Penn State's chemical engineering program is recognized as one of the largest and most influential in the nation.

Our curriculum starts with a foundation in mathematics, chemistry, biology, and physics, then builds experience and expertise in chemical process design to prepare students to solve critical global problems.

Experiential learning and elective courses allow our students to explore critical issues involving food, energy, pharmaceuticals, and environmental sustainability.

In 2019, we opened the Chemical and Biomedical Engineering Building at Penn State University Park, which features state-of-the-art classrooms, lecture halls, computer labs, student collaboration spaces, laboratory suites, and the Dow Chemical Knowledge Commons.

We provide the courses and experiences to prepare you to make your real-world impact after graduating. We offer research courses, summer research fellowships, study abroad programs, and flexibility to pursue minors in math, sciences, leadership, entrepreneurship, and other engineering technologies. Industrial internships and cooperative learning experiences provide our students with practical experience as they explore their career options.

For more information about the Department of Chemical Engineering at Penn State, visit che.psu.edu.

Hear from students and alumni by watching the Exposure to Major video series: bit.ly/PennStateEngineering

Award-Winning Faculty
Twenty-four faculty members have won awards for teaching, research, or service.

A Great Student Network
The Penn State American Institute of Chemical Engineers Student Chapter won the 2019 “Outstanding Student Chapter” recognition from the national organization.

We Are ... Popular
During 2017-18, Penn State awarded 223 chemical engineering bachelor’s degrees, the most of any school in the United States.*

*ASEE 2018 Engineering by the Numbers

Graduate Program
Highly ranked doctoral program provides state-of-the-art research opportunities.

AVERAGE ENTRY-LEVEL SALARY OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING GRADUATES

$72,002

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What is a chemical engineer?

Chemistry is the core science behind chemical engineering, and chemical engineers build on that science to engineer technology and processes. Bench-top operations are translated to industrial-scale production that is safe, efficient, and profitable. Chemical engineers work in application areas including alternative fuels, health care, manufacturing, sustainability, biotechnology, food processing, advanced materials, and more. They work in small businesses, Fortune 500 companies, government, and nonprofits. Every year, we send graduates on to the top doctoral programs in the country.

Examples of career opportunities: Chemical process engineer; research scientist; manufacturing engineer; materials engineer; mining engineer; production manager; sustainable systems engineer; product development manager

Kelly Weikel
Chemical Engineering, Class of 2021
2020-21 University Affairs Officer of Penn State Society of Women Engineers

“Penn State Chemical Engineering transformed me into an effective problem-solver in the classroom and in the real world.”