

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry?



Know What's Expected

Chemistry is the study of the composition, structure, properties and change of matter. If you major in Chemistry, employers will expect that you are efficient in conducting research through observation and experimentation, developing new practices as well as investigating the composition and properties of matter. French may also be an asset in some positions.

Transferable Skills

- Analysis and interpretation of information and the ability to critically evaluate it
- Written and spoken communication skills
- Strong research and problem solving skills
- Ability to organize and maintain accurate records
- Sensitivity to the health and safety of others

What Employers Want to See

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests. By getting involved on-campus (for societies visit mountstudents.ca) or off-campus early in your degree, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

You can also build your Mount Co-Curricular Record (CCR) with these activities at msvu.ca/CCRP and present this official document to future employers.

Necessary Skills

- Organizational skills
- Laboratory skills
- Technical Reporting skills
- Ability to conduct and clearly explain scientific research

Where Can You Work?

A Chemistry Major opens the door to many fields like law, education environmental studies, ethics health and public administration. Graduates from Chemistry programs may find careers in health, sciences, education, pharmaceuticals, research, natural resources, forensic science and government services.

A Chemistry degree is also a great stepping stone for further education. Visit the Bachelor of Science—Chemistry webpage for more information.

Possible Job Titles

- Analytic chemist
- Chemical safety officer
- Clinical technician
- Pollution controller
- Laboratory analyst
- Assayer
- Product tester
- Chemical analyst

What Can I Do with My Degree In...

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Where Can I Volunteer?

Volunteering provides a great opportunity to get involved in your field of study and make some great connections. Here are a few options for you to consider:

- Schools
- Universities
- Local Non-Profit Organizations
- Libraries
- Student Societies
- Students Union

Visit msvu.ca/ccrp for more local organizations.

Online Job Resources

Many organizations will promote their job opportunities online. Visit the Job Search Resources page at msvu.ca/careerplanning for links to frequently used job boards.

Professional Associations

Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well-informed. Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- American Association for the Advancement of Science
www.aaas.org
- Biochemical Society
www.biochemistry.org
- Canadian Institute of Food Science and Technology
www.cifst.ca
- Chemical Institute of Canada
www.chemist.ca
- Chemistry Industry Association of Canada
www.canadianchemistry.ca

MSVU Career Planning Services

At the Mount, we offer a variety of career related services, workshops, resources and opportunities for students. Whether you need help making a career decision, are looking for a job, or are wondering what you can do with your degree, we can help you plan a realistic career path and perform a successful job search.

Drop by Career Planning Services to book an appointment with a Career Counsellor, schedule a resume critique with a Career Assistant, or just explore our resources!

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