MASTER OF ENGINEERING CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Summary

- Degree offered: Master of Engineering (MEng)
- Registration status options: Full-time; Part-time
- Language of instruction: English
- Program options (expected duration of the program):
  - within two years of full-time study
- Academic units: Faculty of Engineering (https://engineering.uottawa.ca), Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering (https://engineering.uottawa.ca/chemical).

Program Description

The Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering located in the Faculty of Engineering offers graduate programs leading to the degrees of Master of Applied Science (MASc), Master of Engineering (MEng) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Chemical Engineering.

The main objective of the master's programs is to refine the skills and research expertise of the students by expanding their specialized knowledge of chemical engineering primarily achieved through course work, research seminars, and technical training.

Main Areas of Research

- Materials development
- Process engineering
- Clean technologies and renewable energy
- Biomedical engineering

Other Programs Offered Within the Same Discipline or in a Related Area

- Master of Engineering Chemical Engineering (MASc)
- Master of Applied Science Chemical Engineering Specialization in Science, Society and Policy (MASc)
- Doctorate in Philosophy Chemical Engineering (PhD)

Fees and Funding

- Program fees

  The estimated amount for university fees (https://www.uottawa.ca/university-fees) associated with this program are available under the section Finance your studies (http://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/finance-studies).

  International students enrolled in a French-language program of study may be eligible for a differential tuition fee exemption (https://www.uottawa.ca/university-fees/differential-tuition-fee-exemption).

- To learn about possibilities for financing your graduate studies, consult the Awards and financial support (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/awards) section.

Notes

- Research activities can be conducted either in English, French or both, depending on the language used by the professor and the members of his or her research group.
- Programs are governed by the general regulations (http://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/general-regulations) in effect for graduate studies.
- In accordance with the University of Ottawa regulation, students have the right to complete their assignments, examinations, research papers, and theses in French or in English.

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Admission Requirements

For the most accurate and up to date information on application deadlines, language tests and other admission requirements, please visit the specific requirements (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/apply/specific-requirements) webpage.

To be eligible, candidates must:

- Hold an honours bachelor's degree with specialization or a major in chemical engineering (or equivalent) with a minimum average of 70% (B).

  Note: International candidates must check the admission equivalencies (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/international/study-uottawa/admission-equivalencies) for the diploma they received in their country of origin.

Language Requirements

Applicants must be able to understand and fluently speak the language of instruction (English) in the program to which they are applying. Proof of linguistic proficiency may be required.

Applicants whose first language is neither French nor English must provide proof of proficiency in the language of instruction.

Note: Candidates are responsible for any fees associated with the language tests.

Notes

- The Department may require students to take additional courses, depending on their backgrounds.
- The admission requirements listed above are minimum requirements and do not guarantee admission to the program.
- Admissions are governed by the general regulations (http://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/general-regulations) in effect for graduate studies.

Program Requirements
Master’s with Coursework and Report

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2018-2019 calendars (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives) for the previous requirements.

Students must meet the following requirements:

Compulsory Courses		
24 course units in chemical engineering (CHG) at the graduate level [1]		24 Units
Report		
CHG 6000	Chemical Engineering Report	6 Units

[1] A maximum of 6 course units may be taken form Engineering (GNG) at the 5000 level.

Master's with Coursework

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2018-2019 calendars (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives) for the previous requirements.

Students must meet the following requirements:

Compulsory Courses	
30 course units in chemical engineering (CHG) at the graduate level [1]	30 Units

[1] A maximum of 9 course units may be taken form Engineering (GNG) at the 5000 level.

Courses for the MEng

The Department may require students to take additional courses, depending on their backgrounds.

Course units must be earned according to the following rules:

- A minimum of 21 course units (excluding the engineering project) must be taken among the courses offered by the Department of Chemical Engineering. These may be either graduate courses or fourth-year electives (requirement 2 limits the number of fourth-year electives that can be taken).
- A part of the total course-unit requirement may be satisfied by taking advanced undergraduate courses to a maximum of 9 units. These can be either fourth-year Chemical Engineering electives or fourth-year courses offered by other departments of the faculties of Engineering or Science.
- A maximum of 9 course units may be taken from Engineering (GNG) courses at the 5000 level.

Note: Graduate courses offered by other departments may be taken for units with permission of the program director, provided the first requirement is also satisfied.

Research
Research Fields & Facilities

Located in the heart of Canada’s capital, a few steps away from Parliament Hill, the University of Ottawa is among Canada’s top 10 research universities.

uOttawa focuses research strengths and efforts in four Strategic Areas of Development in Research (SADRs):

- Canada and the World
- Health
- e-Society
- Molecular and Environmental Sciences

With cutting-edge research, our graduate students, researchers and educators strongly influence national and international priorities.

Research at the Faculty of Engineering

Areas of research:

- Chemical and Biological Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Mechanical Engineering

For more information, refer to the list of faculty members and their research fields on **Uniweb**.

IMPORTANT: Candidates and students looking for professors to supervise their thesis or research project can also consult the website of the faculty or department (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/academic-unit-contact-information) **of their program of choice. Uniweb does not list all professors authorized to supervise research projects at the University of Ottawa.**

Courses

Not all of the following courses are necessarily given each year. Attendance at courses is compulsory.

CHG 6000 Rapport en génie chimique / Chemical Engineering Report (6 crédits / 6 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

CHG 8101S Seminar I (1 crédit / 1 unit)
Oral presentation of selected topics and research papers. Attendance at all seminars is compulsory for MASc students.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar

CHG 8102S Seminar II (1 crédit / 1 unit)
Oral presentation of selected topics and research papers. Attendance at all seminars is compulsory for PhD students.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar

CHG 8115 Heat Transfer I (3 units)
The general law of heat conduction. Steady and unsteady heat conduction in solids with or without internal heat sources. Radiant heat transmission.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8116 Advanced Transport Phenomena (3 units)
Advanced study of momentum, heat and mass transfer relevant to chemical engineering and also to areas such as environmental engineering, medicine and other scientific disciplines. Review of the analogy between mass, momentum and thermal transport and, in particular, of the physical principles and mathematical foundations required for the analysis of fluid flow, heat transfer and mass transfer, and of the advanced methods for the analysis of transport problems. Main emphasis on formulation of a given physical problem in terms of appropriate conservation equations, and obtaining an understanding of the associated physical phenomena. Use of many chemical engineering applications to illustrate the various principles.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8121 Synthetic Membranes in Biomedical Engineering (3 units)
Medical applications of synthetic membranes hemodialysis, oxygenation, hemofiltration, apheresis and plasma exchange, biofunctional membranes, biosensors, drug delivery systems and microencapsulation. Emphasis on the types and classes of membranes available, relationship between structure and properties of membranes, and other variables, techniques for fabricating membranes, and special issues involved in the design and manufacture of synthetic membranes for medical use.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8123 Advanced Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics (3 units)
Presentation of the fundamentals and the contemporary research developments in chemical engineering thermodynamics. Thermodynamic properties and formulations. Properties of fluids. Stability of thermodynamic systems. Criteria of equilibrium. Evaluation of thermodynamic properties. Mathematical methods and data handling.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8132 Adsorption Separation Processes (3 units)
Discussion of different microporous materials and molecular sieves as adsorbents. Adsorption equilibrium and adsorption kinetics. Equilibrium adsorption of single fluids and mixtures. Diffusion in porous media and rate processes in adsorbers. Adsorber dynamics: bed profiles and breakthrough curves. Cyclic fluid separation processes. Pressure swing adsorption. Examples of commercial separation applications. This course is equivalent to ENVJ 5105 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8157 Strategies for Engineering Process Analysis (3 units)
Statistical experimental design and analysis techniques for industrial and laboratory investigations are presented. Topics include: the nature and analysis of process variation, comparisons of two or more processes, empirical modelling of processes, applications of factorial and fractional factorial designs, mixture designs, response surface methodologies and empirical optimization techniques.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8161 Advanced Chemical Reaction Engineering (3 units)
Kinetics of chemical reactions and its application to chemical engineering problems. Rate expressions and heterogeneous kinetics. Preparation and evaluation of catalyst activity. Promoters and poisons. Physical properties and transfer of mass and energy in porous catalysts. Interpretation of kinetic data and determination of mechanisms of catalyzed reactions.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8181 Advanced Biochemical Engineering (3 units)
Kinetics of bioreactions, growth and product formation. Batch and continuous bioprocesses. Mass and heat transfer in bioreactors. Novel bioreactor design. Industrial microbiology. Animal and plant cell culture. Downstream processing. Biosensors, biological waste-water treatment, biocorrosion, bioleaching. Nitrogen fixation. Genetic engineering. This course is equivalent to ENVJ 5501 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8187 Introduction to Polymer Reaction Engineering (3 units)
Introduction to principles governing polymerization reactions and the resultant physical properties of polymers. Theory and experimental methods for the characterization of polymers. Mechanism and kinetics of polymerization reactions with emphasis on chain-growth polymerizations. Mathematical modelling and polymer reactor design.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8188 Polymer Properties and Characterization (3 units)
Polymer properties are described and discussed in the context of their nature, source and means of measurement. Chemical and microstructural properties; physical states and transitions; thermal properties; mechanical properties and viscoelasticity models; degradation and stability; surface, electrical and optical properties, polymer additives; structure-property relationships.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8191 Selected Topics Chemical Engineering (3 units)
Discussion of recent progress in chemical engineering. This course is equivalent to ENVJ 8191 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8192 Membranes in Clean Processes (3 units)
Course emphasizing the use and development of membrane separations as clean and cleaning technologies. Applications of reverse osmosis, ultrafiltration, vapour permeation and pervaporation to the treatment of industrial process and waste streams. Discussion of the fundamentals underlying each separation process. Nanostructured membrane materials. Membrane fouling models, foulant-membrane material interactions, solvent resistant membranes, aqueous and non-aqueous separations.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8194 Membrane Liquid Separation Processes and Materials (3 units)
Advanced topics of membrane separations including reverse osmosis, ultrafiltration, non-aqueous liquid separation, and membrane applications in biotechnology. Physical chemical criteria for separations, membrane materials, and membrane casting techniques. Basic transport equations for single and mixed solute systems. Prediction of membrane performance. Process design, specification, and analysis applications. Problem solving in membrane transport, membrane design, and membrane process design.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8195 Advanced Numerical Methods in Chemical and Biological Engineering (3 units)
Survey course of numerical methods for solving linear and non-linear ordinary and partial differential equations. Techniques reviewed include Runge-Kutta and predictor-corrector methods, shooting techniques, control volume discretization methods and finite elements. Example problems from the field of transport phenomena. This course is equivalent to ENVJ 5505 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8196 Interfacial Phenomena in Engineering (3 units)
Interfacial tension and interfacial free energy; contact angles; spreading of liquids; wetting of surfaces; experimental techniques. Interfacial tension of mixtures; Gibbs equation; absorbed and insoluble monolayers; properties of monolayers and films. Electrical phenomena at interfaces; the electrical double layer; zeta-potential; electrokinetic phenomena (electrophoresis, electro-osmosis, streaming potential); surface conductance. Dispersed systems; formation and practical uses of emulsions; spontaneous emulsification; flocculation. This course is equivalent to ENVJ 5507 at Carleton University.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8198 Membrane Gas Separation Processes (3 units)
Familiarization with principles of membrane technology and engineering aspects of membrane separation processes, with emphasis on gas separation. Overview of membrane types and materials, mechanisms of gas transport in membranes, and applications. Zero stage-cut analysis and membrane characterization methods and multistage membrane module design.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8300 Electrochemical Engineering (3 units)
Basic principles and laws of applied electrochemistry. Electrochemical thermodynamics. Electrode kinetics and electrochemical double layer. Electrocatalysis for fuel cells and water electrolysis. Transport phenomena in electrochemical engineering. Electrochemical reaction engineering. Examples of industrial processes: Chloralkali-electrolysis, water electrolysis, electrowinning of Nickel, Zinc, Aluminum, organic electro-synthesis. Energy conversion and storage technology: fuel cells, electrochemical capacitors and batteries.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8301 Renewable Fuels (3 units)
The production and sustainability of renewable fuels: Study the various generations and types of renewable fuels. Detailed look at the processes involved in transforming renewable feedstocks into useful fuels. Evaluation of the chemical and physical exergy of substances and process streams. Exergetic efficiency of process flowsheets. Perform well to wheel energetic and exergetic life cycle analyses of fossil and biofuels. Evaluate the environmental performance of renewable fuels.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8302 Oil and Gas Processing (3 units)
Physical and chemical properties of hydrocarbons and their estimation methods. Typical technologies, processes, and unit operations used in the characterization and processing of natural gas, crude oils, and Canadian bitumen.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8303 Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine Principles (3 units)
The principles applied in the fields of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine to develop prospective therapeutic solution for a range of injuries and pathologies. A general discussion on the tissue engineering paradigm and building blocks (cells, biomaterials and bioactive cues) employed to engineer tissues. A range of tissue fabrication strategies using specific tissue/organ systems as examples. How engineering concepts, including bioreactor design, are exploited to drive innovation in the field. Additional aspects of regenerative medicine.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8304 Biomaterials: Principles and Applications (3 units)
Classes of biomaterials, including metals, ceramics, polymers and composite materials; properties of biomaterials, characterizations of biomaterials, degradable biomaterials, modifications of biomaterials, and host responses to biomaterials. Applications of biomaterials, particularly drug delivery systems, and other applications of biomaterials in tissue engineering. Regulations on the use of biomaterials and special considerations on the use of biomaterial based implantable devices.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8305 Particulate and Multiphase Flow (3 units)
The principal elements in the design and scale-up of various commercially important particulate and multiphase systems such as fixed beds, spouted beds, bubble columns and fluidized beds. Topics include flow regimes, hydrodynamics, heat and mass transfer, mixing, interfacial phenomena, chemical reaction and instrumentation.
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 8306 Biopharmaceutics and Fermentation (3 units)
Biopharmaceutics: General concepts and new developments in biopharmaceutics. Antibiotics and alternatives to antibiotics, antibodies, vaccines, microRNA, gene therapeutics and viral therapeutics. Fermentation and cell culture: cell growth kinetics; operation modes; expression of recombinant protein in bacteria, yeast, plant cells, insect cells, and mammalian cells. Bioseparation: solids/liquid separation (e.g., filtration, centrifugation, precipitation). Cell disruption; product recovery (distillation, membrane separation, ion exchange, affinity adsorption, solvent extraction, aqueous extraction, crystallization); concentration and drying (thin film evaporator, spray drying, frozen drying).
Course Component: Lecture

CHG 9998 Examen de synthèse (doctorat) / Comprehensive Examination (Ph.D.)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research