

# Indigenous Studies

The Major in Indigenous Studies is an interdisciplinary degree that draws together a range of course offerings on Indigenous histories, cultures, experiences, languages, and ways of knowing from across Arts and Science. The program gives Indigenous and non-Indigenous students an opportunity to immerse themselves in Indigenous ways of knowing and being in the world to ensure that future leaders and policymakers have a grounded understanding of the lived realities of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples. Students expand their knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultures, while developing professional skills, such as innovative Indigenous approaches to learning and research, to work with Indigenous communities.

## TOP 5 REASONS to study INDIGENOUS STUDIES

- 1 Become knowledgeable on the lived histories of Indigenous peoples in Canada and beyond and contribute to the ongoing work of reconciliation.
- 2 Learn Indigenous languages at the beginner level.
- 3 Develop skills to work with Indigenous knowledge systems and methodologies, framed by Indigenous pedagogies and learning practices.
- 4 Get out on the land to learn from our first teacher and engage with local Indigenous knowledge keepers and communities.
- 5 Choose from a variety of interdisciplinary courses from the humanities, social sciences, and beyond to broaden your worldview and strengthen your critical thinking skills.

## Alumni STORY

"Through the interactions and the knowledge I have gained both in and outside of classes, I have grown as an individual in the best ways possible. In order to change the world, we must first change ourselves."

- Lauren Ball, BAH '19



## 2023-24 Plan Thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit [quartsci.com/planselection](https://quartsci.com/planselection)

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Learn what opportunities and resources are available for you on the [Experiential Learning website](#). You can also reach out to the team directly at [asc.el@queensu.ca](mailto:asc.el@queensu.ca).

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# Indigenous Studies MAJOR MAP



BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, JOINT HONOURS, MINOR

## 1ST YEAR

## 2ND YEAR

## 3RD YEAR

## 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

### GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

Start with Indigenous Language courses; choose from Anishnaabemowin, Mohawk, or Oneida. Attend [Majors Night](#) in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options. Visit [SASS \(Student Academic Support Services\)](#) and the Writing Centre for some help. Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take [ASCX 150](#) and develop future-ready skills!

Complete the core courses DEVS 220 and DEVS 221; take option courses at 200-level and complete the language requirement. Introduce yourself to your professors and talk with them about their courses in the program. Develop your entrepreneurial skills by participating in the [Dean's Changemaker Challenge \(ASCX 200/300\)](#).

Get outside and spend some time learning from the land, with INDG 308. Complete INDG 302; finish option courses at 200-level and start option courses at 300-level. Start thinking about ideas for the fourth-year capstone course [INDG 401](#). Meet with an [Academic Advisor](#) to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

Complete INDG 401. Participate in research-based courses, including the INDG 401 capstone, that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s). Interested in working on a real-world problem with an actual client? Take [ASCX 400](#) and develop your consulting and project-management skills.

### GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Join teams or clubs on campus such as [Queen's Native Student Association](#), or [Queen's Health Outreach](#). Get involved with the Indigenous Studies Program Student Council (PSC). Go to the Indigenous Studies website or the [Queen's Get Involved](#) page for more ideas.

Volunteer at the annual [Indigenous Knowledge Symposium](#) in November. Consider applying to positions with the AMS. Talk to the Department or Career Services about summer jobs through [SWEP](#) or Work-Study. Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen's Innovation Centre Summer Initiative (QICSI).

If interested, apply for an [Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship \(USSRF\)](#). Attend and/or volunteer at the annual [Indigenous Knowledge Symposium](#) in November. Consider applying to do a 12-16 month [QUIP internship](#) between your third and fourth year.

Consider submitting a piece to the [Queen's Journal of Indigenous Studies](#). Participate in a conference like [Inquiry@Queen's](#). What experience and requirements for your career(s) of interest are you lacking? Fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships; check out the [Career Services skills workshop](#) for help.

### GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Visit the [Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre \(FDISC\)](#) and check out their programs. Introduce yourself to the [Elder\(s\) in Residence](#) in the Office of Indigenous Initiatives. Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations like [Kahswentha Indigenous Knowledge Initiative](#).

Get involved with the Indigenous Studies Program Student Council (PSC); consider applying for the President position. Go to cultural events such as LLCU Film Nights, Language Clubs, guest lectures and [Four Directions programming](#).

Find [events in the local area](#) where you can connect with the [local indigenous community](#). Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group [Queen's Connects](#).

Consider joining professional associations like the [Native American and Indigenous Studies Association](#) or the [Indigenous Literary Studies Association](#).

### GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's [Intercultural Awareness Training Certificate](#). Speak to Indigenous Advisor at FDISC to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

Want to research other Indigenous Peoples' lives? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the [International Programs Office](#). Look into studying at [Bader College](#) in the UK.

Check out the [Matariki Indigenous Student Mobility Programme](#) for opportunities to study at partner universities. Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your indigenous language skills. Join [World Link Program \(QUIC\)](#).

Start thinking about work or further studies abroad. International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an [International Student Advisor](#).

### GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling with program decisions? Go to [Majors Night](#) or get some help with career options from [Career Services](#). Build your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing, and more with [Student Academic Success Services](#).

Explore different careers of interest in the Career Services Information Area. For more information check out [Career Cruising](#) or find and connect with alumni on [LinkedIn](#).

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get [help thinking about Grad School](#) from Career Services.

Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications, or other decisions. Apply for the [Queen's Career Apprenticeship: Kingston \(QCA:K\)](#).

CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

CONSIDER A 12 MONTH QCA:K APPRENTICESHIP

### What will I learn?

A degree in Indigenous Studies can equip you with:

- Knowledge of history of the colonization of Indigenous peoples.
- Capability to distinguish among Indigenous and non-Indigenous epistemologies, methodologies, and pedagogies.
- Initiative, perseverance, problem solving, and time management skills through pursuing your own research question or work with peers on an applied project.
- Skills to conduct independent research by gathering information, asking critical questions.
- Ability to explore complex and difficult ideas through Indigenous modes of respectful debate, discussion, and consensus-based decision-making.
- Communicating with humility the diverse historical and cultural characteristics of Indigenous peoples
- Skills to build and grow ethical relationships with Indigenous peoples and communities by engaging with Indigenous peoples, cultures, histories.

### Where can I go?

A degree in Indigenous Studies can take your career in many directions. You may choose to continue your academic inquiry with a Master's degree. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Anthropology
- Cross-cultural consultancy
- Education
- Indigenous community liaison
- Indigenous language and culture education
- Law
- Policy Analysis
- Social Services

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

### How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the [My Major Map](#) tool.

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Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

## Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the [Student Affairs website](#) for available resources.



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# QUIP QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**START DATES** in May, September, or January  
**POSITIONS** are paid and full-time  
**WORK TERMS** are 12-16 months long

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Graduate with a "Professional Internship" degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

## ELIGIBILITY

- 2nd or 3rd Year Students
- Minimum GPA of 1.9

## WHY QUIP?

- Gain a year of career-related work experience.
- Build network connections.
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship.

## SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS



For more information, contact [quip@queensu.ca](mailto:quip@queensu.ca) or visit the [Program Website](#).

## Why study in Kingston?

For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

*We're closer than you think*

