1. KentVision Code and title of the module

CHEM3900 – Experimental Chemistry 1

## Division and School/Department or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module

Division of Natural Sciences (Chemistry and Forensic Science)

## The level of the module (Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)

Level 4

## The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents

15 credits (7.5 ECTS)

## Which term(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)

Autumn and Spring

## Prerequisite and co-requisite modules and/or any module restrictions

None

## The course(s) of study to which the module contributes

Compulsory for the following courses:

BSc(Hons) Chemistry

BSc(Hons) Chemistry with a Professional Placement

BSc(Hons) Chemistry with a Year Abroad

BSc(Hons) Chemistry with a Foundation Year

MChem Chemistry

BSc(Hons) Forensic Science

BSc(Hons) Forensic Science with a Professional Placement

BSc(Hons) Forensic Science with a Year Abroad

BSc(Hons) Forensic Science with a Foundation Year

MSci Forensic Science

Not available as an elective module

## The intended subject specific learning outcomes. On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

8.1 Understand core and foundation chemical, physical, and biological concepts, terminology, theory, units, conventions, and laboratory practice and methods in relation to the chemical sciences;

8.2 Demonstrate elementary knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relating to chemistry and to apply this knowledge and understanding to the solution of qualitative and quantitative problems;

8.3 Recognise and analyse fundamental problems and plan strategies for their solution by the evaluation, interpretation and synthesis of scientific information and data;

8.4 Understand the importance of observational and instrumental monitoring of physiochemical events and changes, and the systematic and reliable documentation of the above;

8.5 Safely handle chemical materials, taking into account their physical and chemical properties, including any specific hazards associated with their use and to risk assess such hazards;

8.6 Carry out documented standard laboratory procedures involved in synthetic and analytical work in relation to organic and inorganic systems. Perform observational and instrumental monitoring of physiochemical events and changes. The systematic and reliable documentation of the above. Operate standard chemical laboratory analytical instruments;

8.7 Collate, interpret and explain to a rudimentary level the significance and underlying theory of experimental data, including an assessment of limits of accuracy and understanding the importance of careful design and execution of experiments.

## The intended generic learning outcomes. On successfully completing the module students will be able to:

9.1 Demonstrate a range of appropriate communication skills;

9.2 Demonstrate and use generic skills needed for students to undertake further training of a professional nature;

9.3 Solve problems, relating to qualitative and quantitative information, extending to situations where evaluations have to be made on the basis of limited information;

9.4 Demonstrate numeracy and computational skills, including such aspects as error analysis, order-of-magnitude estimations, correct use of units, and modes of data presentation;

9.5 Make use of information-technology such as word-processing and spreadsheet software, data-logging and storage, internet communication, etc;

9.6 Make use of interpersonal skills, relating to the ability to interact with other people and to engage in team working within a professional environment;

9.7 Make use of time-management and organisational skills, as evidenced by the ability to plan and implement efficient and effective modes of working. Self-management and organisational skills with the capacity to support life-long learning.

## A synopsis of the curriculum

Chemistry, as one of the physical sciences, is rooted in careful observation of the natural world and experimentation. This module teaches the key skills required to work in a chemical laboratory, analysing unknown systems and synthesising new ones, and learning how to apply the theories and ideas from lecture modules to socially and industrially relevant problems.

## Reading list

## The University is committed to ensuring that core reading materials are in accessible electronic format in line with the Kent Inclusive Practices.

## The most up to date reading list for each module can be found on the university's [reading list pages](https://kent.rl.talis.com/index.html).

## Contact Hours

Private Study: 78

Contact Hours: 72

Total: 150

## Assessment methods

13.1 Main assessment methods

* Opening Assessment (3 hours) – 8.3%
* Laboratory Assessment 1 (3 hours) – 8.3%
* Laboratory Assessment 2 (3 hours) – 8.3%
* Laboratory Assessment 3 (3 hours) – 8.3%
* Laboratory Assessment 4 (3 hours) – 8.3%
* Laboratory Assessment 5 (3 hours) – 8.3%
* Laboratory Assessment 6 (3 hours) – 8.3%
* Laboratory Assessment 7 (3 hours) – 8.3%
* Laboratory Assessment 8 (3 hours) – 8.4%
* Laboratory Assessment 9 (3 hours) – 8.4%
* Laboratory Assessment 10 (3 hours) – 8.4%
* Laboratory Assessment 11 (3 hours) – 8.4%

13.2 Reassessment methods

* 100% Coursework

## Map of module learning outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to learning and teaching methods (section 12) and methods of assessment (section 13)

**Module learning outcomes against learning and teaching methods:**

| **Module learning outcome** | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.7 |
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| Private Study | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |  |  | **x** |  | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |  | **x** |
| Laboratory session | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |

**Module learning outcomes against assessment methods:**

| **Module learning outcome** | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.7 |
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| Opening Assessment | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Laboratory Assessments | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |

## Inclusive module design

The Division recognises and has embedded the expectations of current equality legislation, by ensuring that the module is as accessible as possible by design. Additional alternative arrangements for students with Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)/declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the relevant policies and support services.

The inclusive practices in the guidance (see Annex B Appendix A) have been considered in order to support all students in the following areas:

a) Accessible resources and curriculum

b) Learning, teaching and assessment methods

## Campus(es) or centre(s) where module will be delivered

Canterbury

## Internationalisation

Science is an international discipline with widely applicable international resonance. This module presents subject-specific knowledge generated, developed, and refined by scientists around the world. Mastery of the learning outcomes will equip students to apply the knowledge in a wide range of international contexts and these will be addressed in making the content relevant to current global issues. The Division of Natural Sciences is an international community of students and staff and group activities and teaching will provide a platform for internationally-focussed discussion.

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**Module record – all revisions must be recorded in the grid and full details of the change retained in the appropriate committee records.**

| Date approved | New/Major/minor revision | Start date of delivery of (revised) version | Section revised  (if applicable) | Impacts PLOs (Q6&7 cover sheet) |
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| 9 Dec 2021 | Minor | Sept 2022 | 5 | No |
| 22 Nov 2022 | Minor | Sept 2023 | 13-14 | No |