflect upon the cultural and international differences and similarities of different learning environments
- Discuss the benefits and challenges of global citizenship and internationalisation
- Explain how their perspective on their academic discipline has been influenced by locating it within an international setting
- Design, plan and critically evaluate practical investigation, record relevant information accurately and systematically and be able to reflect upon the data in critical manner
- Develop, synthesize and apply fundamental principles and solve specific problems in the context of selected scientific discipline.

### **Additional learning outcomes specific to MChem Chemistry with Industrial Placement Year**

Successful students will be able to:

- Apply the chemical theories and laboratory skills learnt to real situations in the industrial workplace to design, plan, risk assess, and critically evaluate practical investigations
- Develop key professional skills in the accurate documentation of information; the analysis of chemical data; and the planning and safe operation of chemical processes
- Develop employability skills in the presentation and communication of data; the writing of reports; and the ability to work effectively, individually, and as part of a team
- Explain how their perspective on chemistry has been influenced by working within an industrial setting

## **6. How is the Programme taught?**

Learning and teaching methods used on the programme vary according to the subject matter and level of the module. They include the following:

- Lectures, lecture breaks and self-tests
- Interactive personal response systems

- Screencasts
- Recorded lectures
- Tablet PCs
- Demonstrations
- Detailed personalised and generic written and face-to-face feedback
- Electronic submission and return of marked coursework (with feedback)
- Audio feedback
- Screencast feedback
- Pre-laboratory and post-laboratory exercises
- Laboratory classes
- Research projects
- Problem classes and workshops
- Problem-based and context-based activities
- IT instruction (spread sheets, word-processing, chemical structure drawing, databases, textbook resources, information retrieval and literature searching)
- Group work
- Self and peer-assessment for learning
- Information literacy activities
- Computer-aided learning (simulations and animations, online activities and exercises)
- Case studies
- Chemical Sciences Seminar Series
- Use of e-learning/the Keele Learning Environment (KLE)

Apart from these formal activities, students are also provided with regular opportunities to talk through particular areas of difficulty, and any special learning needs they may have, with their Personal Tutors or module lecturers on a one-to-one basis.

## **7. Teaching Staff**

A dynamic group of staff with a broad range of expertise teach on the programme and bring a wealth of experience acquired through fundamental and applied research across a diverse range of areas. Some current staff members are internationally recognised leaders in their field and manage research groups comprising postgraduate research students and postdoctoral researchers, some of whom contribute to the teaching on the programme. Reflecting the diverse range of research expertise, some staff members also contribute to the Forensic Science, and Environmental Science programmes at Keele. Many current teaching staff hold, or are working towards an accredited Higher Education Teaching qualification and many are Fellows of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA), the professional body for teachers in Higher Education. A number of the teaching staff have established a national reputation for excellence in teaching and learning and have been recognised for their innovation in teaching through university and national teaching excellence awards, and the attraction of funding for teaching innovation projects.

The University will attempt to minimise changes to our core teaching teams, however, delivery of the programme depends on having a sufficient number of staff with the relevant expertise to ensure that the programme is taught to the appropriate academic standard.

Staff turnover, for example where key members of staff leave, fall ill or go on research leave, may result in changes to the programme's content. The University will endeavour to ensure that any impact on students is limited if such changes occur.

## **8. What is the Structure of the Programme?**

The academic year runs from September to June and is divided into two semesters. The number of weeks of teaching will vary from course to course, but you can generally expect to attend scheduled teaching sessions between the end of September and mid-December, and from mid-January to the end of April.

Our degree courses are organised into modules. Each module is usually a self-contained unit of study and each is usually assessed separately with the award of credits on the basis of 1 credit = 10 hours of student effort. An outline of the structure of the programme is provided in the tables below.

There are three types of module delivered as part of your programme. They are:

- Compulsory modules – a module that you are required to study on this course;
- Optional modules – these allow you some limited choice of what to study from a list of modules;
- Elective modules – a free choice of modules that count towards the overall credit requirement but not the number of subject-related credits.

A summary of the credit requirements per year is as follows, with a minimum of 90 subject credits<sup>1</sup> (compulsory plus optional) required for each year.

Year	Compulsory	Optional		Electives	
		Min	Max	Min	Max
1	60-90 <sup>1</sup>	0	0	30	30
2	90	15	30	0	15
3	90	30	30	0	0
4	120	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Students may study combined honours in the first year and elect to switch after year 1. Students on this route will study 60 compulsory credits of chemistry/medicinal chemistry and 60 compulsory credits of a second subject.

It is possible to transfer onto the following courses from MChem Chemistry. Please consult the respective programme specification for full details. You may elect to transfer from Combined Honours Chemistry Courses to Single Honours Chemistry at any point up to the first week of Semester 1 of Year 2, and you may elect to transfer between any of the courses tabulated below according to the deadlines given:

Degree Title	Duration	Transfer Deadline
BSc Chemistry (Single Honours)	3 years	Transfer by week 1 of semester 1 of year 3
BSc Chemistry with International Year (Single Honours)	4 years	Transfer by week 1 of semester 1 of year 2
BSc Chemistry with Industrial Placement Year (Single Honours)	4 years	Transfer by week 1 of semester 1 of year 2
BSc Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry (Single Honours)	3 years	Transfer by week 1 of semester 1 of year 2 <sup>1</sup>
BSc Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry with International Year (Single Honours)	4 years	Transfer by week 1 of semester 1 of year 2
BSc Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry with Industrial Placement Year (Single Honours)	4 years	Transfer by week 1 of semester 1 of year 2
MChem Chemistry with International Year (Single Honours)	5 years	Transfer by week 1 of semester 1 of year 2
MChem Chemistry with Industrial Placement Year (Single Honours)	5 years	Transfer by week 1 of semester 1 of year 2
MChem Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry (Single Honours)	4 years	Transfer by week 1 of semester 1 of year 2 <sup>1</sup>
MChem Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry with International Year (Single Honours)	5 years	Transfer by week 1 of semester 1 of year 2
MChem Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry with Industrial Placement Year (Single Honours)	5 years	Transfer by week 1 of semester 1 of year 2

<sup>1</sup> Transfer onto these programmes can also be made up to week 1 of semester 1 of year 3 if students have studied the necessary Medicinal Chemistry credits in the second year.

**(International students only)** Due to the UK Home Office Visa restrictions, students who enrol on an MChem programme are not able to transfer to a BSc Chemistry programme at any point during the course apart from at the level 6 boards, where a student would exit and complete with an award of a BSc Chemistry degree. If an international student wishes to, or is required to, transfer to a BSc Chemistry programme they will need to apply for a new Visa from outside the UK at their own cost before the switch can be completed. Students who find themselves in these circumstances will need to speak to International Student Support (Student Services Centre) to go over the consequences of the transfer and the timings of a new Visa application from outside the UK.

A summary of the MChem Chemistry with International Year programme is provided in Annex A, and a summary of the MChem Chemistry with Industrial Placement programme is provided in Annex B.

## **Module lists**

### **Year 1 (Level 4)**

There are two compulsory 30-credit modules taken by all chemistry students at Level 4. Students on the Single Honours (SH) pathway will also take study an additional core module, with approximately 4 hours per week timetabled contact time, and select two electives.

Whilst laying the foundations of the principles and vocabulary of Chemistry, you will be challenged to question knowledge and the nature of knowledge when you start to encounter problems that have more than one answer or interpretation. You will be exposed to experimental evidence from a variety of sources and start to learn how such evidence supports, undermines or otherwise, the theoretical models and ideas upon which the subject of Chemistry is built. The practical classes emphasise development of core practical skills through hands-on experience of key techniques and procedures, as well as skills in laboratory safety, maintaining a laboratory diary, observation, information retrieval, IT skills, scientific writing and reporting in a variety of formats.

#### **Combined Honours Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry route**

*60 credits of Chemistry, 60 credits of Subject X*

<b>Compulsory modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester</b>
Chemical Structure and Reactivity	CHE-10063	30	1-2
Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills	CHE-10061	30	1-2
<b>Optional modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester</b>
None			

#### **Single Honours Chemistry route**

*90 credits of Chemistry, 30 credits of Electives*

<b>Compulsory modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester</b>
Chemical Structure and Reactivity	CHE-10063	30	1-2
Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills	CHE-10061	30	1-2
Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry	CHE-10065	30	1-2
<b>Optional modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester</b>
None			

### **Year 2 (Level 5)**

Students will take 5 or 6 chemistry modules with the option to select an elective. Three 30-credit modules will be core and the 15-credit remaining chemistry module(s) will be selected from a choice of three optional modules. Entry to MChem Year 3 (Level 6) requires 60% average across all modules, irrespective of the subject studied.

In Year 2 the knowledge and skills acquired in Year 1 are developed with an increasing emphasis on the need to integrate knowledge and critically evaluate experimental evidence in solving theoretical and practical problems. In practical classes, new practical skills are developed and an increasing emphasis is placed on critical evaluation of experimental design and the analysis of complex data from multiple sources, including computational theoretical calculations and the scientific peer-reviewed literature. Sophisticated analytical techniques are introduced and applied to the investigation of a variety of problems, whilst communication skills are developed to include skills in oral presentation.

<b>Compulsory modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester</b>
Molecular Chemistry and Reactions	CHE-20055	30	1-2
Spectroscopy and Analysis	CHE-20057	30	1-2
Physical and Structural Chemistry	CHE-20059	30	1-2
<b>Optional modules<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester</b>
Medicinal & Biological Chemistry 1	CHE-20027	15	1-2
Sustainable Chemistry <sup>2</sup>	CHE-20032	15	2
Industrial Chemistry	CHE-20037	15	1
<b>Module rules:</b>			
<sup>1</sup> – Students must select at least one optional module, and may take an elective module.			
<sup>2</sup> – Sustainable Chemistry (CHE-20032) is available as an optional module to those students who did not study Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry (CHE-10065) in Year 1.			

### Year 3 (Level 6)

Entry to level 6 of the MChem programme requires an average of 60% in all modules at level 5. In semester 1 you will take three compulsory modules and one optional module. In semester 2 you will study two compulsory modules and select one optional module. There is also a 15-credit research project that lasts the full year.

In Year 3, increasingly sophisticated theories and ideas are introduced which require you to draw upon, integrate and extend the fundamental chemical principles introduced during Years 1 and 2. The breadth of material covered is diverse and encompasses research-informed topics at the forefront of the discipline in areas such as analytical chemistry, medicinal and biological chemistry, green chemistry and many others.

<b>Compulsory modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester</b>
Advanced Chemical Analysis	CHE-30032	15	2
Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry & Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms	CHE-30038	15	1
Advanced Organic Chemistry	CHE-30039	15	1
Inorganic, Physical & Solid State Chemistry	CHE-30042	15	1
Synoptic Topics in Chemistry	CHE-30046	15	1-2
Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project	CHE-30050	15	1-2
<b>Optional modules<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester</b>
<b>Group 1:</b>			
Materials Chemistry & Catalysis	CHE-30043	15	1
Medicinal and Biological Chemistry 2 <sup>2</sup>	CHE-30047	15	1
<b>Group 2:</b>			
Topics in Chemistry	CHE-30037	15	2
Topics in Medicinal Chemistry <sup>2</sup>	CHE-30044	15	2
<b>Module rules:</b>			
<sup>1</sup> Students must pick one module from Group 1 and one module from Group 2.			
<sup>2</sup> Pre-requisite of Medicinal & Biological Chemistry 1 (CHE-20027).			

## Year 4 (Level 7)

Following satisfactory progression from Year 3/Level 6, you will take two taught modules in semester 1. You will carry out an extended 60-credit Research Project (selected from a wide variety of research projects on offer), which places increased emphasis on your ability to work independently and to design and critically evaluate practical investigations and the peer-reviewed scientific literature. This will be carried out through semester 1 and 2, but more intensively in semester 2. You will carry out an extensive literature review in the broad area of your project in semester 1. Semester 2 will allow you to focus more on your project as you will have one taught module. The three taught modules are designed to develop depth and breadth of understanding across a wide range of topics.

<b>Compulsory modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester</b>
MChem Research Project	CHE-40021	60	1-2
MChem Research Training	CHE-40022	15	1-2
Applied Chemistry Topics	CHE-40023	30	1
Research Chemistry Topics	CHE-40024	15	2
<b>Optional modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Semester</b>
None			

For further information on the content of modules currently offered, including the list of elective modules, please visit: [www.keele.ac.uk/recordsandexams/az](http://www.keele.ac.uk/recordsandexams/az)

## 9. Final and intermediate awards

Credits required for each level of academic award are as follows:

<b>Master's Degree</b>	480 credits	You will require at least 120 credits at levels 4, 5, 6 and 7.  You must accumulate at least 360 credits in Chemistry (out of 480 credits overall) to graduate with a named single honours degree in Chemistry.
<b>Honours Degree</b>	360 credits	You will require at least 120 credits at levels 4, 5 and 6  You must accumulate at least 270 credits in Chemistry (out of 360 credits overall), with at least 90 credits in each of the three years of study, to graduate with a named single honours degree in Chemistry.
<b>Diploma in Higher Education</b>	240 credits	You will require at least 120 credits at level 4 or higher and at least 120 credits at level 5 or higher
<b>Certificate in Higher Education</b>	120 credits	You will require at least 120 credits at level 4 or higher

**MChem Chemistry with International Year:** in addition to the above students must pass a module covering the international year in order to graduate with a named degree in Chemistry with international year. Students who do not complete, or fail the international year, will be transferred to the four-year MChem Chemistry programme.

**MChem Chemistry with Industrial Placement Year:** in addition to the above students must pass a non-credit bearing module covering the placement year in order to graduate with a named degree in Chemistry with industrial placement year. Students who do not complete, or fail the placement year, will be transferred to the four-year Chemistry programme.

## 10. How is the Programme assessed?

The wide variety of assessment methods used within Chemistry at Keele reflects the broad range of knowledge and skills that are developed as you progress through the degree programme. Teaching staff pay particular attention to specifying clear assessment criteria and providing timely, regular and constructive feedback that helps to clarify things you did not understand and helps you to improve your performance. The following list is representative of the variety of assessment methods used within Chemistry:

- **Unseen written examinations** test students' knowledge and understanding of the subject. Examinations may consist of long or short answer questions
- **Pre-laboratory exercises** - structured exercises designed to increase students understanding of the theory and techniques required by a specific laboratory practical and may require the student to read the lab script, watch short videos of techniques, perform calculations, answer short questions and look up information
- **Laboratory reports** are structured proformas and full lab reports are formal summaries of work carried out in the laboratory and test students' understanding of the practical aspects of the programme and develop the skills necessary to enable students to present and analyse their results.
- **Laboratory diaries** are a hand-written record of work carried out in laboratory sessions, maintained regularly and kept in accordance with laboratory diary checklists and guidelines provided in the laboratory script. Typically, a selection of experiments carried out in each module will be assessed at the end of the semester
- **Practical examinations** are a series of laboratory or computer based exercises designed to directly assess a student ability to perform a specific procedure or type of data analysis
- **Oral examinations** – students answer questions posed by members of staff on a specific topic such as a laboratory experiment, item of coursework, or a research project
- **IT assignments and computer-based exercises (e.g. spreadsheets exercises)** – various activities designed to assess students' ability to use software to retrieve, analyse and present scientific data in a variety of formats
- **Class tests** taken either conventionally or online via the Keele Learning Environment (KLE) assess students' subject knowledge and their ability to apply it in a more structured and focused way
- **Information retrieval exercises** require students to locate and analyse information of different types from the internet, various databases, scientific publications and textbooks. The information is then presented in a prescribed written format
- **Research projects and reports** test student's knowledge of different research methodologies and the limits and provisional nature of knowledge. They also enable students to demonstrate their ability to formulate research questions and to answer them using appropriate methods
- **Research proposals** require students to develop an independent research project and think through theoretical problems surrounding methodology and practical concerns relating to, for example, availability of sample, financial restrictions, and time limits. This form of assessment is key to the development of independent research skills and a portfolio of employability skills
- **Oral and poster presentations and reports** assess individual students' subject knowledge and understanding. They also test their ability to work effectively as members of a team, to communicate what they know orally and visually, and to reflect on these processes as part of their own personal development
- **Video/screencast presentations** require students to produce a short video or screencast on a given topic and assess students' knowledge and understanding, and ability to communicate what they

know orally and visually, and to reflect on these processes as part of their own personal development

- **Problem sheets** – students submit written answers to short problems testing their ability to apply chemical theories, interpret chemical data and solve mathematical problems
- **Design exercises** allow students to combine their chemical knowledge and data analysis skills with creativity to design drug molecules and synthetic routes to complex molecules

Marks are awarded for summative assessments designed to assess your achievement of learning outcomes. You will also be assessed formatively to enable you to monitor your own progress and to assist staff in identifying and addressing any specific learning needs. Feedback, including guidance on how you can improve the quality of your work, is also provided on all summative assessments within three working weeks of submission, unless there are compelling circumstances that make this impossible, and more informally in the course of tutorial and seminar discussions.

## 11. Contact Time and Expected Workload

This contact time measure is intended to provide you with an indication of the type of activity you are likely to undertake during this programme. The data is compiled based on module choices and learning patterns of students on similar programmes in previous years. Every effort is made to ensure this data is a realistic representation of what you are likely to experience, but changes to programmes, teaching methods and assessment methods mean this data is representative and not specific.

Undergraduate courses at Keele contain an element of module choice; therefore, individual students will experience a different mix of contact time and assessment types dependent upon their own individual choice of modules. The figures below are an example of activities that a student may expect on your chosen course by year/stage of study. Contact time includes scheduled activities such as: lecture, seminar, tutorial, project supervision, demonstration, practical classes and labs, supervised time in labs/workshop, fieldwork and external visits. The figures are based on 1,200 hours of student effort each year for full-time students.

Activity	Year 1 (Level 4)	Year 2 (Level 5)	Year 3 (Level 6)	Year 4 (Level 7)
Scheduled learning and teaching activities	32%	34%	18%	12%
Guided independent Study	68%	66%	82%	88%
Placements	0%	0%	0%	0%

## 12. Accreditation

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## 13. Regulations

The University Regulations form the framework for learning, teaching and assessment and other aspects of the student experience. Further information about the University Regulations can be found at: <http://www.keele.ac.uk/student-agreement/>

### Course Regulations

These regulations supplement the relevant University Academic Regulations which are to be found on the University Web-site and in the University Calendar.

In the event of a contradiction or other discrepancy between these regulations and University Academic Regulations, the University Academic Regulations shall be authoritative, unless approval has been given by Senate for a variation from the University Academic Regulations.

## 1. Details of the Award

- (a) BSc Combined and Single Honours students will be eligible to transfer to the MChem at the end of Level 4 if they achieve an average of 60% in all modules.
- (b) Any student who fails to satisfy the requirements for progression to Level 7 shall revert to BSc Honours Degree candidature and be considered for the award of an Honours Degree (BSc Chemistry) under the provisions of regulation C3.
- (c) Any student who fails to satisfy the requirements for the award of a Master's degree shall revert to BSc Honours Degree candidature and be considered for an award as detailed in part (b) above, and be eligible for Royal Society of Chemistry accreditation.
- (d) In accordance with Regulation C6 11.3, condonement is available whereby credit will be awarded to a student for one or more modules with a mark between 30 and 39 at Levels 4\*, 5\* or 6\* and between 40 and 49 at Level 7\*. Condonement of up to 75 credits is allowable, but shall not exceed 30 such credits across Levels 4, 5, and 6, and no more than 30 credits at Level 7. [\*excluding those classed as 'Qualified Fails'.]

## 2. Laboratory Classes

- (a) Laboratory classes are compulsory and are an essential part in fulfilling the intended learning outcomes of modules of which they are part, and a requirement of Royal Society of Chemistry accreditation. Failure to attend a significant number (>50%) of the laboratory classes without good cause will result in failure of the module with no reassessment being offered.
- (b) Further to the provisions of regulations C3 and C6, any student failing to attend one laboratory class and unable to provide good cause for their absence in advance, or within 5 working days of their absence, will be issued with an informal academic warning. Thereafter warnings will be issued in line with School of Chemical and Physical Sciences policy. This is to ensure students understand the need to attend laboratory classes in order to fulfil the learning outcomes and to meet the requirements of accreditation.
- (c) Any student failing to follow the health and safety guidelines in the undergraduate laboratory will be asked to leave. This may include inappropriate dress, refusal to follow reasonable requests of staff, or attending under the influence of alcohol or other substances. The student will not be permitted to make up the missed session.
- (d) Further to the provision of Regulation D1, any student missing one laboratory class may self-certify their absence. In the event of missing multiple laboratory classes, an EC will be required and independent evidence may be requested for substantial absence. There is no opportunity to make up missed laboratory sessions due to timetable constraints and so the following concessions will be made available to the student:
  - i. the student may be given opportunity to submit assessed work based on an alternative laboratory session, in agreement with the module leader and year tutor;
  - ii. with the approval of the Chemistry Board of Examiners, a small element of the laboratory assessment (up to 33%) may be disregarded with the final mark for the assessment being recalculated from the remaining elements.

## 3. Other Compulsory Classes

Various compulsory classes (including workshops, assessment introductions, team-based learning sessions, tutorials, class tests and feedback sessions), at which attendance is compulsory, form an essential part of the chemistry/medicinal chemistry teaching programme. Failure to attend these sessions will result in warnings being issued in line with School of Chemical and Physical Sciences policy. In addition, failure to attend a significant number (>50%) of these sessions without good cause may result in reassessment being denied.

#### 4. Coursework Assessment

Failure to engage appropriately with a module's coursework assessment items without good cause (that is, by failing to submit more than 50% of coursework items) may result in reassessment being denied.

#### 5. Level 4 to Level 5 Progression

In order to progress from level 4 to level 5, students must pass all core chemistry modules and meet the required threshold qualifying marks on any assessment(s) in these modules. Students with outstanding reassessment attempts on assessments with threshold qualifying marks may not progress before these assessments have been completed. At the discretion of the Chemistry Board of Examiners, this may be discounted.

#### 6. MChem Progression

In order to progress from level 5 to level 6, and from level 6 to level 7, students registered on an MChem programme must maintain an average of 60% in all modules otherwise they shall revert to BSc Honours Degree candidature as outlined in Chemistry Regulation 1. At the discretion of the Chemistry Board of Examiners, this may be discounted.

### 14. Other learning opportunities

#### Study Abroad (International Year)

A summary of the International Year, which is a potential option for students after completion of year 2 (Level 5), is provided at Annex A.

#### Industrial Placement Year

A summary of the Placement Year, which is a potential option for students after completion of year 2 (Level 5), is provided at Annex B.

If you are interested in spending a year in industry on a placement, then our Careers Tutor will advise and support you in applying for suitable placements.

#### 15. Additional costs

As to be expected there will be additional costs for inter-library loans and potential overdue library fines, print and graduation.

We do not anticipate any further costs for this undergraduate programme.

#### 16. Document Version History

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<sup>1</sup> 1.1, 1.2 etc. are used for minor changes and 2.0, 3.0 etc. for major changes (as defined in the University's Guidance on processes supporting curriculum changes)

## Annex A

### MChem Chemistry with International Year

#### International Year Programme

Students registered for MChem Chemistry may either be admitted for or apply to transfer during their period of study at Level 5 to the International Year programme, providing that they meet the progression criteria outlined in this document. Students accepted onto the International Year programme will have an extra year of study at an international partner institution after they have completed Year 2 (Level 5) at Keele.

Students who successfully complete both the second year (Level 5) and the International Year will be permitted to progress to Level 6. Students who fail to satisfy the examiners in respect of the International Year will normally revert to the Combined Honours programme without the International Year and progress to Level 6 on that basis. The failure will be recorded on the student's final transcript.

Study at Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 and Level 7 will be as per the main body of this document. The additional detail contained in this annex will pertain solely to students registered for 'Chemistry with International Year'.

#### International Year Programme Aims

In addition to the programme aims specified in the main body of this document, the international year programme of study aims to provide students with:

1. Personal development as a student and a researcher with an appreciation of the international dimension of their subject
2. Experience of a different culture, academically, professionally and socially

#### Entry Requirements for the International Year

Students may apply to the 4 programme during Level 5. Admission to the International Year is subject to successful application, interview and references from appropriate staff.

The criteria to be applied are:

- Academic Performance (an average of 60% across all modules at Level 5 is normally required)
- General Aptitude (to be demonstrated by application for study abroad, interview during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of year 2 (Level 5), and by recommendation of the student's personal tutor, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year tutors and programme director)

#### Student Support

Students will be supported whilst on the International Year via the following methods:

- Phone or Skype conversations with Study Abroad tutors, in line with recommended Personal Tutoring meeting points.
- Support from the University's Global Education Team

#### Learning Outcomes

In addition to the learning outcomes specified in the main text of the Programme Specification, students who complete a Keele undergraduate programme with International Year will be able to:

- i) Describe, discuss and reflect upon the cultural and international differences and similarities of different learning environments
- ii) Discuss the benefits and challenges of global citizenship and internationalisation
- iii) Explain how their perspective on their academic discipline has been influenced by locating it within an international setting.

In addition, students who complete 'Chemistry with International Year' will be able to:

- iv) Describe, discuss and reflect upon the cultural and international differences and similarities of different learning environments
- v) Discuss the benefits and challenges of global citizenship and internationalisation
- vi) Explain how their perspective on their academic discipline has been influenced by locating it within an international setting
- vii) Design, plan and critically evaluate practical investigation, record relevant information accurately and systematically and be able to reflect upon the data in critical manner
- viii) Develop, synthesise and apply fundamental principles and solve specific problems in the context of chemistry.

These learning outcomes will all be assessed by the submission of a satisfactory individual learning agreement, the successful completion of assessments at the partner institution and the submission of the reflective portfolio element of the international year module.

### **Course Regulations**

Students registered for 'Chemistry with International Year' are subject to the course specific regulations (if any) and the University regulations. In addition, during the International Year, the following regulations will apply:

Students undertaking the International Year must complete 120 credits, which must comprise *at least 40%* in the student's discipline area.

This may impact on your choice of modules to study, for example you will have to choose certain modules to ensure you have the discipline specific credits required.

Students are barred from studying any Chemistry module with significant overlap to Level 6 modules to be studied on their return. Significant overlap with Level 5 modules previously studied should also be avoided.

### **Additional costs for the International Year**

Tuition fees for students on the International Year will be charged at 15% of the annual tuition fees for that year of study, as set out in Section 1. The International Year can be included in your Student Finance allocation, to find out more about your personal eligibility see: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

Students will have to bear the costs of travelling to and from their destination university, accommodation, food and personal costs. Depending on the destination they are studying at additional costs may include visas, study permits, residence permits, and compulsory health checks. Students should expect the total costs of studying abroad be greater than if they study in the UK, information is made available from the Global Education Team throughout the process, as costs will vary depending on destination.

Students studying in Erasmus+ destinations may be eligible for grants as part of this programme. Students studying outside of this programme may be eligible income dependent bursaries at Keele.

Students travel on a comprehensive Keele University insurance plan, for which there are currently no additional charges. Some Governments and/or universities require additional compulsory health coverage plans; costs for this will be advised during the application process.

## Annex B

### MChem Chemistry with Industrial Placement Year

#### Industrial Placement Year summary

Students registered for Single Honours Chemistry may either be admitted for or apply to transfer during their studies to the Single Honours 'Chemistry with Industrial Placement Year'. Students accepted onto this programme will have an extra year of study (the Industrial Placement Year) with a relevant placement provider after they have completed Year 2 (Level 5) at Keele.

Students who successfully complete both the second year (Level 5) and the Industrial Placement Year will be permitted to progress to Level 6. Students who fail to satisfactorily complete the Industrial Placement Year will normally revert to the MChem Chemistry and progress to Level 6 on that basis. The failure will be recorded on the student's final transcript.

Study at Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 and Level 7 will be as per the main body of this document. The additional detail contained in this annex will pertain solely to students registered for 'MChem Chemistry with Industrial Placement Year'.

#### Industrial Placement Year Programme Aims

In addition to the programme aims specified in the main body of this document, the Industrial Placement Year aims to provide students with:

1. Personal development as a student, and a researcher, with an appreciation of the industrial and applied dimension of chemistry
2. Experience of work in an industrial setting with the associated academic, safety and professional requirements

#### Entry Requirements for the Industrial Placement Year

Admission to the Industrial Placement Year is subject to successful application, interview and references from appropriate staff. Students have the opportunity to apply directly for the 5-year 'with Industrial Placement Year' degree programme, or to transfer onto the 5-year programme at the end of Year-1 and in Year-2 at the end of Semester 1. Students who are initially registered for the 5-year degree programme may transfer onto the 3-year degree programme at any point in time, prior to undertaking the year-long industrial placement. Students who fail to pass the industrial placement year, and those who fail to meet the minimum requirements of the industrial placement year module (minimum 30 weeks full time (1,050 hours), or equivalent, industrial placement), will be automatically transferred onto the 4-year degree programme.

The criteria to be applied are:

- A good University attendance record and be in 'good academic standing'.
- Passed all Year-1 and Year-2 Semester 1 modules with an overall module average of > 60%
- General Aptitude (to be demonstrated by application(s) to relevant placement providers with prior agreement from the Programme Lead, interview during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of year 2 (Level 5), and by recommendation of the student's personal tutor, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year tutors and Programme Lead)
- Students undertaking industrial placements will be expected to complete a Health and Safety checklist prior to commencing their work experience and will be required to satisfy the Health and Safety regulations of the company or organisation at which they are based.
- (*International students only*) Due to visa requirements, it is not possible for international students who require a Tier 4 Visa to apply for direct entry onto the 4-year with Industrial Placement Year degree programme. Students wishing to transfer onto this programme should discuss this with student support, the academic tutor for the Industrial Placement Year, and the Programme Lead. Students should be aware that there are visa implications for this transfer, and it is the student's responsibility to complete any and all necessary processes to be eligible for this programme. There

may be additional costs, including applying for a new Visa from outside of the UK for international students associated with a transfer to the industrial placement programme.

Students may not register for both an International Year (see Annex A) and an Industrial Placement Year; students registered for 'MChem Chemistry with Industrial Placement Year' are exempt from studying an International Year.

### Student Support

Students will be supported whilst on the Industrial Placement Year via the following methods:

- Regular contact between the student and a named member of staff who will be assigned to the student as their University supervisor. The University supervisor will be in regular contact with the student throughout the year, and be on hand to provide advice (pastoral or academic) and liaise with the Placement supervisor on the student's behalf if required.
- Two formal contacts with the student during the placement year: the University supervisor will visit the student in their placement organization at around the 5 weeks after placement has commenced, and then visit again (or conduct a telephone/video call tutorial) at around 15 weeks into the placement.
- Weekly supervision sessions will take place with the placement supervisor (or his/her nominee) throughout the duration of the placement.

### Learning Outcomes

In addition to the learning outcomes specified in the main text of the Programme Specification, students who complete 'MChem Chemistry with Industrial Placement Year' will be able to:

- i) Apply the chemical theories and laboratory skills learnt to real situations in the industrial workplace to design, plan, risk assess, and critically evaluate practical investigations
- ii) Develop key professional skills in the accurate documentation of information; the analysis of chemical data; and the planning and safe operation of chemical processes
- iii) Develop employability skills in the presentation and communication of data; the writing of reports; and the ability to work effectively, individually, and as part of a team
- iv) Explain how their perspective on chemistry has been influenced by working within an industrial setting

These learning outcomes will be assessed through the non-credit bearing Industrial Placement Year module (CHE-30054) which involves:

- (i) An oral presentation on the placement year
- (ii) A placement portfolio containing a reflective diary on the students work and experience, an evaluation of the students' performance by the placement host, and a report on the work done.

### Course Regulations

Students registered for the 'MChem Chemistry with Industrial Placement Year' are subject to course specific regulations (if any) and the University regulations. In addition, during the Industrial Placement Year, the following regulations will apply:

- Students undertaking the Industrial Placement Year must successfully complete the zero-credit rated 'Industrial Placement Year' module (CHE-30054)
- In order to ensure a high-quality placement experience, each placement agency will sign up to a placement contract (analogous to a service level agreement).
- Once a student has been accepted by a placement organisation, the student will make a pre-placement visit and a member of staff identified within the placement contract will be assigned as the placement

supervisor. The placement supervisor will be responsible for ensuring that the placement experience meets the agreed contract agreed with the University.

- The placement student will also sign up an agreement outlining his/her responsibilities in relation to the requirements of each organisation.

Students will be expected to behave professionally in terms of:

- (i) conforming to the work practices of the organisation; and
- (ii) remembering that they are representatives of the University and their actions will reflect on the School and have an impact on that organisation's willingness (or otherwise) to remain engaged with the placement.

#### **Additional costs for the Industrial Placement Year**

Tuition fees for students on the Industrial Placement Year will be charged at 20% of the annual tuition fees for that year of study, as set out in Section 1. The Industrial Placement Year can be included in your Student Finance allocation; to find out more about your personal eligibility see: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

Students will have to bear the costs of travelling to and from their placement provider, accommodation, food and personal costs. Depending on the placement provider additional costs may include parking permits, travel and transport, suitable clothing, DBS checks, and compulsory health checks.

A small stipend may be available to students from the placement provider during the placement but this will need to be explored on a placement-by-placement basis as some organisations, such as charities, may not have any extra money available. Students should budget with the assumption that their placement will be unpaid.

Eligibility for student finance will depend on the type of placement and whether it is paid or not. If it is paid, this is likely to affect student finance eligibility, however if it is voluntary and therefore unpaid, should not affect student finance eligibility. Students are required to confirm eligibility with their student finance provider.

International students who require a Tier 4 visa should check with the Immigration Compliance team prior to commencing any type of paid placement to ensure that they are not contravening their visa requirements.