



WHY IT MATTERS... CHEMISTRY



Loughborough
University

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Although it doesn't look like Chemistry is directly related to product management, lots of what I learnt during my degree I use every day at work.

During lab sessions my experiments would often fail and I learnt how to analyse and improve for next time. I now do the same thing with new products and features I am working on. Research for my Chemistry reports has transferred to market research for new products.

Throughout University I began to gain more confidence in my skills and experience which helps drive my career.



Post 16 Education	Higher Education
AS Level: Physics A Levels Maths, Chemistry, Further Maths	BSc Chemistry

Why did you choose to study Chemistry?

I found Chemistry a challenging and interesting subject and really enjoyed the practical side of it. I thought I wanted a career in drug research and studying at uni would be the first step to get there.

Studying Chemistry at university covers core chemistry topics along with Physical Chemistry, Maths, Analytical plus much more e.g. sustainability.

For each module you also complete laboratory sessions as well as exams / coursework which I really enjoyed.





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Rhiannon's experience as a student

University was a great and challenging experience for me. I made new friends, learnt about lots of things and experienced living away from home for the first time.

I chose to study at Loughborough University because of it had great facilities and a beautiful campus. I found living on campus was like living in a bubble, full of opportunities to learn, have fun and grow.

There were many things which I could have been involved with. Therefore, if I was to go to university again I would 100% have joined more clubs to push myself out of my comfort zone more.

Rhiannon's Career

I am currently a Product Manager. My job is to launch new products to market. The job involves working across lots of business and technical teams. The thing I like the most about my role is working with my talented colleagues and seeing customers using my products.

After graduating from Loughborough I started my career through a project manager graduate scheme within a bank. During the scheme, I realised that I wanted a more product focused role, so I asked to be placed in a product team. Since then I have learnt more about product management through courses and on-job experience which has helped me succeed in my role.

Rhiannon's advice: Pursue your passions and the subjects you enjoy. Don't put pressure on yourself to have your 'life path' figured out.

Loughborough University offers undergraduate degrees (BSc and MChem) in

Chemistry, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Natural Sciences, Chemistry and Computing.

