

# Life Sciences/BCHM Information Session

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**Use your Queen's email and provide your student #**

# **Information for 1<sup>st</sup> year Direct Entry students going into 2<sup>nd</sup> year**

- Need to decide between Biochemistry and Life Sciences
- Major versus Specialization
- Plan selection May 21- June 9, 2025

# Biochemistry

Discipline-focused degree plan offered through the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Students receive in depth training in a wide range of essential topics related to fundamental cellular processes including:

- Cellular metabolism
- Movement
- Replication
- Repair
- Communication
- Molecular and chemical basis of infection and disease



# Life Sciences

## **Interdisciplinary degree plan offered through the Faculty of Arts and Sciences**

Learn about the following fields in the biomedical sciences:

- Biochemistry
- Cellular and Tissue Physiology
- Anatomy and Reproduction
- Drug Discovery and Human Toxicology
- Microbiology and Immunology
- Cancer Biology and Pathology
- Neurosciences



# WHAT ARE THE DEGREE PLAN CHOICES?

## Biochemistry Major

### 1<sup>st</sup> year

- Chemistry
- Biology
- Physics
- Calculus
- PATH/BCHM
- CISC

### 2<sup>nd</sup> year

- Molecular Biology
- Organic Chemistry
- Inorganic Chemistry
- Statistics

### 3<sup>rd</sup> year

- Physical Biochemistry
- Proteins & Enzymes
- Metabolism
- Biochemistry Laboratory

### 4<sup>th</sup> year

- Current Topics in Biochemistry
- Advanced Molecular Biology
- Protein Structure and Function
- Molecular Basis of Cell Function

BCHM 218

CHEM 211, 212, 222, 223

BIOL 243 or **STAM 200**

12 U electives

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- Organic Chemistry
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- Proteins & Enzymes
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- **Research project**

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- Physics
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### 2<sup>nd</sup> year

- Molecular Biology
- Organic Chemistry
- Microbiology
- Physiology
- Statistics

### 3<sup>rd</sup> year

- No Core Courses

### **LISC\_List\_A**

3 units at 400-level or above  
15 units at 300-level or above  
3 units at 200-level or above  
6 more units

### 4<sup>th</sup> year

- No Core Courses

BCHM 218

CHEM 281, 282

MICR 271 or 221

PHGY 215, 216

STATS (BIOL 243/STAT 263/STAM 200)

9 U electives



made available during the Open Enrolment period, and then only if space permits.

#### LISC\_List\_A

Code	Title	Units
<b>Options in the Life Science Major Plan</b>		
ANAT		
BCHM		
CANC		
CRSS		
DDHT		
EPID		
LISC		
MICR		
NSCI		
PATH		
PHAR		
PHGY		
REPD		
BIOL 205	Mendelian and Molecular Genetics	3.00
BIOL 243	Introduction to Statistics	3.00
BIOL 321	Animal Behaviour	3.00
BIOL 322	Environmental Physiology of Animals	3.00
BIOL 330	Cell Biology	3.00
BIOL 331	Analytical Genomics	3.00
BIOL 334	Comparative Biochemistry	3.00
BIOL 339	Animal Physiology	3.00
BIOL 350	Evolution and Human Affairs	3.00
BIOL 369	Sex and Evolution	3.00
BIOL 401	Experimental Approaches to Animal Physiology	3.00
BIOL 403	Experimental Techniques in Biology	3.00
BIOL 404	Techniques in Molecular Biology	3.00
BIOL 430	Molecular Genetics of Development	3.00
BIOL 441	Molecular Genetics	3.00
BIOM 300	Modeling Techniques in Biology	3.00
BMED 270		3.00
BMED 370		
BMED 380		
BMED 381	Clinical Biochemistry	3.00
BMED 383		
BMED 384	Integrative Laboratory Course	3.00
BMED 480	Clinical Applications of Human Anatomy	3.00
BMED 482		
BMED 483	Advanced Topics In Infectious Diseases	3.00
CHEM 213	Introduction to Chemical Analysis	3.00

CHEM 221	Material, Solutions, Interfaces	3.00
CHEM 222	Methods of Structure Determination	3.00
CISC 271	Linear Data Analysis	3.00
HLTH 323	Epidemiology	3.00
MATH 221	Vector Calculus	3.00
MATH 225	Ordinary Differential Equations	3.00
MATH 228	Complex Analysis	3.00
MATH 272	Applications of Numerical Methods	3.00
PHYS 206	Dynamics	3.00
PHYS 216	Introduction to Astrophysics	3.00
PHYS 242	Relativity and Quanta	3.00
PSYC 100	Principles of Psychology	6.00
PSYC 235	Abnormal Psychology	6.00
PSYC 236	Introduction to Clinical Psychology	3.00
PSYC 251	Developmental Psychology	3.00
PSYC 271	Brain and Behaviour I	3.00
PSYC 305	Introduction to Comparative Cognition	3.00
PSYC 323	Laboratory in Attention	3.00
PSYC 333	Human Sexuality	3.00
PSYC 353	Atypical Development	3.00
PSYC 355	Comparative Cognition: Cognitive Origins Laboratory	3.00
PSYC 360	The Neurobiology and Psychology of Sleep	3.00
PSYC 370	Brain and Behaviour II	3.00
PSYC 398	Selected Topics in Psychology I	3.00
PSYC 420	Advanced Topics in Cognitive Psychology	3.00
PSYC 422	Advanced Topics in Attention	3.00
PSYC 435	Advanced Topics in Clinical Psychology	3.00
PSYC 470	Advanced Topics in Behavioural Neuroscience	3.00
PSYC 471	Behavioural Pharmacology	3.00
PSYC 473	Neurobiology of Psychiatric Disorders	3.00
STAM 200	Introduction to Statistics	3.00
STAT 263	Introduction to Statistics	3.00
Excluding the following courses and any course numbered 499:		
ANAT 270	Human Anatomy and Morphology	3.00
BCHM 270	Biochemical Basis of Health and Disease	3.00
CANC 497	Current Topics in Cancer Biology and Genetics	3.00
MICR 270	Infection, Immunity and Inflammation	3.00
PHGY 170	Human Cell Physiology	3.00
Any courses numbered 499		

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## Life Sciences Specialization

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- Chemistry
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- Physics
- Calculus
- PATH/BCHM
- CISC0

### 2<sup>nd</sup> year

- Anatomy
- Molecular Biology
- Organic Chemistry
- Microbiology
- Physiology
- Statistics

### 3<sup>rd</sup> year

- Biochemistry
  - Note new change
- Immunology
- Pharmacology

### 4<sup>th</sup> year

- No Core Courses
- Topic-specialized courses with research opportunity\*

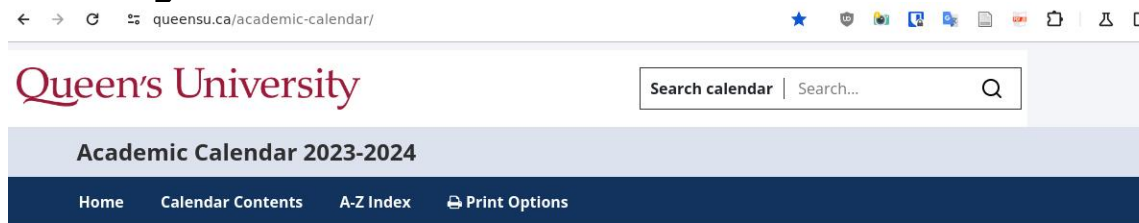
#### **\*Specialization Plans include:**

Cancer Biology, Cardiorespiratory, Drug Development and Human Toxicology, Neurosciences, Biomedical Discovery/Sciences

ANAT 215, 216  
BCHM 218  
CHEM 281, 281  
MICR 221

PHGY 215, 216  
BIOL243/STAT263/STAM200

# Familiarize yourself with the Academic Calendar



## Queen's University Academic Calendar

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Faculty of Law >

School of Graduate Studies and  
Postdoctoral Affairs >

MD Program >

School of Nursing >

Smith Engineering >



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- Gender Studies
- Geography and Planning
- Geological Sciences and Geological Engineering
- Global Development Studies
- History
- International Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Kinesiology and Health Studies
- Languages, Literatures and Cultures
- Liberal Studies
- Life Sciences

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### Program Notes

*Subject Code for Anatomy:* **ANAT**

*Subject Code for Biochemistry:* **BCHM**

*Subject Code for Cancer Research:* **CANC**

*Subject Code for Cardiorespiratory Science:* **CRSS**

*Subject Code for Drug Discovery and Human Toxicology:* **DDHT**

*Subject Code for Life Sciences:* **LISC**

*Subject Code for Microbiology and Immunology:* **MICR**

*Subject Code for Neuroscience:* **NSCI**

*Subject Code for Pathology and Molecular Medicine:* **PATH**

*Subject Code for Pharmacology and Toxicology:* **PHAR**

*Subject Code for Physiology:* **PHGY**

*Subject Code for Community Health and Epidemiology:* **EPID**

*Subject Code for Reproduction and Development:* **REPD**

*World Wide Web Address:* [www.healthsci.queensu.ca/liscbchm/life\\_sciences](http://www.healthsci.queensu.ca/liscbchm/life_sciences)

*Associate Dean of Life Sciences, Biochemistry, and Health Sciences:* [Michael A. Adams](#)

*Director of Life Sciences:* [Robert Campbell](#)

# WHAT WILL I CHOOSE AS A PLAN?

## **SSP:**

Recommended (but not necessary) if your career plans include research (i.e., graduate school) as there is a heavy emphasis on hands-on laboratory/research experience. \*\*Also meets the needs of most professional schools.

## **MAJ:**

Recommended if your career plans are more inclined towards an emphasis on using your biomedical training to pursue a non-research career involving other professional training (medical, dental, business, law or other postgraduate school). The course requirements for the MAJ are designed for the needs of the non-research life sciences or biochemistry student; less core credits and more electives allows for the pursuit of additional electives which can thus be tailored to specific career need. \*\*Also meets the needs of most professional schools.

## **MINOR:**

Can only add a Minor with Major Plans

# WHAT WILL MY CORE DEGREE PLAN BE?

## LISC Sub-Plans:

- **Biomedical Discovery** – recommended if you want laboratory experience
- **Biomedical Sciences** – provides more flexibility, can take more advanced courses
- **CANC** – those wishing to proceed with research in the field of cancer
- **CRSS** - those wishing to proceed with research in the field of cardiovascular and respiratory sciences
- **DDHT** - those wishing to proceed with research in the field of drug discovery and development as well as toxicology
- **NSCI** - those wishing to proceed with research in the field of neurosciences

# Non-Arts and Sciences courses

- Only 6 units of non-Arts and Sciences courses can be used towards your degree
  - ie LAW, Commerce courses
- Exception – can take courses offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences (courses have to have been approved by FAS)



# Combined BSc/MSc

- Life Sciences and Biochemistry offer a combined program
- “Accelerated” path to graduate school
- Apply in the 2<sup>nd</sup> term of 3<sup>rd</sup> year
- Take up to 6 units of graduate courses during 4<sup>th</sup> year
- Continue 4<sup>th</sup> year research project

# Exit Strategy

If you get an acceptance to medical school in your 3<sup>rd</sup> year...

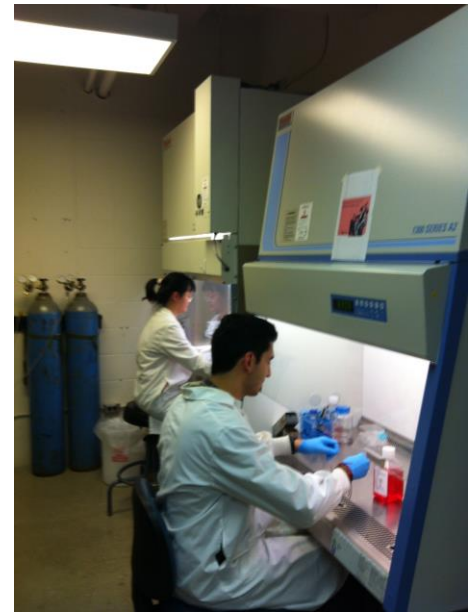
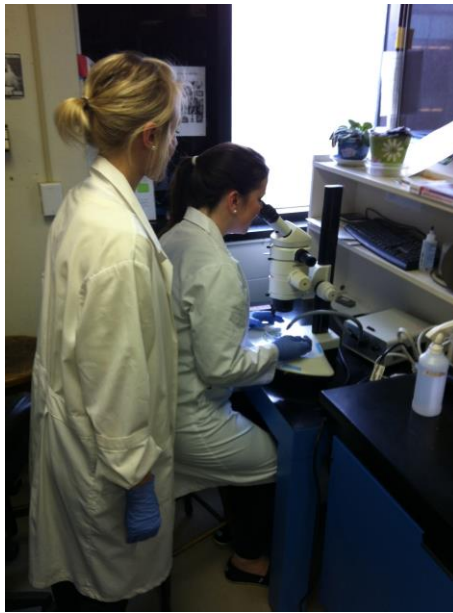
Life Sciences & Biochemistry –  
General Bachelor of Science

Honours routes: Major or  
Specialization

Health Sciences– General Bachelor  
of Health Sciences

Honours route: Major

# Research In Action



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## Queen's Undergraduate Internship Program (QUIP)

The Queen's Undergraduate Internship Program (QUIP) provides students with a 12-16 month work experience. QUIP internships are paid, professionally supervised, career-related positions designed to offer second or third year students the opportunity to learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry. The program is open to students in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science (domestic and international), Faculty of Arts and Science (domestic and international), School of Computing (domestic and international) and the School of Business (domestic only; not for credit). Due to the longer work term (compared to a 4-month co-op), employers are highly motivated to maximize their time and investment. This means that Internship students are offered the opportunity to manage more extensive and significant projects.

[Search QUIP job postings](#)

[Contact QUIP coordinator](#)



**Got Questions?** Come and see the QUIP Coordinator during QUIP Drop-in Advising Hour – no appointment necessary!

**QUIP Drop-in Advising:** Every Tuesday and Thursday from 11-12 in the [Career Advising and Resources Area](#) (Sept-April)

### – Eligibility

The program is open to students in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science (domestic and international), Faculty of Arts and Science (domestic and international), School of Computing (domestic and international) and the School of Business (domestic only - please see an academic advisor in the School of Business before registering).

- Queen's students can participate in QUIP after their 2nd or 3rd year of studies and must be returning to complete their final academic term after the internship.
- Students must have a minimum GPA of 1.9 and the permission of your undergraduate chair to register in QUIP.

# Career Opportunities

**Medicine**

**Biomedical  
Research**

**Law**

**Healthcare Policy and/or  
Administration**

**Industry**

**Pharmacy**

**Veterinary Medicine**

**Education**

**Physiotherapy and  
Occupational Therapy**

**Dentistry**

# PLAN SELECTION

- Students MUST select their plan
- May 21 – June 9, 2025

# DSC Representatives

LISC DSC Instagram Office Hours

LISC DSC Events: Check Social Media (@queensulifesci)

BCHM DSC Events: Check Social Media (@bchmqueensu) and a Facebook (Queen's University Biochemistry)

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