Our undergraduate students get hands-on experience, working closely with graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and faculty mentors on laboratory, computational, or theoretical research projects. In our rigorous capstone course, seniors perform experiments and run pilot-scale industrial equipment in labs at UW-Madison or at partner institutions overseas.

Graduate students can participate in numerous training programs in interdisciplinary research, teaching, mentorship, and entrepreneurship. 5 current PhD students have received prestigious National Science Foundation graduate research fellowships.

Our faculty are leaders or members of 9 interdisciplinary research centers and institutes at UW-Madison. Faculty and students have founded 4 startup companies focused on recycling and sustainability.

Our graduate program ranks 12th overall among both private and public universities. Founded in 1905, the department is among the top chemical engineering departments in the nation.

Our faculty are consistently recognized with awards, including 12 National Science Foundation early-career awards, 8 from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers or American Chemical Society, and 2 Presidential Early Career Awards.

**TOP THINGS TO KNOW**

- **STUDENT ENROLLMENT**
  - Undergraduate: 590
  - Graduate: 123

- **DEGREES CONFERRED**
  - Undergraduate: 110
  - Graduate: 20

- **NATIONAL PUBLIC RANKING**
  - Undergraduate: 7th
  - Graduate: 8th
**DEGREES OFFERED**

- **BS** Chemical Engineering
- **PhD** Chemical Engineering

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