

## Programme Specification: Undergraduate

### For students starting in Academic Year 2023/24

#### 1. Course Summary

<b>Names of programme and award title(s)</b>	Master in Chemistry (MChem) Master in Chemistry (MChem) with International Year (see Annex for details) Master in Chemistry (MChem) with Industrial Placement Year (see Annex for details)
<b>Award type</b>	Single Honours (Masters)
<b>Mode of study</b>	Full-time
<b>Framework of Higher Education Qualification (FHEQ) level of final award</b>	Level 7
<b>Normal length of the programme</b>	4 years; 5 years with either the International Year or Placement Year between years 2 and 3
<b>Maximum period of registration</b>	The normal length as specified above plus 3 years
<b>Location of study</b>	Keele Campus
<b>Accreditation (if applicable)</b>	All Master in Chemistry (MChem) combinations, including the 'with International Year' and 'with Industrial Placement Year' options, are fully accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry.
<b>Regulator</b>	Office of Students (OfS)
<b>Tuition Fees</b>	<p><b>UK students:</b></p> <p>Fee for 2023/24 is £9,250*</p> <p><b>International students:</b></p> <p>Fee for 2023/24 is £18,800**</p> <p>The fee for the international year abroad is calculated at 15% of the standard year fee</p> <p>The fee for the industrial placement year is calculated at 20% of the standard year fee</p>

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\* These fees are regulated by Government. We reserve the right to increase fees in subsequent years of study in response to changes in government policy and/or changes to the law. If permitted by such change in policy or law, we may increase your fees by an inflationary amount or such other measure as required by government policy or the law. Please refer to the accompanying Student Terms & Conditions. Further information on fees can be found at <http://www.keele.ac.uk/studentfunding/tuitionfees/>

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## 2. What is an Integrated Master's programme?

Integrated master's awards - such as the MChem are common in science, mathematics and engineering, and 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 an MChem master's degree after a single four-year programme of study. The MChem Integrated Masters programme described in this document builds upon the three year Single Honours BSc Chemistry programme by adding a fourth year in which students study modules at an advanced level.

These specifications refer solely to the MChem route which requires a minimum of 450 credits in Chemistry. Students seeking further information on BSc Honours routes involving Chemistry are advised to consult the relevant programme specifications.

**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	Standard	International Year	Industrial Placement Year
<b>4</b>	105 credits Chemistry	105 credits Chemistry	105 credits Chemistry
	0-15 credits Options	0-15 credits Options	0-15 credits Options
<b>5</b>	105-120 credits Chemistry	105-120 credits Chemistry	105-120 credits Chemistry
	0-15 credits Options	0-15 credits Options	0-15 credits Options
International Year		Equivalent of 120 credits, Pass/Fail	
Placement Year			Equivalent of 120 credits, Pass/Fail
<b>6</b>	120 credits Chemistry	120 credits Chemistry	120 credits Chemistry
<b>7</b>	120 credits Chemistry	120 credits Chemistry	120 credits Chemistry
<b>Total</b>	450-465 credits Chemistry	450-465 credits Chemistry	450-465 credits Chemistry
	15-30 credits Options	15-30 credits Options	15-30 credits Options
<b>Degree</b>	MChem Chemistry	MChem Chemistry with International Year	MChem Chemistry with Industrial Placement Year

Progression to the MChem programme requires an average of at least 50% at Level 5 and the achievement of a Lower Second Class Honours degree at Level 6. If you do not attain this average, you will be transferred automatically to the Chemistry BSc Single Honours degree for Level 6.

## 3. Overview of the Programme

Chemistry is the central science, disciplined in experimental approach, highly creative in its 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 the first and second year, the taught content covers the core material for study, introducing you to concepts that are developed in workshops and laboratory classes. Assessment is through a range of items

including reports, presentations, practical assessment, applied activities and end of module assessments. 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, the taught content covers 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 research grade chemical instrumentation. 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 a 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

## **Keele Graduate attributes**

Engagement with this programme will enable you to develop your intellectual, personal and professional capabilities. At Keele, we call these our ten Graduate Attributes and they include independent thinking, synthesizing information, creative problem solving, communicating clearly, and appreciating the social, environmental and global implications of your studies and activities. Our educational programme and learning environment is designed to help you to become a well-rounded graduate who is capable of making a positive and valued contribution in a complex and rapidly changing world, whichever spheres of life you engage in after your studies are completed.

Further information about the Keele Graduate Attributes can be found here: <http://www.keele.ac.uk/journey/>

## **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 methods of delivery:

- Lectures
- Seminars, interactive problems, discussions 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
- Team based learning
- 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 Academic Mentors 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, Physics/Astrophysics, 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 (FHEA) or Senior Fellows (SFHEA) of the Higher Education Academy, 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.

### Course Transfers

1. You may elect to transfer from either Combined Honours Chemistry or Combined Honours Medicinal Chemistry to MChem Chemistry at any point up to the first week of Semester 1 of Year 2.
2. It is possible to transfer onto the following courses from MChem Chemistry according to the deadlines given. Please consult the respective programme specification for full details.

Degree Title	Duration	Transfer Deadline
BSc Chemistry (Single Honours)	3 years	Transfer by week 1 of semester 1 of year 3
BSc Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry (Single Honours)	3 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*

\* 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 UK Home Office Visa (UKVI) restrictions, students who enrol on an integrated master's programme are not able to transfer to an alternative programme without the change meeting UKVI requirements. Where students wish to take an exit award of a Bachelor's Degree at the level 6 boards they are able to do so, but it is recommended to speak with Immigration Compliance and Support ([visa@keele.ac.uk](mailto:visa@ Keele.ac.uk)) before taking this option as this affects current and future Visa options.

All other students who are considering a course change or find themselves in circumstances where they need to change will need to speak to Immigration Compliance and Support (Student Services Centre) ([visa@keele.ac.uk](mailto:visa@keele.ac.uk)) first to check eligibility and review the consequences of the transfer and the timings of a new Visa application from outside the UK.

### Credit Requirements

Our MChem degree course is 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 Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry module that you are required to study on this course;
- Optional modules - modules which allow you some limited choice of what to study from a list of modules;
- Global Challenge Pathways (students studying at Level 6 in 2023/24 will take electives instead) - a choice of modules from different subject areas within the University that count towards the overall credit requirement but not the number of subject-related credits.

Students at Level 4 and Level 5 in 2023/24 have the option of taking a Global Challenge Pathway, which includes one 15-credit module in each year of the degree. Information about Global Challenge Pathways can be found after the module lists for Level 5.

For further information on the content of modules currently offered please visit:

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/recordsandexams/modulecatalogue/>

A summary of the credit requirements per year is as follows, with a minimum of 90 Chemistry credits (compulsory plus optional) required for each year.

Year	Compulsory	Optional		Electives	
		Min	Max	Min	Max
Level 4	105	0	15	0	15
Level 5	90	15	30	0	15
Level 6	105	15	15	0	0
Level 7	120	0	0	0	0

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## Module Lists

### Level 4

There are four compulsory Chemistry modules taken by single honours MChem students worth 105 credits. The remaining 15 credits may either be used to take a Global Challenge Pathway or the optional module listed below.

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.

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills	CHE-10061	30	Semester 1-2
Chemical Structure and Reactivity	CHE-10063	30	Semester 1-2
Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry	CHE-10065	30	Semester 1-2
Chemistry Connections	CHE-10085	15	Semester 2

Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Science & Society	NAT-10001	15	Semester 1-2

*NB: Global Challenge Pathways (GCPs)* - students at Level 4 and Level 5 in 2023/24 have the option of taking a Global Challenge Pathway, which includes one 15-credit module in each year of the degree. Information on GCPs is shown under the Level 5 modules below.

### Language modules

Students on this programme will also be able to study language modules offered by the Language Centre, as part of a Global Challenge Pathway. You can enrol on either a Modern Language module [more information available at this [link](#)] (Semester 1 only) or Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (Semesters 1 and 2) module (ENL-10053).

If you choose a Modern Language, you can add a Semester 2 module as a continuation of your language of choice as a faculty funded 'additional' module. Undertaking a Modern Languages module in Semester 2 is compulsory if you wish to continue to the language GCP the following academic year.

## Level 5

Students will take 4 compulsory Chemistry modules and select two option modules. 90-credits of Chemistry modules will be core and the remaining 30-credits will be selected from a choice of optional modules.

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.

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Molecular Chemistry and Reactions	CHE-20055	30	Semester 1-2
Physical and Structural Chemistry	CHE-20059	30	Semester 1-2
Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure	CHE-20083	15	Semester 1-2
Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis	CHE-20011	15	Semester 2

Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Industrial Chemistry	CHE-20037	15	Semester 1
Principles of Drug Design	CHE-20081	15	Semester 1-2

### Level 5 Module Rules

Students must select at least one of the chemistry optional modules, but may take select both.

### Global Challenge Pathways (GCPs)

Students at Level 4 and Level 5 in 2023/24 have the option of taking a Global Challenge Pathway, which includes one 15-credit module in each year of the degree. Students at Level 5 will continue the Global Challenge Pathway they started at Level 4.

Global Challenge Pathways offer students the chance to fulfil an exciting, engaging route of interdisciplinary study. Choosing a pathway, students will be presented with a global issue or 'challenge' which directly relates to societal issues, needs and debates. They will be invited to take part in academic and external facing projects which address these issues, within an interdisciplinary community of students and staff. Students completing a Global Challenge Pathway will receive recognition on their degree certificate.

<b>Digital Futures</b>	<p>The Digital Futures pathway offers you the opportunity to become an active contributor to current debates, cutting-edge research, and projects with external partners, addressing both the exciting potential and the challenges of disruptive digital transformation across all spheres of life.</p> <p>Part of a diverse and interdisciplinary pathway community, you will engage in exciting, impactful collaborative project work in innovative formats. Engaged in real-world scenarios, you will use digital technology and creativity to promote inclusive, empowering, and sustainable change at local and global levels.</p> <p><b>Level 4 Module: A digital life: challenges and opportunities (GCP-10005)</b></p> <p><b>Level 5 Module: Digital World - People, Spaces, and Data (GCP-20005)</b></p>
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<b>Climate Change &amp; Sustainability</b>	<p>Through the Climate Change &amp; Sustainability pathway you will develop the skills, understanding and drive to become agents of change to tackle climate change and wider sustainability challenges.</p> <p>You will work with international partners to explore climate change and sustainability in different international contexts; lead your own projects to drive real change in your communities; and be part of educating others to help achieve a more sustainable future.</p> <p><b>Level 4 Module: Climate Change and Sustainable Futures: Global Perspectives (GCP-10009)</b></p> <p><b>Level 5 Module: Climate Change and Sustainability: Action and Activism (GCP-20009)</b></p>
<b>Social Justice</b>	<p>Students on this pathway will embark on a reflective journey drawing upon decolonising, feminist, and ethical perspectives on social justice, forging transformative outputs as agents of change.</p> <p>You will enter a dialogue with local, national, and international partners from Universities, NGOs, International Human Rights Committees. You will engage with key societal challenges, for example Covid 19 as a social crisis with impact on gender and racial identities. The pathway will allow you to monitor and critically evaluate policies and human rights treaties, and produce and disseminate digitally fluent, international and sustainable project findings.</p> <p><b>Level 4 Module: Reflections on Social Injustices, Past and Present (GCP-10003)</b></p> <p><b>Level 5 Module: Strategic Interventions for Social Justice (GCP-20003)</b></p>
<b>Enterprise &amp; the Future of Work</b>	<p>If we are to achieve the promise of Sustainable Development Goals, solve the climate crisis and take advantage of the changes that the digital revolution provide, we need to understand the power of enterprise and prepare for future contexts of work, creativity and disruption.</p> <p>Supporting you to be part of future-facing solutions, this pathway will give you the ability to make judgements on the utilisation of resources, labour and capital. It will support you in developing creative, original thinking, allowing you to collaborate on projects that persuade and effect change, setting you up to thrive in future environments of work and innovation.</p> <p><b>Level 4 Module: Enterprise and the Future of Work (GCP-10007)</b></p> <p><b>Level 5 Module: Enterprise and the Future of Work: Collaborate to Innovate (GCP-20007)</b></p>
<b>Global Health Challenges</b>	<p>By taking the global health challenge pathway you will develop solutions to improve the health and quality of life for particular people and communities, engaging with these groups to co-design interventions.</p> <p>This pathway will provide you with skills that go beyond a focus on health and will allow you to develop your ability to work in a team and lead change in society. The knowledge, skills and work experience will complement your core degree and enhance your career opportunities and graduate aspirations.</p> <p><b>Level 4 Module: Key concepts and challenges in global health (GCP-10001)</b></p> <p><b>Level 5 Module: Using Evidence to Improve Global Health (GCP-20001)</b></p>

## Languages & Intercultural Awareness

An understanding of language and culture opens the doorway to understanding what happens, why it happens and how you can make a difference. Why learn Russian now? How will an understanding of intercultural values impact on global development? How can you use English to work your way around the world? Importantly - how do language and culture impact on the UN Sustainability Goals?

The Languages and Intercultural Awareness pathway offers you four distinct strands.

The Language Specialist: Become a specialist in one of our languages and graduate with a degree title that includes '... with competency in (Language)'.

The Language Taster: Explore a new language every year

The Certificate in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages): Train to teach English as a Foreign Language, gain a globally recognised teaching qualification and work with asylum seekers and refugees.

The Intercultural Explorer: Explore cultural practices around the world and discover how the power of language and culture can be forces for breaking down barriers and achieving intercultural understanding, but how they can also be used to create political and social barricades.

### Modules available:

#### The Language Specialist:

Any Semester 1 Language Module (the level at which you enter will be determined by your previous language learning experiences).

#### The Language Taster:

Any Semester 1 Language Module (the level at which you enter will be determined by your previous language learning experiences)

#### The Certificate in TESOL:

ENL-10053 TESOL 1

ENL-20007 TESOL 2

#### The Intercultural Explorer:

ENL-10057 The stories we live by

ENL-20009 Who do you think you are?

Information on Global Challenge Pathways can be found here:

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/globalchallengepathways/>

## Language modules

You can enrol on the continuing Modern Language module [more information available at this [link](#)] (Semester 1 only) or the continuing TESOL (Semesters 1 and 2) module (ENL-20007).

If you choose a Modern Language, you can add a Semester 2 module as a continuation of your language of choice as a faculty funded 'additional' module. Undertaking a Modern Languages module in Semester 2 is compulsory if you wish to continue to the language GCP the following academic year.

## 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 Chemistry modules and one optional Chemistry module. In semester 2 you will study three compulsory Chemistry modules. There is also a 15-credit Chemistry research project that lasts the full year and a specialist MChem module (Synoptic Topics in Chemistry) that refreshes core topics from levels 4 and 5 and explores new links between them.

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.

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms	CHE-30038	15	Semester 1
Advanced Organic Chemistry	CHE-30039	15	Semester 1
Advanced Physical and Inorganic Chemistry	CHE-30056	15	Semester 1
Synoptic Topics in Chemistry	CHE-30046	15	Semester 1-2
Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project	CHE-30050	15	Semester 1-2
Advanced Chemical Analysis	CHE-30032	15	Semester 2
Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry	CHE-30060	15	Semester 2

Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Materials Chemistry and Catalysis	CHE-30043	15	Semester 1
Mechanisms of Drug Action	CHE-30058	15	Semester 1

### Level 6 Module Rules

- Students must pick one optional module from Semester 1.
- CHE-30058: Pre-requisite of Principles of drug design (CHE-20081).

### Level 7

Entry to level 7 of the MChem programme requires an average of 60% in all modules at level 6. Following satisfactory progression from Year 3, 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. Semester 2 will also 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.

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
MChem Research Project	CHE-40021	60	Semester 1-2
Advanced Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry	CHE-40048	30	Semester 1-2
MChem Research Training	CHE-40050	30	Semester 1-2

### Learning Outcomes

The table below sets out what students learn in the programme and the modules in which that learning takes place. Details of how learning outcomes are assessed through these modules can be found in module specifications.

## Level 4

<b>Subject Knowledge and Understanding</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Knowledge of the major aspects of chemical terminology and vocabulary	Chemical Structure and Reactivity - CHE-10063 Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry - CHE-10065 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061
Knowledge and understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles	Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Chemical Structure and Reactivity - CHE-10063 Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061
Knowledge of a range of inorganic and organic materials	Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Chemical Structure and Reactivity - CHE-10063 Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061
Understanding of general synthetic pathways, including related isolation, purification and characterisation techniques	Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Chemical Structure and Reactivity - CHE-10063
Awareness of issues within chemistry that overlap with other related disciplines	Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry - CHE-10065 Chemical Structure and Reactivity - CHE-10063 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085
Knowledge of selected aspects of chemistry at the forefront of the discipline	Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry - CHE-10065
Knowledge of aspects of chemical science research methods and peer-reviewed chemical science literature	Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry - CHE-10065
Carry out practical application of theory using computer software and models	Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061

<b>Subject Specific Skills</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
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	Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085
Conduct risk assessments	Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085
Conduct documented laboratory procedures in synthetic and analytical work, in relation to both inorganic and organic systems	Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061
Monitor, by observation and measurement, chemical properties, events or changes, with systematic and reliable recording and documentation thereof	Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061
Operate standard chemical instrumentation	Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061
Interpret and explain the limits of accuracy of their own experimental data in terms of significance and underlying theory	Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085
Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of essential chemistry-related facts, concepts, principles and theories	Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Chemical Structure and Reactivity - CHE-10063 Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry - CHE-10065
Apply such knowledge and understanding to the solution of qualitative and quantitative problems, both familiar and unfamiliar	Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Chemical Structure and Reactivity - CHE-10063 Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry - CHE-10065
Evaluate, interpret and synthesise chemical information and data	Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061 Chemical Structure and Reactivity - CHE-10063 Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry - CHE-10065 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085
Use information technology (IT) to manipulate and present chemical information and data	Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry - CHE-10065 Chemical Structure and Reactivity - CHE-10063 Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085

<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Recognise and analyse problems and plan strategies for their solution	Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085
Communicate scientific material and arguments	Chemical Structure and Reactivity - CHE-10063 Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry - CHE-10065 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061
Communicate information, ideas, problems, and solutions to both specialist and non-specialist audiences orally and in writing	Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061 Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry - CHE-10065 Chemical Structure and Reactivity - CHE-10063
Demonstrate problem-solving skills, relating to qualitative and quantitative information	Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061
Demonstrate numeracy and mathematical skills, including such aspects as error analysis, order-of-magnitude estimations, correct use of units and modes of data presentation	Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061 Chemical Structure and Reactivity - CHE-10063 Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry - CHE-10065 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085
Retrieve and cite information, in relation to primary and secondary information sources, including retrieval of information through online computer searches	Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry - CHE-10065 Chemical Structure and Reactivity - CHE-10063
Demonstrate skills in the use of information technology for presenting information and data	Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061 Chemical Structure and Reactivity - CHE-10063 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085 Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry - CHE-10065
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	Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry - CHE-10065 Practical and Professional Chemistry Skills - CHE-10061 Chemical Structure and Reactivity - CHE-10063 Chemistry Connections - CHE-10085

## **Level 5**

<b>Subject Knowledge and Understanding</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Knowledge of the major aspects of chemical terminology and vocabulary	Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Industrial Chemistry - CHE-20037 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059
Knowledge and understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles	Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083
Knowledge of a range of inorganic and organic materials	Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081
Understanding of general synthetic pathways, including related isolation, purification and characterisation techniques	Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055
Awareness of issues within chemistry that overlap with other related disciplines	Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Industrial Chemistry - CHE-20037 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081
Knowledge of selected aspects of chemistry at the forefront of the discipline	Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Industrial Chemistry - CHE-20037 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081
Knowledge of aspects of chemical science research methods and peer-reviewed chemical science literature	Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Industrial Chemistry - CHE-20037 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083

<b>Subject Specific Skills</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
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	Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Industrial Chemistry - CHE-20037 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055
Conduct risk assessments	Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055

<b>Subject Specific Skills</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Conduct documented laboratory procedures in synthetic and analytical work, in relation to both inorganic and organic systems	Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059
Monitor, by observation and measurement, chemical properties, events or changes, with systematic and reliable recording and documentation thereof	Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011
Operate standard chemical instrumentation	Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055
Interpret and explain the limits of accuracy of their own experimental data in terms of significance and underlying theory	Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059
Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of essential chemistry-related facts, concepts, principles and theories	Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Industrial Chemistry - CHE-20037
Apply such knowledge and understanding to the solution of qualitative and quantitative problems, both familiar and unfamiliar	Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081
Evaluate, interpret and synthesise chemical information and data	Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Industrial Chemistry - CHE-20037 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011
Carry out practical application of theory using computer software and models	Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055
Use information technology (IT) to manipulate and present chemical information and data	Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Industrial Chemistry - CHE-20037 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081



<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Recognise and analyse problems and plan strategies for their solution	Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Industrial Chemistry - CHE-20037 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059
Communicate scientific material and arguments	Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Industrial Chemistry - CHE-20037 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083
Communicate information, ideas, problems, and solutions to both specialist and non- specialist audiences orally and in writing	Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Industrial Chemistry - CHE-20037 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011
Demonstrate problem-solving skills, relating to qualitative and quantitative information	Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011
Demonstrate numeracy and mathematical skills, including such aspects as error analysis, order-of-magnitude estimations, correct use of units and modes of data presentation	Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059
Retrieve and cite information, in relation to primary and secondary information sources, including retrieval of information through online computer searches	Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Industrial Chemistry - CHE-20037 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011
Demonstrate skills in the use of information technology for presenting information and data	Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Industrial Chemistry - CHE-20037
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	Principles of Drug Design - CHE-20081 Physical and Structural Chemistry - CHE-20059 Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Industrial Chemistry - CHE-20037 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011 Molecular Chemistry and Reactions - CHE-20055
Show development of skills and awareness necessary to seek out opportunities to undertake appropriate further training of a professional nature;	Spectroscopy and Molecular Structure - CHE-20083 Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis - CHE-20011

## **Level 6**

<b>Subject Knowledge and Understanding</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Knowledge of the major aspects of chemical terminology and vocabulary	<p>Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060</p> <p>Mechanisms of Drug Action - CHE-30058</p> <p>Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046</p> <p>Advanced Physical and Inorganic Chemistry - CHE-30056</p> <p>Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038</p> <p>Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039</p> <p>Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043</p> <p>Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032</p>
Knowledge and understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles	<p>Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060</p> <p>Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046</p> <p>Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032</p> <p>Advanced Physical and Inorganic Chemistry - CHE-30056</p> <p>Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039</p> <p>Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043</p> <p>Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038</p>
Knowledge of a range of inorganic and organic materials	<p>Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060</p> <p>Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046</p> <p>Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032</p> <p>Advanced Physical and Inorganic Chemistry - CHE-30056</p> <p>Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039</p> <p>Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043</p> <p>Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038</p>
Understanding of general synthetic pathways, including related isolation, purification and characterisation techniques	<p>Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060</p> <p>Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039</p> <p>Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046</p>
Awareness of issues within chemistry that overlap with other related disciplines	<p>Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060</p> <p>Mechanisms of Drug Action - CHE-30058</p> <p>Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043</p> <p>Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038</p> <p>Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032</p>
Knowledge of selected aspects of chemistry at the forefront of the discipline	<p>Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060</p> <p>Mechanisms of Drug Action - CHE-30058</p> <p>Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046</p> <p>Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043</p> <p>Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038</p> <p>Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039</p> <p>Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032</p>

<b>Subject Knowledge and Understanding</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Knowledge of aspects of chemical science research methods and peer-reviewed chemical science literature	Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060 Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046 Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050 Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043 Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038 Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039 Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032
The ability to adapt and apply methodology to the solution of unfamiliar problems	Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050 Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046
The ability to design and plan experiments through selection of appropriate techniques and procedures, and to evaluate critically the outcomes of those experiments	Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050

<b>Subject Specific Skills</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
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	Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050 Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032
Conduct risk assessments	Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050 Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032
Conduct documented laboratory procedures in synthetic and analytical work, in relation to both inorganic and organic systems	Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050 Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032
Monitor, by observation and measurement, chemical properties, events or changes, with systematic and reliable recording and documentation thereof	Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050 Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032
Operate standard chemical instrumentation	Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050 Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032
Interpret and explain the limits of accuracy of their own experimental data in terms of significance and underlying theory	Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050 Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032
Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of essential chemistry-related facts, concepts, principles and theories	Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060 Mechanisms of Drug Action - CHE-30058 Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046 Advanced Physical and Inorganic Chemistry - CHE-30056 Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038 Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039 Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043 Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032

<b>Subject Specific Skills</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Apply such knowledge and understanding to the solution of qualitative and quantitative problems, both familiar and unfamiliar	Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060 Mechanisms of Drug Action - CHE-30058 Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046 Advanced Physical and Inorganic Chemistry - CHE-30056 Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038 Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039 Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043 Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032
Evaluate, interpret and synthesise chemical information and data	Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032 Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060 Mechanisms of Drug Action - CHE-30058 Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046 Advanced Physical and Inorganic Chemistry - CHE-30056 Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038 Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039 Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043 Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050
Carry out practical application of theory using computer software and models	Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050 Advanced Physical and Inorganic Chemistry - CHE-30056 Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038
Use information technology (IT) to manipulate and present chemical information and data	Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032 Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060 Mechanisms of Drug Action - CHE-30058 Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046 Advanced Physical and Inorganic Chemistry - CHE-30056 Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038 Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039 Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043 Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050

<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Recognise and analyse problems and plan strategies for their solution	Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032 Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060 Mechanisms of Drug Action - CHE-30058 Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046 Advanced Physical and Inorganic Chemistry - CHE-30056 Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038 Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039 Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043 Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050

<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Communicate scientific material and arguments	Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032 Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060 Mechanisms of Drug Action - CHE-30058 Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046 Advanced Physical and Inorganic Chemistry - CHE-30056 Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038 Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039 Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043 Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050
Communicate information, ideas, problems, and solutions to both specialist and non- specialist audiences orally and in writing	Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032 Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060 Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046 Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050 Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038 Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039 Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043
Demonstrate problem-solving skills, relating to qualitative and quantitative information	Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039 Mechanisms of Drug Action - CHE-30058 Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046 Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038 Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032 Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050 Advanced Physical and Inorganic Chemistry - CHE-30056
Demonstrate numeracy and mathematical skills, including such aspects as error analysis, order-of-magnitude estimations, correct use of units and modes of data presentation	Mechanisms of Drug Action - CHE-30058 Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060 Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032 Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050 Advanced Physical and Inorganic Chemistry - CHE-30056 Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043 Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039 Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038 Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046
Retrieve and cite information, in relation to primary and secondary information sources, including retrieval of information through online computer searches	Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038 Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060 Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050 Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046 Advanced Physical and Inorganic Chemistry - CHE-30056 Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043 Advanced Organic Chemistry - CHE-30039 Mechanisms of Drug Action - CHE-30058

<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Demonstrate skills in the use of information technology for presenting information and data	Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050 Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060 Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046 Mechanisms of Drug Action - CHE-30058 Advanced Physical and Inorganic Chemistry - CHE-30056 Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043 Chemical Kinetics, Photochemistry and Inorganic Reaction Mechanisms - CHE-30038
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	Advanced Chemical Analysis - CHE-30032 Mechanisms of Drug Action - CHE-30058 Synoptic Topics in Chemistry - CHE-30046 Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050 Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-30060 Materials Chemistry and Catalysis - CHE-30043
Show development of skills and awareness necessary to seek out opportunities to undertake appropriate further training of a professional nature	Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050
Demonstrate self-direction, initiative and originality when solving problems	Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry Research Project - CHE-30050

## ***Level 7***

<b>Subject Knowledge and Understanding</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Knowledge of the major aspects of chemical terminology and vocabulary	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Knowledge and understanding of fundamental physicochemical principles	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Knowledge of a range of inorganic and organic materials	Advanced Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-40048
Understanding of general synthetic pathways, including related isolation, purification and characterisation techniques	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Awareness of issues within chemistry that overlap with other related disciplines	MChem Research Training - CHE-40050 Advanced Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-40048 MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Knowledge of selected aspects of chemistry at the forefront of the discipline	MChem Research Training - CHE-40050 Advanced Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-40048 MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Knowledge of aspects of chemical science research methods and peer-reviewed chemical science literature	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
The ability to adapt and apply methodology to the solution of unfamiliar problems	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
The ability to design and plan experiments through selection of appropriate techniques and procedures, and to evaluate critically the outcomes of those experiments	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021

<b>Subject Specific Skills</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
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	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Conduct risk assessments	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Conduct documented laboratory procedures in synthetic and analytical work, in relation to both inorganic and organic systems	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Monitor, by observation and measurement, chemical properties, events or changes, with systematic and reliable recording and documentation thereof	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Operate standard chemical instrumentation	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Interpret and explain the limits of accuracy of their own experimental data in terms of significance and underlying theory	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Demonstrate the ability to work independently, identify areas for further training and be self- critical in the evaluation of risks, experimental procedures and outcomes	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Demonstrate the ability to assimilate, evaluate and present research results objectively	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Demonstrate the skills required to undertake a research project reporting outcomes that are potentially publishable (in a peer- reviewed publication)	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Apply such knowledge and understanding to the solution of qualitative and quantitative problems, both familiar and unfamiliar	Advanced Topics in Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry - CHE-40048
Evaluate, interpret and synthesise chemical information and data	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Carry out practical application of theory using computer software and models	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Use information technology (IT) to manipulate and present chemical information and data	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021



<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Recognise and analyse problems and plan strategies for their solution	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021 MChem Research Training - CHE-40050
Communicate scientific material and arguments	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Communicate information, ideas, problems, and solutions to both specialist and non-specialist audiences orally and in writing	MChem Research Training - CHE-40050 MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Demonstrate problem-solving skills, relating to qualitative and quantitative information	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Demonstrate numeracy and mathematical skills, including such aspects as error analysis, order-of-magnitude estimations, correct use of units and modes of data presentation	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Retrieve and cite information, in relation to primary and secondary information sources, including retrieval of information through online computer searches	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Demonstrate skills in the use of information technology for presenting information and data	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
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	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Demonstrate the ability to make decisions in complex situations	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Show development of skills and awareness necessary to seek out opportunities to undertake appropriate further training of a professional nature	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021
Demonstrate self-direction, initiative and originality when solving problems	MChem Research Project - CHE-40021

## 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 your main subject (out of 480 credits overall) to graduate with a named single honours degree in this subject.
<b>Honours Degree</b>	360 credits	You will require at least 120 credits at levels 4, 5 and 6 You must accumulate a minimum of 270 credits in your main subject (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 this subject.
<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

**International Year option:** in addition to the above students must pass a module covering the international year in order to graduate with a named degree including the 'international year' wording. Students who do not complete, or fail the international year, will be transferred to the three-year version of the programme.

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

## 10. How is the Programme Assessed?

The wide variety of assessment methods used on this programme 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 on your programme:

- **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

	<b>Scheduled learning and teaching activities</b>	<b>Guided independent Study</b>	<b>Placements</b>
<b>Year 1 (Level 4)</b>	28%	72%	0%
<b>Year 2 (Level 5)</b>	33%	67%	0%
<b>Year 3 (Level 6)</b>	19%	81%	0%
<b>Year 4 (Level 7)</b>	10%	90%	0%

## 12. Accreditation

All Master in Chemistry (MChem) combinations, including the 'with International Year' and 'with Industrial Placement Year' options, are fully accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

## 13. University 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/>

If this programme has any exemptions, variations or additions to the University Regulations these will be detailed in an Annex at the end of this document titled 'Programme-specific regulations'.

## 14. What are the typical admission requirements for the Programme?

See the relevant course page on the website for the admission requirements relevant to this programme:  
<https://www.keele.ac.uk/study/>

Applicants who are not currently undertaking any formal study or who have been out of formal education for more than 3 years and are not qualified to A-level or BTEC standard may be offered entry to the University's Foundation Year Programme.

Applicants for whom English is not a first language must provide evidence of a recognised qualification in English language. The minimum score for entry to the Programme is Academic IELTS 6.0 or equivalent.

### English for Academic Purposes

Please note: All new international students entering the university will sit a diagnostic language assessment. Using this assessment, the Language Centre may allocate you to an English language module which will become compulsory. This will replace any GCP modules. *NB:* students can take an EAP module only with the approval of the English Language Programme Director and are not able to take any other Language modules in the same academic year.

English Language Modules at Level 4:

- Business - ENL-90003 Academic English for Business Students (Part 1); ENL-90004 Academic English for Business Students (2)
- Science - ENL-90013 Academic English for Science Students
- General - ENL-90006 English for Academic Purposes 2; ENL-90001 English for Academic Purposes 3; ENL-90002 English for Academic Purposes 4

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is considered on a case-by-case basis and those interested should contact the Programme Director. The University's guidelines on this can be found here: <http://www.keele.ac.uk/qa/accreditationofpriorlearning/>

## 15. How are students supported on the programme?

**Academic Mentors:** You are allocated an Academic Mentor for the duration of your studies as part of the University's Academic Mentor system and in accordance with the University Code of Practice on Academic Mentoring. The role of the Academic Mentor is to meet formally with you periodically to discuss your progress and performance and to offer support and advice. You can make arrangements to see their Academic Mentor/Subject Tutor at any time.

**Use of e-learning/the Keele Learning Environment (KLE):** All modules belonging to the Chemistry programmes are supported by learning resources that are accessible to students via the KLE.

**Health and Safety:** All students admitted to the programme receive detailed training on health and safety in the laboratory and are provided with a Safety Handbook, Safety Glasses and a Laboratory Coat. Other personal protective equipment will be provided if required.

**Students with disabilities, medical conditions or dyslexia:** Students admitted to the Chemistry degree programme with disabilities or medical problems are asked to disclose their condition to Student Services. Year tutors and module leaders are responsible for ensuring reasonable adjustments are made.

**Support for Students during International Year:** Our study abroad tutor will maintain regular contact with students studying abroad. This will include a minimum of monthly emails to check on your progress and bimonthly Skype conversations.

**Support for Students during Placement Year:** Our careers tutor will maintain regular contact with students on placement. This will include a minimum of monthly emails to check on your progress, bimonthly Skype conversations, and a visit by a member of Keele staff to your host company.

## 16. Learning Resources

Chemistry at Keele is based in the Lennard-Jones building and Central Science Laboratories (CSL), which house excellent, modern, well- equipped teaching and research laboratory facilities. Each module has a site within the university's virtual learning environment (the Keele Learning Environment or KLE), which hosts teaching materials (lecture notes/slides, laboratory scripts, assessments, past examination papers, on-line

quizzes, videos, screencasts and audio clips) and useful links. The KLE is accessible on or off campus and is also used for online submission and return of assessments. Each module has a module guide or specification which contains details of the specific intended learning outcomes, Graduate Attributes and assessments.

## **17. 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 in the Annex for the International Year.

If you are interested in spending a year studying abroad, then our Study Abroad Tutor will advise and support you in applying.

### **Industrial Placement Year**

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

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.

## **18. 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 programme.

## **19. Quality management and enhancement**

The quality and standards of learning in this programme are subject to a continuous process of monitoring, review and enhancement.

- The School Education Committee is responsible for reviewing and monitoring quality management and enhancement procedures and activities across the School.
- Individual modules and the programme as a whole are reviewed and enhanced every year in the annual programme review which takes place at the end of the academic year.
- The programmes are run in accordance with the University's Quality Assurance procedures and are subject to periodic reviews under the Revalidation process.

Student evaluation of, and feedback on, the quality of learning on every module takes place every year using a variety of different methods:

- The results of student evaluations of all modules are reported to module leaders and reviewed by the Programme Committee as part of annual programme review.
- Findings related to the programme from the annual National Student Survey (NSS), and from regular surveys of the student experience conducted by the University, are subjected to careful analysis and a planned response at programme and School level.
- Feedback received from representatives of students on the programme is considered and acted on at regular meetings of the Student Staff Voice Committee.

The University appoints senior members of academic staff from other universities to act as external examiners on all programmes. They are responsible for:

- Approving examination questions
- Confirming all marks which contribute to a student's degree
- Reviewing and giving advice on the structure and content of the programme and assessment procedures

Information about current external examiner(s) can be found here:  
<http://www.keele.ac.uk/qa/externalexaminers/currentexternalexaminers/>

## **20. The principles of programme design**

The programme described in this document has been drawn up with reference to, and in accordance with the guidance set out in, the following documents:

- a. UK Quality Code for Higher Education, Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education:

<http://www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-code>

b. QAA Subject Benchmark Statement: Chemistry (2014) [http://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/sbs-chemistry-14.pdf?sfvrsn=99e1f781\\_10](http://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/sbs-chemistry-14.pdf?sfvrsn=99e1f781_10)

c. Keele University Regulations and Guidance for Students and Staff: <http://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations>

d. Integrated Masters (MChem) Accreditation (2019) <http://www.rsc.org/Education/courses-and-careers/accredited-courses/mchem-accreditation.asp>

## 21. Annex - International Year

### MChem Chemistry with International Year

<b>International Year Programme</b>
<p>Students registered for this Single Honours programme may either be admitted for or apply to transfer during their period of study at Level 5 to the International Year option. Students accepted onto this option will have an extra year of study (the International Year) at an international partner institution after they have completed Year 2 (Level 5) at Keele.</p> <p>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 standard programme and progress to Level 6 on that basis. The failure will be recorded on the student's final transcript.</p> <p>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 the International Year option.</p>
<b>International Year Programme Aims</b>
<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Personal development as a student and a researcher with an appreciation of the international dimension of their subject</li><li>2. Experience of a different culture, academically, professionally and socially</li></ol>
<b>Entry Requirements for the International Year</b>
<p>Students may apply to the 5-year programme during Level 5. Admission to the International Year is subject to successful application, interview and references from appropriate staff.</p> <p>The criteria to be applied are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Academic Performance (an average of 55% across all modules in Semester 1 at Level 5 is normally required. Places on the International Year are then conditional on achieving an average mark of 55% across all Level 5 modules. Students with up to 15 credits of re-assessment who meet the 55% requirement may progress to the International Year. Where no Semester 1 marks have been awarded performance in 1st year marks and ongoing 2nd year assessments are taken into account)</li><li>• General Aptitude (to be demonstrated by application for study abroad, interview during the 2nd semester of year 2 (Level 5), and by recommendation of the student's Academic Mentor, 1st and 2nd year tutors and programme director)</li></ul> <p>Students may not register for both an International Year and a Placement Year.</p>
<b>Student Support</b>
<p>Students will be supported whilst on the International Year via the following methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phone or Skype conversations with Study Abroad tutor, in line with recommended Academic Mentoring meeting points.</li><li>• Support from the University's Global Education Team</li></ul>
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>

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:

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

In addition, students who complete the International Year will be able to:

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.

## Regulations

Students registered for the International Year are subject to the programme-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 module with significant overlap to the Level 6 modules they will study 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 who meet external eligibility criteria 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.

## 22. Annex - Industrial Placement Year

### MChem Chemistry with Industrial Placement Year

#### Industrial Placement Year summary

Students registered for this programme may either be admitted for or apply to transfer during their studies to the 'with Industrial Placement Year' option (NB: for Combined Honours students the rules relating to the industrial placement year in the subject where the placement is organised are to be followed). 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 3-year programme 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 the Industrial Placement Year option.

### **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 4-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 2nd semester of year 2 (Level 5), and by recommendation of the student's Academic Mentor, 1st and 2nd 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 5-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 and a Industrial Placement 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 the 'with Industrial Placement Year' option will be able to:

1. 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
2. Develop key professional skills in the accurate documentation of information; the analysis of chemical data; and the planning and safe operation of chemical processes
3. 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
4. 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-30062) which involves:

1. An oral presentation on the placement year
2. 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.

### **Regulations**

Students registered for the 'with Industrial Placement Year' option are subject to programme-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-30062)
- 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.

## 23. Annex - Programme-specific regulations

### Programme Regulations: Master in Chemistry (MChem)

<b>Final Award and Award Titles</b>	Master in Chemistry (MChem)
<b>Intermediate Award(s)</b>	BSc (Hons) Chemistry Diploma in Higher Education Certificate in Higher Education
<b>Last modified</b>	December 2022
<b>Programme Specification</b>	<a href="https://www.keele.ac.uk/qa/programmespecifications">https://www.keele.ac.uk/qa/programmespecifications</a>

The University's Academic Regulations which can be found on the Keele University website (<https://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations/>)[1] apply to and regulate the programme, other than in instances where the specific programme regulations listed below over-ride them. These programme regulations list:

- *Exemptions* which are characterised by the omission of the relevant regulation.
- *Variations* which are characterised by the replacement of part of the regulation with alternative wording.
- *Additional Requirements* which set out what additional rules that apply to students in relation to this programme.

The following **exemptions, variations** and **additional requirements** to the University regulations have been checked by Academic Services and have been approved by the Faculty Education Committee.

### A) EXEMPTIONS

The clause(s) listed below describe where an exemption from the University's Academic Regulations exists:

For the whole duration of their studies, students on this Programme are exempt from the following regulations:

- **No exemptions apply.**

## **B) VARIATIONS**

The clause(s) listed below describe where a variation from the University's Academic Regulations exists:

### **Variation 1: Detail of the Award**

1. 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.
2. 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 1 above, and be eligible for Royal Society of Chemistry accreditation.

### **Variation 2: Self-Certification of Short Term Absence**

To cover short term absences of up to 5-working days from compulsory sessions, students are permitted to submit three self-certifications (notification of short-term absence) per semester. Any such notifications must be made within 5-working days of the absence. Further absences beyond this may require evidence.

### **Variation 3: 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.

### **Variation 4: Level 4 to Level 5 Progression**

In order to progress from level 4 to level 5, students must pass all compulsory 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.

### **Variation 5: 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 50% in all modules at Level 5 and the achievement of a Lower Second Class Honours degree at Level 6, otherwise they shall revert to BSc Honours Degree candidature as outlined in Variation 1.

## **C) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

The programme requirements listed below are in addition to the University's Academic Regulations:

### **Additional requirement 1: Laboratory Classes**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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:

- 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;
- 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.

### **Additional requirement 2: 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.

[1] References to University Regulations in this document apply to the content of the University's Regulatory Framework as set out on the University website here <https://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations/>.

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