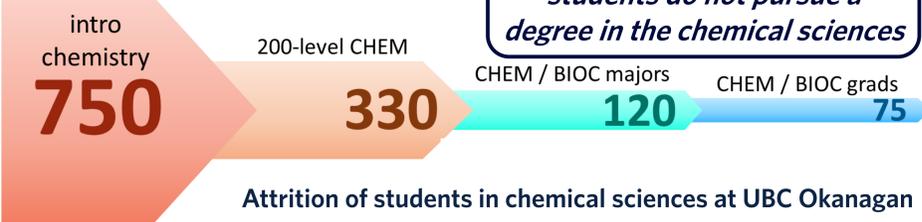


# Flexible and Flipped Delivery Modules for First-Year Chemistry

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## Rationale and Goals



An introductory chemistry course should:

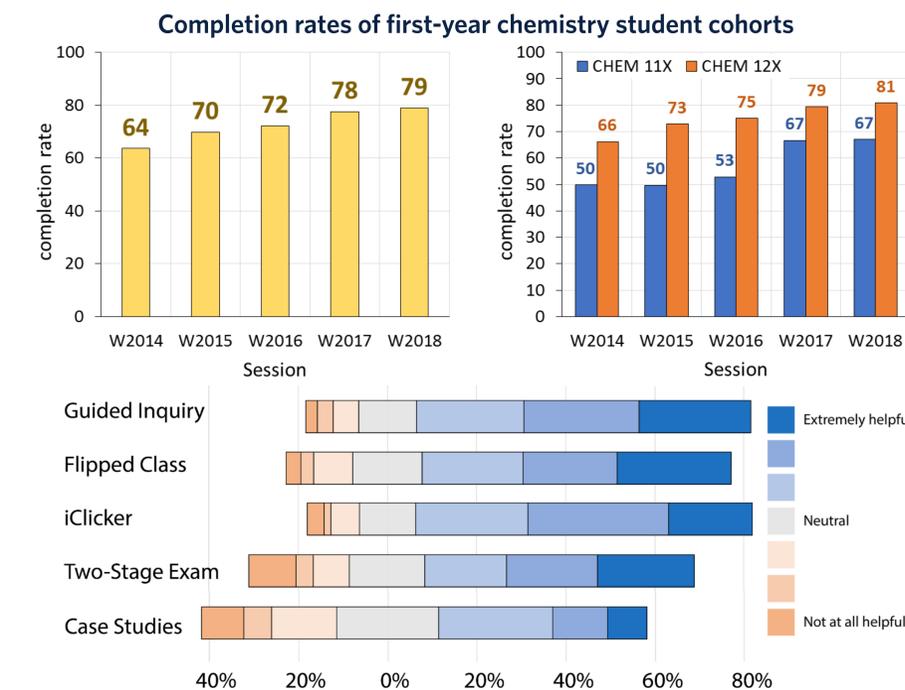
- teach a *last* chemistry course, not a first one
- prepare scientifically-informed, critically-thinking citizens
- explain relevance of chemistry to global and societal issues<sup>[1]</sup>

## Impact on Curriculum

- revised objectives / concepts / topics for CHEM 11X/12X
- explicit cognitive and affective learning objectives
- thematic context of UN Sustainable Development Goals<sup>[2]</sup>

## Impact on Student Learning

- learning activities used with > 7800 students since 2016
- 2015 - 2019 success rates +23% overall, +34% among CHEM 11X students (with CHEM 11 entry)
- student perception of conceptual learning favourable for all module formats

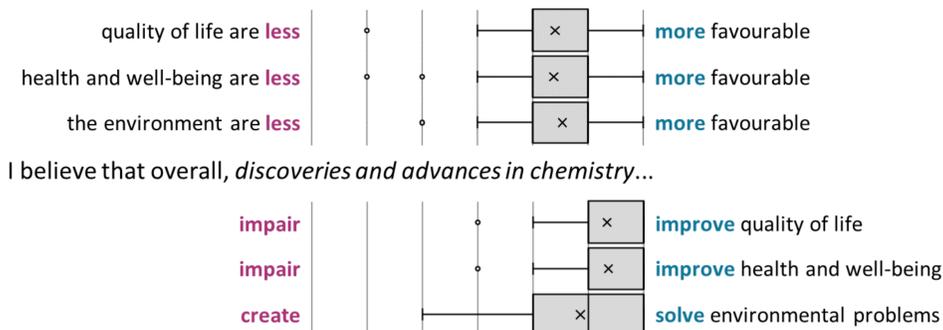


Student responses to prompt "Rate how you believe [specified set of course activities] has helped you to understand and apply the concepts in this course".

## Impact on Student Attitudes

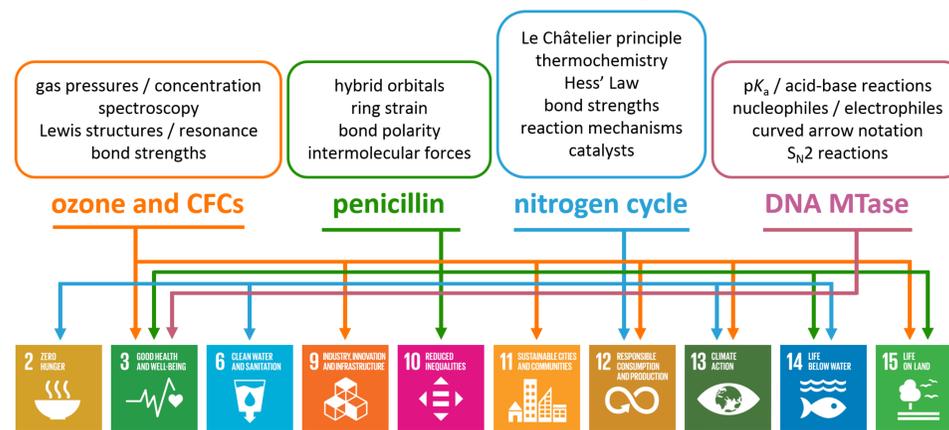
- 99% of students believe chemistry improves their lives

As a result of the context study activities, *my views of the impacts of chemistry on...*



## Impact on Teaching Practice

- developed 16 large-class active- and peer-learning activity modules in different formats<sup>[3]</sup>
- guided inquiry modules**: foundational concepts students develop / apply themselves with scaffolding, in cycles of exploration, invention, application<sup>[4]</sup>
- flipped classroom modules**: challenging concepts in H5P interactive instructional video, students apply in class<sup>[5]</sup>
- context studies**: application of multiple course concepts to a topic of societal / environmental / biological importance

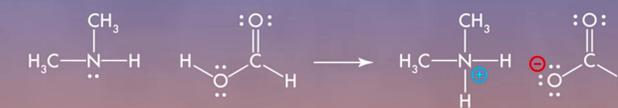


Course topics applied in context study activities with applications to UN SDGs

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Where should a **curved arrow** start and finish to represent the reaction between formic acid and dimethyl amine?

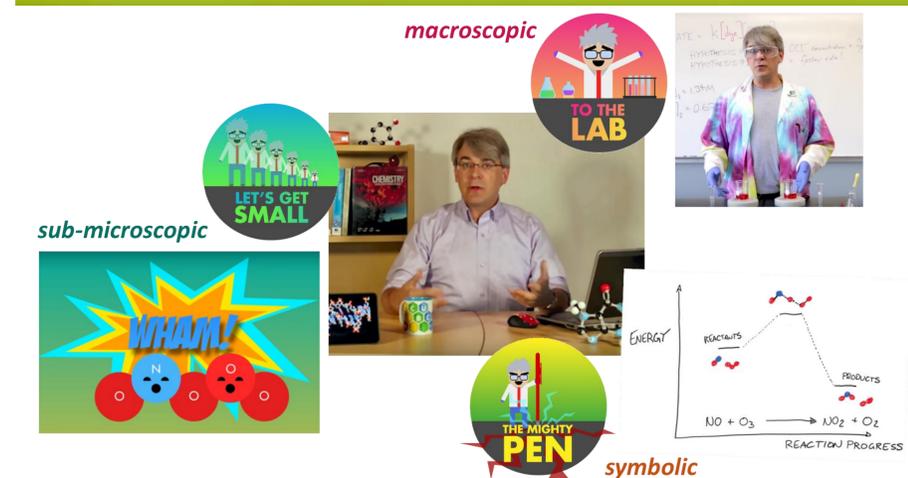


Start at O-H bond pair, finish at N

Start at O lone pair, finish at H in (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH

Start at H atom in HCO<sub>2</sub>H, finish at N

Start at N lone pair, finish at H in HCO<sub>2</sub>H



Sample interactive question and images from flipped module instructional videos

## Outcomes and Future Work

- 2 publications<sup>[2,6]</sup> and >30 conference presentations / workshops, 4 further publications forthcoming
- 16 large-class active-learning activities redesigned as OER, to be released to UBC OER, OER Commons, MERLOT, National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science
- UN SDGs as thematic framework promotes highly positive attitudes and beliefs toward societal impacts of chemistry
- H5P interactivity in instructional videos improves student cognitive learning and engagement
- dramatic improvement in student completion rates



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