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How can I do Chemistry without Year 12 Chem?

At UNSW you have two options, you can either:
- enrol in Introductory Chemistry (CHEM 1001) in your first session
- or enrol in the Bridging Course in Chemistry in February

What's Introductory Chemistry?

CHEM 1001 (Introductory Chemistry) is a full University course designed for people like you.

Introductory Chemistry:
- Covers the fundamental background knowledge you will require to study further Chemistry courses.
- Is a full 6 Unit of Credit University course that counts towards your degree.
- Is taught over a 12 week session in University setting (lectures, tutorials, and laboratory), with a full laboratory program.
- Can also be taken as a General Education course even if you plan to do a degree other than a Bachelor of Science.

If you enrol in CHEM (Introductory Chemistry) in session 1 and you intend to study more Chemistry, then CHEM 1011 (Fundamentals of Chemistry 1) is taught in session 2 and CHEM 1021 (Fundamentals of Chemistry 2) is taught over the summer session. Successful completion of this sequence of courses would prepare a student adequately for all chemistry related second year courses.

So what is the Bridging Course?

Bridging Course in Chemistry is an intensive 3-week course designed to be completed before a student enters first year.

The bridging course:
- Covers fundamental background in Chemistry in intensive mode.
- Has a short lab component.
- Approximately 40 hours of teaching.

How can short courses cover the same material as two years of highschool?

They can't, and they don't even try to! However both Introductory Chemistry and the Bridging Course cover key areas such as:
- What are atoms and molecules?
- What are some of the important principles and laws behind the way they behave?
- How do they react, and what are some basic reactions of different types of molecules?

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Chemistry at UNSW

The School of Chemistry at UNSW enjoys an excellent international reputation. House in the country’s newest chemistry research and teaching laboratory building, along with the newly established UNSW Analytical Centre, the School is equipped with world leading molecular characterization facilities. It provides first-rate learning facilities for the undergraduate students and research training to both graduate and postgraduate students. The School has a strong commitment to teaching excellence, and students are instructed by multimedia lectures, practical laboratory training, group tutorials and self-paced computer aided learning.