

Chemistry Graduate Student Guide

2024-2025



For new Graduate Students:

Click on the link above for tasks to be completed by new students.

Degree Requirements

[Click the link for full details](#)

Master of Science Program

The requirements for the degree of Master of Science are:

One Graduate Full-Course Equivalent *

Chemistry [9657](#), which is a course based on the presentation of a seminar

Submission of a thesis

The duration of the program is two years

The course requirements are stated in terms of graduate full-course equivalents. A full-course equivalent is equal to a course weight of 1.0 (approximately 24 weeks of class). A half-course is equal to a course weight of 0.5 (approximately 12 weeks or 1 term) and a quarter-course is equal to a course weight of 0.25 (approximately 6 weeks of class). A Graduate Course is defined below. * Students must maintain at least a B standing averaged over all courses of the degree program.

Doctor of Philosophy

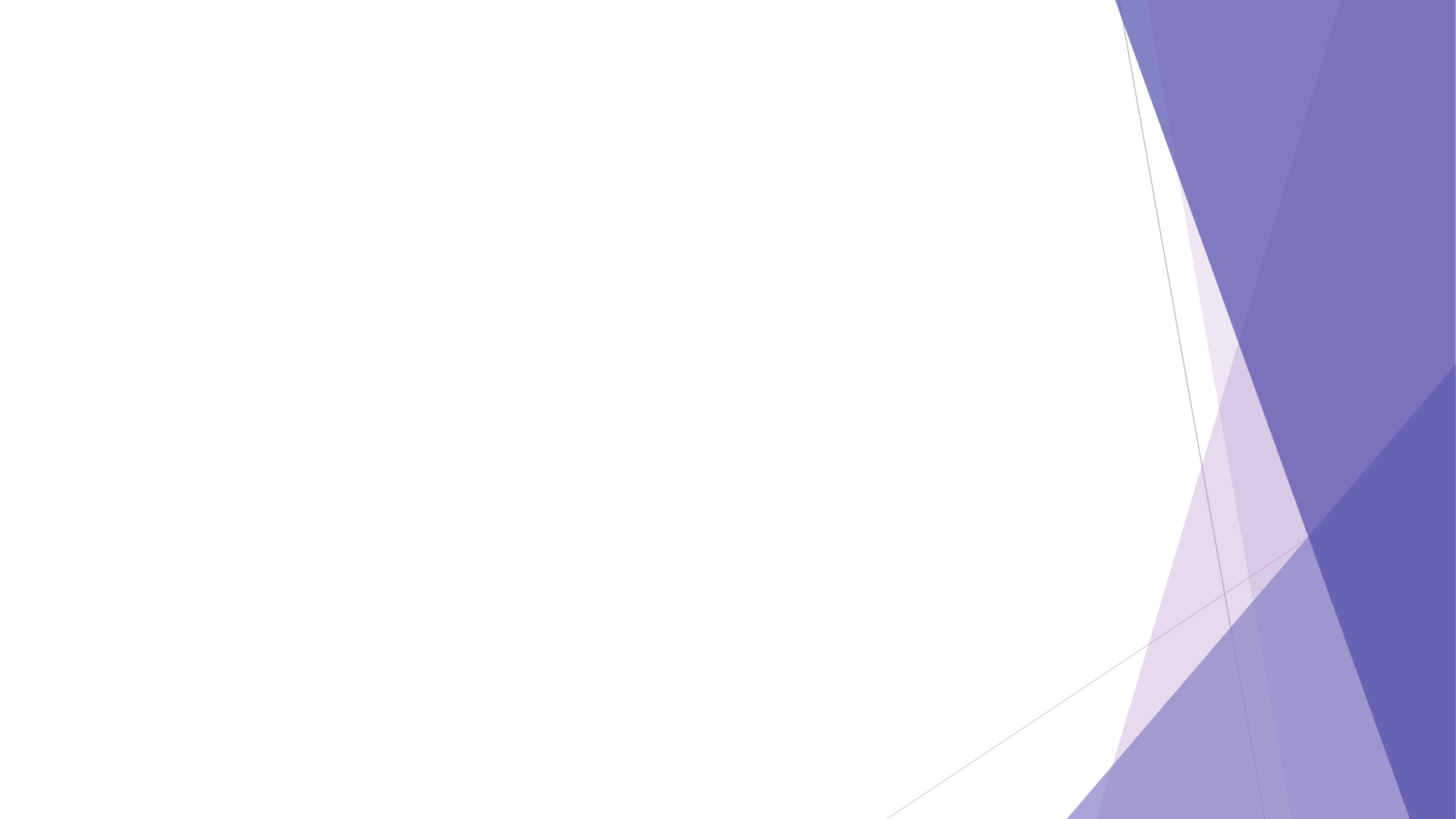
The requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy are:

2.0 Graduate Full-Course Equivalents *

Chemistry [9658](#), which is a course based on the presentation of a seminar

Submission of a thesis

The duration of the program is four years



Student Groups

[CGSA](#)- (Chemistry Graduate Student Association) Our very own resource for graduate students in Chemistry. This group was created to act as a liaison between graduate students and other Western organizations.

[SGPS](#) -School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies has a wealth of information for current students, including regulations, term dates, training opportunities, and more.

[SOGS-Society of Graduate Students](#) is a graduate student union that represents over 6,000 members and runs a student government.

[CTL-Centre for Teaching and Learning](#) The CTL offers a wide variety of programming for teaching assistants and graduate students.

[PSAC](#)-Teaching Assistants' and Postdoctoral Associates' Union at Western University (news, benefits, collective agreement)

The Grad Club

Message from the The Grad Club located in Middlesex College on Western University Campus is a not-for-profit graduate student pub and eatery that is owned and operated by the Society of Graduate Students (SOGS).

As an academic, social, and wellness space, the Grad Club is the hub of graduate student life, the home away from home for all graduate students and associate members.

The Grad Club has and always will be an institution that aims for inclusivity and providing a welcoming space for students and non-students alike.”



A SOGS tradition since 2008, the Goblet of Knowledge has become an icon of graduate life and scholarly achievement. Get a free drink (alcoholic or non) when you successfully defend your thesis. You must reserve the goblet.



Experiential Learning

Gain work experience

Connect with community

Take a course

Get involved

Explore Entrepreneurship

Study or learn abroad

Own Your Future

A doctoral professional development program enhancing your abilities in six professional competencies to excel your academic studies and future career.

Discover Your Skills

Develop as a Leader

Maintain Your Wellbeing

Prepare for your Career

Communicate and Build Relationships

Graduate Students & Teaching Assistants

See below for a list of upcoming events on the
Centre for Teaching and Learning

[Advanced Teaching Program \(ATP\)](#)

[Communication in the Canadian Classroom \(CCC\)](#)

[Future Prof Series \(FPS\)](#)

[Own Your Future: May Conference on Teaching](#)

[SGPS 9500: The Theory and Practice of University Teaching](#)

[TA Day: Graduate Student Conference on Teaching](#)

[Teaching Assistant Training Program \(TATP\)](#)

[Teaching in the Canadian Classroom](#)

[Teaching Master Classes](#)

[Teaching Mentor Program](#)

Graduate Teaching Assistantship

Subject to employment deductions and benefit changes. Regular deductions: Tax, CPP, EI, etc.	One term - 10 hour/week GTAship (Sept. 1, 2020 –Aug. 31, 2021)	One term - 10 hour/week GTAship (Sept. 1, 2021 –Aug. 31, 2022)	One term - 10 hour/week GTAship (Sept. 1, 2022– Aug. 31, 2023)
Base Compensation	140 hours @ \$46.29/hr = \$6,480.60	140 hours @ \$46.75/hr = \$6,545.00	140 hours @ \$47.22/hr = \$6,610.80
Vacation Pay	Term rate x 4% = \$259.22	Term rate x 4% = \$261.80	Term rate x 4% = \$264.43
Term Rate inclusive of vacation pay	\$6,739.82	\$6,806.80	\$6,875.23
Monthly Rate inclusive of vacation pay	\$1,684.96	\$1,701.70	\$1,718.81

Department Funding

Funding packages are set up in Mercury (a software program through SGPS)

You will receive an email with a link when your funding package is ready to view and confirm (subject to change depending on external funding)

The stipends for graduate students vary, depending on whether you are a Ph.D. or M.Sc. student and whether or not you currently hold an external scholarship. Visit the website for full details regarding funding.

Quick links:

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[Forms and resources](#)

[Thesis Guide](#)

[Masters to Doctoral Transfer](#)

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Questions?

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