Chemistry (CHEM) Courses

CHEM 1001 [0.5 credit]
General Chemistry I
This maths-intensive course covers introduction to periodicity, gas laws, equilibrium, bonding, electrochemistry, and organic chemistry. This is a specialist course for students intending to take second year chemistry.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 1000 (no longer offered), CHEM 1005, CHEM 1101.
Prerequisite(s): Ontario 4U/M in Chemistry or equivalent.
Lectures and tutorial four hours a week, laboratory three hours every other week.

CHEM 1002 [0.5 credit]
General Chemistry II
This maths-intensive course covers an introduction to solution chemistry, acids and bases, thermodynamics, and kinetics. Specialist course for students intending to take second year chemistry.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 1000 (no longer offered), CHEM 1006.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 1001.
Lectures and tutorial four hours a week, laboratory three hours every other week.

CHEM 1003 [0.5 credit]
The Chemistry of Food, Health and Drugs
Aspects of chemistry relating to food, food additives, drugs (both illicit and beneficial) and their relation to metabolism and health. Topics may include: proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins and cofactors, enzymes, steroids, electrolyte and pH balance, trace elements. Available only as a free option for Science students.
Prerequisite(s): a course in Chemistry (e.g. Ontario Grade 11).
Lectures three hours a week.

CHEM 1004 [0.5 credit]
Drugs and the Human Body
No science background required. Topics include drug origins, laws, metabolism and dependence, pharmaceutical industry, over the counter medications, placebo effect, antibiotics, pain killers, stimulants, alcohol, marijuana, hallucinogens, birth control and steroids.
Students in Science programs may use this course only as a free elective.
Lectures three hours a week.

CHEM 1005 [0.5 credit]
Elementary Chemistry I
Introduction to stoichiometry, periodicity, gas laws, equilibrium, bonding, and organic chemistry with emphasis on examples of relevance to the life sciences. For students who lack the prerequisite for CHEM 1001 or who are not intending to take upper year chemistry.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 1000 (no longer offered), CHEM 1001, CHEM 1101.
Lectures and tutorial four hours a week, laboratory three hours every other week.

CHEM 1006 [0.5 credit]
Elementary Chemistry II
Introduction to solution chemistry, acids and bases, thermodynamics, and kinetics, with emphasis on examples of relevance to the life sciences. For students who lack the prerequisite for CHEM 1002 or who are not intending to take upper year chemistry.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 1000 (no longer offered), CHEM 1002.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 1001 or CHEM 1005.
Lectures and tutorial four hours a week, laboratory three hours every other week.

CHEM 1007 [0.5 credit]
Chemistry of Art and Artifacts
The chemistry of arts and artifacts created throughout the ages (Paleolithic, Neolithic, Bronze, Iron, Middle and Modern) will be examined. Basic chemical principles will be explored and reviewed when required. Students in Science programs may use this course only as a free elective.
Lectures three hours a week.

CHEM 1101 [0.5 credit]
Chemistry for Engineering Students
Topics include stoichiometry, atomic and molecular structure, thermodynamics and chemical equilibrium, acid-base chemistry, carbon dioxide in water, alkalinity, precipitation, electrochemistry, kinetics and basic organic chemistry. Laboratory component emphasizes techniques and methods of basic experimental chemistry.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 1000 (no longer offered), CHEM 1001, and CHEM 1005.
Prerequisite(s): Ontario 4U/M in Chemistry or equivalent.
Lectures three hours a week, laboratory three hours every other week.
CHEM 2103 [0.5 credit]
Physical Chemistry I
Basic principles of thermodynamics. Development of the laws of thermodynamics, enthalpy, entropy and free energy, and their applications to phase equilibria, electrochemistry, and kinetics. Brief introduction to quantum mechanics.
Precludes additional credit for BIOC 2300, CHEM 2101 and CHEM 2102.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 1006 with a minimum grade of B-, or CHEM 1002, and MATH 1004 and MATH 1107, and Grade 12 Physics or PHYS 1007 and PHYS 1008.
Lectures three hours a week, problems one hour a week, laboratory three hours a week.

CHEM 2203 [0.5 credit]
Organic Chemistry I
Structure, organization, and scope of organic chemistry including molecular structures of well-known and important organic chemicals, types of chemical reactions, and spectroscopic methods used in identification. Training in the handling and purification of organic compounds, organic chemical reactions, and the use of infrared spectroscopy.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 2207.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 1006 with a minimum grade of B-, or CHEM 1002.
Lectures three hours a week and laboratory three hours a week.

CHEM 2204 [0.5 credit]
Organic Chemistry II
Further discussion of chemical bonding in organic compounds, nomenclature, stereochemistry, and a systematic coverage of chemical reactions of organic functional groups. The laboratory consists of computational experiments and calculations on organic structures and reactions.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 2208 and CHEM 2206.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2203.
Lectures three hours a week and laboratory three hours a week.

CHEM 2206 [0.5 credit]
Organic Chemistry IV
Further discussion of the chemical bonding in organic compounds, nomenclature, stereochemistry, and a systematic coverage of the chemical reactions of the organic functional groups, and spectroscopic methods used in identification.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 2208 and CHEM 2206.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2203 or CHEM 2207.
Lectures three hours a week and laboratory three hours a week.

CHEM 2207 [0.5 credit]
Introduction to Organic Chemistry I
Structure, organization, and scope of organic chemistry, including molecular structures of well-known and important organic chemicals, types of chemical reactions, and spectroscopic methods used in identification.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 2203.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 1006 with a minimum grade of B-, or CHEM 1002.
Lectures three hours a week.

CHEM 2208 [0.5 credit]
Introduction to Organic Chemistry II
Further discussion of the chemical bonding in organic compounds, nomenclature, stereochemistry, and a systematic coverage of chemical reactions of the organic functional groups.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 2204 and CHEM 2206.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2207 or CHEM 2203.
Lectures three hours a week.

CHEM 2209 [0.5 credit]
Analytical Chemistry I
Introduction to quality assurance measures, calibration strategies and the fundamentals of solution-based analytical measurement processes. Qualitative and quantitative analysis using potentiometric and electrolysis techniques including ion selective electrodes, coulometry, amperometry and voltammetry. Redox, acid/base and EDTA titrations in the context of various buffer systems.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 2300.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 1006 with a minimum grade of B-, or CHEM 1002, or CHEM 1101, (MATH 1007 or MATH 1004) and MATH 1107.
Lectures three hours a week, laboratory three hours a week.

CHEM 2210 [0.5 credit]
Analytical Chemistry II
Spectrophotometric analysis using Uv-Vis, fluorescence and FTIR instrumentation. Modern separation methods including CE, GC and LC. Recent techniques and applications using mass spectrometry. Applications of all of the above to real-world analysis including the advancement of environmental, biochemistry and health-related research.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 2300 and CHEM 2301.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 1006 with a minimum grade of B-, or CHEM 1002, or CHEM 1101, (MATH 1007 or MATH 1004) and MATH 1107.
Lectures three hours a week, laboratory three hours a week.
CHEM 2400 [0.5 credit]
Independent Research I
Students carry out a laboratory research project under the supervision of a faculty member from the Department of Chemistry. A research report must be submitted by the last day of classes for evaluation by the Chair and Faculty supervisor.
Prerequisite(s): restricted to Honours students having second-year standing in a Chemistry program with an overall CGPA of 10.0 or higher, and approval of the Chair and a Faculty supervisor. Laboratory research for at least three hours a week over two terms.

CHEM 2501 [0.5 credit]
Introduction to Inorganic and Bioinorganic Chemistry
The basic concepts of inorganic chemistry, including the origins of elemental properties, simple theories of bonding, intermolecular forces, main group and transition metal chemistry, coordination chemistry. Inorganic ions in biochemistry, including ion transport and storage, oxygen carriers and hydrolases, redox proteins. Precludes additional credit for CHEM 3506. Prerequisite(s): CHEM 1006 with a minimum grade of B-, or CHEM 1002. Lectures three hours a week, tutorial one hour a week.

CHEM 2800 [0.5 credit]
Foundations for Environmental Chemistry
A basis of chemistry needed to understand the environment: composition of the atmosphere and natural waters; equilibrium; surface properties; kinetics and spectroscopy; physical and chemical properties of chemicals in the environment. Limited enrolment course. Priority is given to students in Environmental Science/Engineering. Prerequisite(s): CHEM 1006 with a minimum grade of B- or CHEM 1002, or CHEM 1101, (MATH 1007 or MATH 1004). Lectures three hours a week, laboratory three hours a week.

CHEM 3100 [0.5 credit]
Physical Chemistry II
Further development of thermodynamic equations and their applications to mass changes, chemical potential, chemical equilibria, transport properties and advanced phase equilibria. Use of partial differentials and development of Maxwell's relations will also be covered. Precludes additional credit for CHEM 2102. Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2103 or BIOC 2300, and MATH 1005 or MATH 2007. Lectures three hours a week, problems one hour a week, laboratory three hours a week.

CHEM 3101 [0.5 credit]
Quantum Chemistry
Classical equations of motion, harmonic oscillator, diatomic and polyatomic molecules, molecular mechanics, quantum mechanics, Schrödinger equation and wave functions, vibrational spectra, hydrogen atom, quantum numbers, electronic spectra, bonding in small molecules. Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2103, MATH 2007 and MATH 2008. Lectures and problems three hours a week.

CHEM 3102 [0.5 credit]
Methods of Computational Chemistry
Molecular orbital theory of organic and inorganic chemistry. Applications of computational chemistry to chemical bonding, aromaticity, molecular spectra. Semi-empirical and ab initio electronic structure theory. Comparison of theoretical methods used to obtain molecular properties. Introduction to statistical thermodynamics. Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3101. Lectures and problems three hours a week.

CHEM 3106 [0.5 credit]
Computational Chemistry Methods Laboratory
Industry-standard quantum chemistry software is used for Hartree-Fock, density functional, and post Hartree-Fock correlation calculations. Results are applied to problems in molecular structure, thermodynamics, vibrational spectroscopy, and kinetics. The UNIX operating system, Bourne-shell programming, and Python scripting are also introduced. Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3102 (may be taken concurrently). Laboratory three hours a week.

CHEM 3107 [0.5 credit]
Experimental Methods in Nanoscience
Thin film production and characterization, scanning electron microscopy, synthesis of metal nanoparticles and particle size determination, computational modeling of nanostructures. Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3100. Laboratory four hours a week.

CHEM 3201 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Organic Chemistry I
Instrumental methods for determining organic structures. Selected organic reactions with emphasis on mechanisms and reactive intermediates. Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2204 or CHEM 2206 or CHEM 2208. Lectures three hours a week, tutorial one and a half hours per week.
CHEM 3202 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Organic Chemistry II
Continued mechanistic survey of additional organic reactions with emphasis on synthetic usefulness and stereochemistry. Interspersed with selected topics such as instrumental methods, photochemistry, literature of organic chemistry, natural and synthetic polymers, heterocycles, terpenes and alkaloids.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3201 or equivalent.
Lectures three hours a week, tutorial one and a half hours per week.

CHEM 3205 [0.5 credit]
Experimental Organic Chemistry
A laboratory-based course including advanced concepts and techniques in organic synthesis, structure determination, and the rates and mechanisms of reactions. Students are responsible for literature surveys, acquisition of theoretical background, and design of experimental procedures.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2204 or CHEM 2206 and CHEM 3201.
Laboratory four hours a week.

CHEM 3305 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Analytical Chemistry Laboratory
Advanced instrumentally based techniques of analysis. Emphasis on identification and quantitation of low-level contaminants in environmental matrices using chromatographic and spectroscopic methods, including sampling, cleanup, measurement and reporting of results.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2302 or CHEM 2303.
Laboratory four hours a week.

CHEM 3400 [0.5 credit]
Independent Research II
Students carry out a laboratory research project supervised by a Chemistry faculty member. A research report must be submitted by the last day of classes for evaluation by the Chair and Faculty supervisor; expectations of student performance and evaluation exceed that of CHEM 2400.
Prerequisite(s): restricted to Honours students having third-year standing in a Chemistry program with an overall CGPA of 10.0 or higher, and approval of the Chair and a Faculty supervisor.
Laboratory research for at least three hours a week over two terms.

CHEM 3401 [0.5 credit]
Physical Aspects of Biochemistry
Chemistry, structure and function of nucleic acids, proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids. Thermodynamics of biological systems, chemical mechanisms and organic transformations. Intended for Chemistry Majors.
Precludes additional credit for BIOC 2200, BIOL 2200, and BIOC 3101.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2103 and CHEM 2204.
Lectures three hours a week.

CHEM 3503 [0.5 credit]
Inorganic Chemistry I
Symmetry, identification of Raman and infrared active vibrations, symmetry-adapted molecular orbital theory of polyatomic molecules, electron deficient bonding, bonding in coordination complexes, solid state bonding, ionic lattices. Laboratory will introduce the student to a range of synthetic techniques and physical methods of characterization.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 3507.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2501.
Lectures three hours a week, tutorial one hour a week and laboratory four hours a week.

CHEM 3507 [0.5 credit]
General Inorganic Chemistry I
Symmetry, identification of Raman and infrared active vibrations, symmetry-adapted molecular orbital theory of polyatomic molecules, electron deficient bonding, bonding in coordination complexes, solid state bonding, ionic lattices.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 3503.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2501.
Lectures three hours a week, tutorial one hour a week.

CHEM 3600 [0.5 credit]
Introduction to Nanotechnology
Nanoscale units, bulk vs. nanoproperties, electrons, atoms and ions, metals, band structure, electrical conduction, biosystems , molecular devices, quantum mechanics and optics, tools for measuring nanostructures. Production of nanostructures: self assembly, nanoscale crystal growth, polymerization. Applications to sensors, magnets, electronics, drug delivery. Toxicology of nanostructures.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3100.
Lectures three hours a week.
CHEM 3700 [0.5 credit]
Industrial Applications of Chemistry
Uses of chemistry in a number of industries: fertilizers, electrochemical, metallurgical, petrochemical, pulp and paper, plastics, pharmaceutical. Interaction of chemistry with economic, political, engineering, environmental, health, legal considerations. Guest lecturers.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2103 and one of CHEM 2207 or CHEM 2203.
Lecture three hours a week.

CHEM 3800 [0.5 credit]
The Chemistry of Environmental Pollutants
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2207 or CHEM 2203 or CHEM 2800.
Lectures three hours a week.

CHEM 3999 [0.0 credit]
Co-operative Work Term

CHEM 4100 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Topics in Physical Chemistry I
Principles of Group Theory as applied to Chemistry. Point groups, character tables, symmetry orbitals, molecular orbitals, aromaticity, allowed and forbidden reactions, sandwich complexes. Selection rules in spectroscopy, molecular vibrations.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3102.

CHEM 4102 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Topics in Physical Chemistry II
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3102.
Lectures and seminars three hours a week.

CHEM 4103 [0.5 credit]
Surface Chemistry and Nanostructures
Surface structure, thermodynamics and kinetics, specifically regarding adsorption/desorption and high vacuum models. Nanoscale structures and their formation, reactivity and characterization. Thin films, carbon nanotubes, self-assembled monolayers and supramolecular aggregates.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3600 and CHEM 3107.
Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as CHEM 5108, for which additional credit is precluded.
Lectures three hours a week.

CHEM 4104 [0.5 credit]
Physical Methods of Nanotechnology
An overview of methods used in nanotechnology. Principles of scanning probe techniques ranging from surface physics to biology. State of the art methods to create nanostructures for future applications in areas such as nanolithography, nanoelectronics, nano-optics, data storage and bio-analytical nanosystems.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3600 and CHEM 3107.
Lectures three hours a week.

CHEM 4201 [0.5 credit]
Macromolecular Nanotechnology
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3600 or permission of the department.
Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as CHEM 5207, CHEM 5208, for which additional credit is precluded.
Lectures three hours a week.

CHEM 4202 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Topics in Organic Chemistry I
Topics include 2-dimensional 1H and 13CNMR spectroscopy and structure determination of complex organic molecules.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3201.
Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as CHEM 5407, for which additional credit is precluded.

CHEM 4203 [0.5 credit]
Synthetic Organic Chemistry
The application of reactions to the synthesis of organic molecules. Emphasis on design of synthetic sequences, new reagents, and stereoselectivity. Topics include advanced methods for synthesis and reactions of alkenes, carbonyls, and enolates, functional group interconversion, oxidation and reduction, protecting groups, rearrangements, and metal-catalyzed cross-coupling.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3201 and CHEM 3202.
Lectures and seminars three hours a week.
CHEM 4204 [0.5 credit]
Organic Polymer Chemistry
Introduction to basic principles of polymer chemistry, industrial and synthetic polymers, different types of polymerization and polymer characterization. Study of commodity plastics, engineering thermoplastics, and specialty polymers, with emphasis on their synthesis. Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3201 or equivalent.
Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as CHEM 5406, for which additional credit is precluded.
Lectures three hours a week.

CHEM 4205 [0.5 credit]
Reactivity and Mechanism in Organic Chemistry
The application of frontier molecular orbital theory (HOMO-LUMO interactions) to organic reactions, including thermal and photochemical cycloadditions of pi-systems (including 1,3-dipoles) and rearrangements. Reactions of radicals and carbenes; conformational analysis, stereochemical effects, and methods for the determination of reaction mechanisms. Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3202 and CHEM 3503 (may be taken concurrently).
Lectures and seminars three hours a week.

CHEM 4206 [0.5 credit]
Natural Products Chemistry
A survey of the major classes of natural products with respect to their structural elucidation, synthesis, biosynthesis and bioactivity, with emphasis on compounds that have medicinal importance. Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3201 and CHEM 3202.
Lectures and seminars three hours a week.

CHEM 4301 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Topics in Analytical Chemistry I
Trace and ultratrace analytical chemistry. Sampling and sample preservation. The problems of the blank. Trace and ultratrace analysis. Sampling and sample preparation. Atomic absorption, fluorescence and emission spectroscopy. Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2103 and one of CHEM 2302 or CHEM 2303.
Lectures and seminars three hours a week.

CHEM 4302 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Topics in Analytical Chemistry II
Solutions and separations in analytical chemistry. Stability of aqueous solutions of standards and samples. Complex formation, multi-step and competing equilibria and their application to the design of selective methods of separation and determination. Electroanalytical techniques. Electroanalytical chemistry of aqueous solutions. Phase equilibria and solvent extraction. Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2103 and one of CHEM 2302 or CHEM 2303.
Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as CHEM 5109, for which additional credit is precluded.
Lectures and seminars three hours a week.

CHEM 4303 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Topics in Inorganic Chemistry I
A quantitative basis for ligand field theory; unreal and real wavefunctions of d-orbitals; derivation of the energies of d-orbitals using variational principle, secular determinants, and ligand field operators; the effect of ligand field on free ion term symbols, wavefunction descriptions of terms symbols; applications. Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3504 and CHEM 3101.
Lectures three hours a week.
CHEM 4504 [0.5 credit]
Advanced Topics in Inorganic Chemistry II
Reactivity of inorganic coordination compounds. Thermodynamic and kinetic factors affecting reactivity. Industrial and biochemical processes catalyzed by metal coordination compounds. Experimental methodologies, data analysis and rate law evaluation used to obtain reaction mechanisms leading to improved methods of catalysis.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3504 or equivalent.
Lectures three hours a week.

CHEM 4505 [0.5 credit]
Application of Physical Methods to Electron Transfer Chemistry
Spectroscopic techniques (i.e. UV-visible NIR, IR, EPR) and electrochemistry methods that are used to study photochemical and thermal intermolecular and intramolecular electron transfer in transition metal complexes are presented. Electron transfer theory and redox-active (non-innocent) ligands are discussed.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 3504.
Lectures three hours a week.

CHEM 4700 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in Chemistry
A topic of current interest in any branch of chemistry. Only one special topics course may be presented for credit.
Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department.

CHEM 4800 [0.5 credit]
Atmospheric Chemistry
Properties of natural atmospheric constituents; biogeochemical cycles involving gases; chemical reactions in the atmosphere; anthropogenic atmospheric pollutants (e.g., chlorofluorocarbons, sulphur and nitrogen oxides, photochemical smog sources and effects on the biosphere. Relation between the structure of molecules and their spectral and reactive properties.
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 2103 or CHEM 2800.
Lectures three hours a week.

CHEM 4907 [1.0 credit]
Honours Essay and Research Proposal
Students conduct an independent research study using library resources, and prepare a critical review and study proposal on a topic approved by a faculty supervisor. A written report and oral poster presentation of the work are required before a grade can be assigned.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 4908, FOOD 4907 and FOOD 4908.
Prerequisite(s): fourth year standing in an Honours Chemistry program and permission of the department.

CHEM 4908 [1.0 credit]
Research Project and Seminar
Senior students in Honours Chemistry carry out a research project under the direction of one of the members of the Department. A written report and an oral presentation of the work are required before a grade can be assigned.
Precludes additional credit for CHEM 4907, FOOD 4907 and FOOD 4908.
Prerequisite(s): any two of CHEM 3106, CHEM 3107, CHEM 3205, CHEM 3305 and CHEM 3504 and permission of the department.
Laboratory and associated work equivalent to at least eight hours a week for two terms.

Summer session: some of the courses listed in this Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and scheduling for summer session courses will differ significantly from those reported in the fall/winter Calendar. To determine the scheduling and hours for summer session classes, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca

Not all courses listed are offered in a given year. For an up-to-date statement of course offerings for the current session and to determine the term of offering, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca