The School of Chemistry offers a bridging course, “Preliminary Chemistry”, designed to prepare students who are entering a first year university course but who have not previously studied chemistry. The course is also available to anyone who has an interest in learning some basic chemistry. Preliminary Chemistry is offered as a “live” course held in early February each year (Preliminary Chemistry (Standard)) and also as an external version (Preliminary Chemistry (External)) which can be undertaken at anytime of the year and which has no particular starting date or completion time limit.

Preliminary Chemistry (Standard)

The course is designed for students who have not completed HSC Chemistry or who have a weak background in the subject and who are enrolling in a Faculty for which knowledge of Chemistry is needed. It is strongly recommended for all such students entering any of the first year chemistry courses at the main campus at the University of Sydney. It is also appropriate for any students who are attending the Faculty of Health Sciences at Cumberland Campus who are undertaking the degree BAppSci (Exercise and Sport Science)/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics as this degree requires them to study Chemistry at the main campus.

The seven day course consists of two lectures each of one hour duration and two tutorial sessions each of two hours duration each day. Tutorials are organised in small groups of about 10 students each.

The course notes and resource materials are available online so that intending students can prepare in advance. The cost of the course includes a hard copy of notes, small group tutoring and a memory stick containing all the support material including videos of the lectures and an interactive copy of the notes.

For further information regarding the registration and payment process, please contact science.alliance@sydney.edu.au. For all other course enquiries please contact Dr Don Radford or Dr Adrian George at chemistry.bctutor@sydney.edu.au.

Dates: 5-13 February 2020, week days only.

Cost: $340.

Enrolling Details: Bridging Course registrations will open 10 January 2020.

Preliminary Chemistry (External)

This course is the same as Preliminary Chemistry (Standard) except that it is taken by external study and the tutorial help is provided by email from the tutors. It can be undertaken at any time throughout the year and suits students wanting to enter university mid-year or who cannot attend the February session.

Cost: The fee ($200) includes all the materials and as much tutorial help by email as required. For further information please contact Dr Don Radford or Dr Adrian George at chemistry.bctutor@sydney.edu.au.

Phone: Don Radford (Mobile: 0418111729)

Important Information for All Bridging Course Students

Lectures are held in the School of Chemistry in the main campus. Signs will show you where to go when you arrive at the front of the School. Please see the map.

For further information please contact Dr Don Radford or Dr Adrian George at chemistry.bctutor@sydney.edu.au.

What do I need to bring?

Bring a pen, a calculator, paper and preferably a laptop computer or similar USB-capable device. Note that power points are available in all of the rooms used so that you can charge your device whilst you are here.

Where do I go on the first day?

Come into the Chemistry School and follow the signs.

Are there any circumstances (casual work commitments etc) under which I can choose which session to attend (i.e. morning or afternoon)?

No, you must attend all sessions where possible.

Can I get a refund if I have a legitimate reason for not attending and how much notice do you need?

Yes, but an administration fee is charged.

If I miss out or can’t attend due to other commitments, can I still buy a copy of the lecture notes?

Yes. Please contact Dr Don Radford or Dr Adrian George at chemistry.bctutor@sydney.edu.au.

What time do you suggest I turn up on the first day?

8:30 am.