Master of Science in Analytical Chemistry

Department of Chemistry
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Prospectus for Fall 2020 Admission
Admission Deadlines:

Fall Term, 2020  Spring Term, 2021
June 2020  November 2020

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Fall 2020 / Spring 2021  Fees and Schedule:

Tuition Fees:  Total:  HK$132,000

Fees should normally be paid at start of each term

FT Mode
Term 1:  HK$ 66,000  Term 2:  HK$ 66,000

PT Mode
Term 1:  HK$ 33,000   Term 2:  HK$ 33,000
Term 3:  HK$ 33,000   Term 4:  HK$ 33,000

Additional credits for additional electives can be taken at the rate of HK$4,000 per credit. One to two additional terms for PT mode are possible.

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Program Requirements and Who should take it?

The M.Sc. in Analytical Chemistry is a taught 1 year (Full-time) or 2-year (Part-time) degree. Applications will be considered from graduates with a good B.Sc. in science, engineering or a related discipline, and with some prior knowledge of Chemistry. The language of instruction is English and students must also meet the university requirements for admission.

HKUST has one of the most diverse student bodies in the world, and applicants both from within and outside Hong Kong will be considered. Details of student visa regulations may be obtained from the university Admissions office and the Hong Kong Immigration Department.

Aims of the Program:

✓ Professional Training
✓ Employment-orientated Education
✓ Knowledge for Accreditation
✓ Lab Management Training
✓ Practical and Research Experience

Modern UG programs typically cannot provide the level of background expertise that would be directly useful to the modern analytical industry, which requires a higher concentration of Chemistry courses and laboratory training and hands-on experience.
The launch of this taught M.Sc. program is partly to address this perceived shortfall by the ever-increasingly competitive job market. It will prepare graduates to be successful and rise to leadership positions within the areas of analytical testing and laboratory management careers. The availability of an additional one year program may be attractive to those who wish to pursue a scientific or technical career, but are not prepared to spend longer time needed for a M. Phil or Ph. D. research degree.

The placement of well-trained graduates in industry within Hong Kong and greater China is a major goal of this program. The one year Full-time program can also serve as excellent preparatory training for a Ph.D. research degree in Chemistry or related sciences, and for some students an attractive alternative to carrying out a two year M.Phil. Degree prior to a Ph.D. placement.

**Program Curriculum (Total: 30 credits)**

The program is designed to cover all important aspects of modern laboratory analysis, whilst offering maximum flexibility for students to adapt the program to their own needs. For those seeking more practical hands-on experience, up to 9 credits of laboratory work, including a research project, can be taken.

**Core Courses: (15 credits)**

- CHMS 5010 Chemical Data Analysis
- CHMS 5020 Elemental Analysis
- CHMS 5030 Molecular Analysis
- CHMS 5040 Separation Methods
- CHMS 5050 Optical and Electrical Methods

**Elective Courses: (6-12 credits)**

- CHMS 5110 Environmental and Food Analysis*
- CHMS 5111 Environmental Analysis*
- CHMS 5112 Food and Drug Analysis*
- CHMS 5120 Macromolecular Analysis
- CHMS 5130 Materials Analysis
- CHMS 5140 Laboratory Management

*Not all elective courses are offered every year. A list of electives offered in a particular year will be announced at the beginning of each intake.
Experimental /Practical Courses: (3-9 credits)

CHMS 5201  Analytical Instrumentation Laboratory I  (required)
CHMS 5202  Analytical Instrumentation Laboratory II  (elective)
CHMS 6980  Analytical Research Project  (elective)

There are a wide range of other courses offered at Masters level in other taught MSc programs in related disciplines within our university, such as Biotechnology and Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering. These may be substituted and used for credits towards the requirement of the MSc in Analytical Chemistry upon the approval from the appropriate course instructors and the Program Director.
Lecture Course Synopses:

CHMS 5010  Chemical Data Analysis
Measurements; Statistical treatment and analysis of Data; Uncertainties; Calibrations; Detection limits; Interferences; Use of Standards and Control Charts; Quality control and assurance; Presentation of data.

CHMS 5020  Elemental Analysis
Atomic spectrosopies; Atomic absorption (AA) atomic emission (AE); Elemental analysis by ICP-MS; Isotope analysis. Elemental analysis using X-rays; X-ray Fluorescence (XRF); X-ray Photo-electron Spectroscopy (XPS); Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry; Energy Dispersive Analysis of X-rays (EDAX); Combustion analysis.

CHMS 5030  Molecular Analysis
Characterization of organic molecules; Mass Spectrometry; Ionization techniques; Mass analysis; Protein MS; NMR Spectroscopy; 1H and 13C NMR; Multinuclear experiments; 2D and pulse techniques; Solid state NMR

CHMS 5040  Separation Methods
Chromatography; Gas chromatography; GC-MS; Liquid chromatography; HPLC; Choice of stationary and mobile phases; Chiral separations; Affinity chromatography; Ion chromatography; Capillary zone electrophoresis; Micro-fluidics.

CHMS 5050  Optical and Electrical Methods
Molecular spectrosopies; Vibrational (IR and Raman) and Electronic (UV-vis) spectroscopy; Fluorescence; Electrochemical analysis; REDOX chemistry and bio-chemistry; Electrochemical measurements; pH measurements; Design and use of sensors.

CHMS 5110  Environmental and Food Analysis
Environmental sampling; Trace analysis; Water analysis; Toxins and pesticides; Aerosols and particulates. Food safety and analysis; Calorimetry.

CHMS 5111  Environmental Analysis
Environmental sampling; Trace analysis; Air analysis; Water analysis; Soils analysis; Gas-phase components and major air pollutants; Toxins and pesticides; Aerosols and particulates; Assessing general health of water and soil systems; Recent advances in environmental techniques; Numerical analysis of environmental problems.

CHMS 5112  Food and Drug Analysis
Chemical Analysis of Food and Beverages; Food composition; Food contaminants; Food Preservation; Analytical Methods in Food Analysis; Food Safety and Labeling; Drug and Pharmaceutical Analysis; Physio-chemical Properties of Drugs; Analytical Methods in
Pharmaceutical Analysis; Biomedical and Forensic analysis of Drugs; Analysis of Traditional Chinese Medicine; Drug formulation.

**CHMS 5120 Macromolecular Analysis**
Polymer and Bio-molecular Techniques; Polymer separation; Gel permeation chromatography; Affinity chromatography; Polymer characterization; Molecular weight and distribution; DNA and protein analysis.

**CHMS 5130 Materials Analysis**
Electron Microscopies: TEM; Electron diffraction; SEM; STEM; STM; AFM. Nano-materials characterization. Thin film characterization. X-ray diffraction; powder XRD; Single crystal structure determination; SAXS.

**CHMS 5140 Laboratory Management**
Good lab practices (GLP); Laboratory Safety; Risk assessment; Lab waste management; Computer-assisted Lab Info Systems; Professional development case studies: Safety officer; Lab Manager.

**Practical/Experimental Course Details:**

**CHMS 5201 Analytical Instrumentation Laboratory I** (required)
Students will choose from an array of experiments involving modern analytical techniques that have been introduced in the core lecture courses. These will include, but not be limited to, separation of mixtures, GC-MS, LC-MS, atomic spectroscopy and elemental analysis, IR and UV spectroscopy, electrochemistry and sensors, NMR, powder and single crystal XRD.

**CHMS 5202 Analytical Instrumentation Laboratory II** (elective)
Students will choose from a further array of experiments, complementary to CHMS 5201 involving analytical techniques that have been introduced in either the core and the elective lecture courses.

Lab sessions will be offered in each term during week days or Saturday mornings (10 sessions offered per term). A number of Saturday lab sessions will be run over the two years especially for part-time students (3-6 sessions per term depending on enrolment numbers). Students should attend and write up experimental reports for a minimum of 8 lab sessions in total, which are needed for the 3-credit required lab course over 1 (Full-time) or 2 years (Part-time).

**CHMS 6980 Analytical Research Project** (elective)
For full-time students, analytical project(s) may be commenced in the first term and conducted with a faculty member of the MSc program, or with a faculty member outside of the MSc program upon the approval of the Program Director.
The analytical project for part-time students may be commenced in Year 1 and conducted over a period of time as students’ schedule permits. The expected time spent on the 3-credit project (background, planning, execution and write-up/presentation) is 100 hours in minimum. The results should be written up in a report which will be orally presented upon completion of the project.

**Instrumentation:**

A wide variety of state-of-the-art equipment is available for the Analytical Laboratory classes, as well as the research projects. Some of the major items are illustrated below.

*LC-Mass Spectrometers:* Waters UPLC-QT of MS/MS and UPLC - ion trap MS

*GC-Mass Spectrometer*

Agilent 5975C GC-MSD
Shimadzu QP-2020

ICP-Mass Spectrometer

Other MS Spectrometers
Waters MS, with GC-TOF module and MALDI-TOF Micro MX module
**High Performance Liquid Chromatography**

Waters HPLC with DAD and FLD  Thermo HPLC-VWD

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**Gas Chromatography-FID**
Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer
Bruker Tensor 27

UV-visible Spectrophotometer and Polarimeter

Circular dichroism spectrometer, with ORD attachment on order

X-Ray Diffractometers:
Bruker Single-crystal X-ray Diffractometer-Mo-source;
Oxford Xcalibur PD X-Ray Diffractometer-Cu-source
Panalytical Aeris powder-X-Ray Diffractometer

NMR Spectrometers:
Bruker 400 MHz NMR; Varian INOVA 500 MHz NMR Spectrometer
Chemistry M.Sc. Laboratory:

The Cheng Yu Tung Building houses the state-of-the-art teaching laboratory for the M.Sc. program, along with some of the instruments used for the Analytical Laboratory courses.

Cheng Yu Tung Building (Research Academic Bldg)

Department of Chemistry, HKUST:

The Department of Chemistry at HKUST has achieved notable global recognition of its excellence based primarily on its research record. (Department is ranked 1st in Hong Kong, 9th in Asia, 22nd Globally by QS 2019 World University Rankings by subject)

Since the change to 4-year UG degree program in Hong Kong in 2012, the Department has adopted a careful review and overhaul of its UG program. We now offer B.Sc. in Chemistry with various Options (Biomolecular Chemistry, Environmental and Analytical Chemistry, Materials Chemistry, and Pure Chemistry)
This has proven to be a successful approach and Chemistry has been one of the most popular B.Sc. program choices for the 2013 and 2014 cohorts of School of Science students. The Department has about 100 research post-graduate students. Places on the new taught M.Sc. program in Analytical Chemistry are limited and early application is advised.
Faculty Profiles:

**Department Head:**
Prof. Ian D. Williams

**Acting-Program Director:**
Prof. Xiao-Yuan Li

**Deputy Director:**
Prof. Stefan Nagl

**Program Manager:**
Dr. Lawrence W.Y. WONG

**Other Course Instructors**
Prof. Jianzhen YU  Prof. Hongkai WU  Prof. Simon Wan CHAN
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology:

Some useful links and websites relating to the university and procedures.

HKUST website: [http://www.ust.hk/](http://www.ust.hk/)
Application and Student Information:

Application procedure and deadlines may be obtained from the post-graduate students can be found on the Post-graduate Studies Office (PGSO) website http://pg.ust.hk. All applications must now be made via the on-line application system which can be accessed through that website.

To qualify for admission to the University, applicants must meet:

i. the general admission requirements of the University;
ii. the specific admission requirements of the program applied for; and
iii. the English Language requirement.

The University and program admission requirements are minimum requirements for admission. Meeting these minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Applicants who possess other qualifications equivalent to the University requirements for admission may submit applications for consideration on the basis of individual merit.

English Language Requirement:

Applicants whose first language is not English, and whose bachelor’s degree or equivalent qualification* was awarded by an institution where the medium of instruction was not English, are required to fulfill one of the following minimum English Language requirements:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – a paper-based test score of no less than 550; or an internet-based test score of no less than 80. or
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) - an overall score of 6.5 with no sub-score lower than 5.5.

N.B. TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for two years from the test date.

*Qualification with duration equivalent to a full-time bachelor’s degree (i.e. at least 3 years).
Accommodation:

On-campus accommodation is not provided. Single or shared off-campus accommodations can easily be found in Hong Kong. Some details may be obtained from the self-arranged housing information on the Student Housing & Residential Life website.


Immigration:

For non-local applicants details of immigration requirements for post-graduate students can be found on the Post-graduate Studies Office (PGSO) webpage as well as the website of the Hong Kong Immigration Department.


The HKUST campus, view from the sea.