# **CHEMISTRY** *DEPARTMENT*





### MAJORS

ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: CHEMISTRY (7-12) BIOCHEMISTRY CHEMISTRY

## **CAREER POTENTIAL**

Director of research Educator Environmental technician Quality control expert Research assistant Technical consultant

#### Areas of opportunity:

Pharmaceutical, biotech and chemical industries Government work involving technical operations Law, business, energy and medical professions

 $\rightarrow$  About 30-40% of chemistry majors go on to graduate work in the discipline or related fields. Another 30-40% earn employment in the industry and the remainder pursue teaching.

### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

Students in the Chemistry Department discover undergraduate research opportunity, individualized advising attention from faculty members and broad career potential. Distinct programs cover biochemistry, chemistry and teacher education; all three encourage students to be problem solvers who are willing to investigate a science with many applications.

#### **MODERN LEARNING SPACE**

Bowers Hall, home to the natural sciences at SUNY Cortland, saw a major \$43 million renovation in 2014 that brought state-of-the-art classrooms, lab space and specialized research equipment for chemistry majors and faculty members.

#### **REWARDS OF RESEARCH**

The Undergraduate Research Council offers financial assistance to student scientists, from travel grants to summer fellowships that provide a \$4,000 stipend and campus housing. Nanotechnology, polymer chemistry, chemical biology and organic synthesis, groundwater contamination and molecular synthesis are areas that students have explored in recent years.

### By the numbers

90%+

of chemistry graduates employed or pursuing graduate study in the field

### LEARN MORE

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