“Learn French in an official bilingual city or expand your French studies to include culture, literature and lexicology.”

A Common START

Students in our Faculty are admitted into Arts, Science or Computing but the focus is on a common first year. Through self-exploration, and while you settle into university life, you have the opportunity to work with our advisors and faculty to discover your real interests and identify opportunities for success. Sometimes that discovery happens fairly quickly, and for other students it takes some work and time before the “ah-ha!” happens – either way your first year at Queen’s will be a great experience.

Degree OPTIONS

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)  
Major / Medial / Minor in French Studies  
Bachelor of Arts (General)  
Internship option available

Queen’s ADMISSION

Students apply to Queen’s Arts (QA) through the OUAC (Ontario Universities Application Centre) website (ouac.on.ca). Secondary School prerequisites include six 4U and 4M courses, including a minimum of three 4U courses, one of which must be ENG4U. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements. A language placement test is available to determine your appropriate starting level in French Studies.

Course HIGHLIGHTS

French Studies courses are much more than just language courses. Take courses such as Histoire culturelle et littéraire de la France moderne et contemporaine that discusses French 19th Century and contemporary literature and explores predominant trends in different media such as painting and cinema. Or consider more internationally focused courses such as Histoire culturelle et littéraire de la francophonie et du Québec that looks at the history of ideas and cultural evolution in French Canada, African and Caribbean culture and literature, from the colonial period to the present day.
2016 - 2017

French Studies MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) (MAJOR, MEDIAL, MINOR) | BACHELOR OF ARTS (GENERAL) | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS) (MINOR)

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

In first year take FREN 150. The online Placement Test will help you find your level.

See the French Studies website for details on course requirements.

Each Plan will have at least one required first-year course, including minors. It is important to take a variety of first-year courses to keep as many pathways open as possible for you going into second year. For details see the Arts and Science Academic Calendar.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Join teams or clubs on campus such as Club Francophone and Queen’s Model Parliament.

See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer on or off campus with different community organization such as Le Centre Culturel Frontenac and the Queen’s International Affairs Association.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

The Queen’s University International Centre is your first stop to learn how to internationalize your degree or to leverage your existing cross-cultural experience.

Speak to a QUIC advisor or get involved in their programs, events and training opportunities.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

Build your transferrable skills in time management, organization writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

1ST YEAR

Learn about the BA (Honours) (Major, Medial, Minor) or BA (General) and the BS (Honours) (Minor) in French Studies.

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2ND YEAR

In second year take FREN 230 and 241 for all French Plans, plus required courses on language FREN 219 and 230. Majors take 15.0-18.0 units, 12.0 for Medial, and 6.0-12.0 for Minors.

Please see the Academic Calendar to ensure you are taking the correct courses.

Want to enhance your degree? Consider a certificate in International Studies or explore other certificates available.

3RD YEAR

Develop your skills in textual analysis, oral and written French through a variety of courses.

Majors take 18.0 units on average, 12.0 for Medial, and 6.0-12.0 for Minors.

Need help mapping all of your core, option, supporting and elective courses (including those not listed above) to make sure you will have what you need to complete your degree? Use the Course Mapping Tool on the Arts and Science website.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

Advanced language and literature course for Majors FREN 499 (6.0) and possible teaching experience (FREN 499 6.5). Majors take 18.0 units on average, 12.0 for Medial, and 6.0-12.0 for Minors.

Students can register for more than three seminars, but taking more than four seminars is not advised. By fourth year you should be working on your remaining core, option, supporting and elective courses. Make sure to map your minor and / or certificate(s) as well.

Apply to graduate in SOLUS.

Where could I go after graduation?

Administration

Advertising

Banking and commerce

Broadcasting - radio and TV

Civil service

Communications

Community development

Curriculum development

Diplomatic service

Editor

Foreign service

Funding and event management

Government and politics

Hospitality and tourism

Immigration services

International development

Interpreter

Journalism

Law

Language industries

Management consulting

Marketing

Media and publishing

Mediation and labour relations

Political analyst

Professor

Public relations

Speech and language therapy

Teaching French as a second language

Technical writing and translation

Research in the field of humanities

Some careers may require additional training.

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Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in French.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps.html for the online version with links!
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MAJOR MAP

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.

A balanced approach leads to long-term success. While you will learn a lot from your studies, taking time to get relevant experience outside of the classroom, build your network, and gain international experience, will position you to be more competitive in your job search or grad school applications.

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, and Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

Succeed in the workplace

What employers want

The Canadian Council of Chief Executives list the top 6 skills sought by employers as:

1. People skills
2. Communication skills
3. Problem-solving skills
4. Analytical abilities
5. Leadership skills
6. Industry-specific knowledge

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen’s, starting with the skills list here for ideas. Explaining your strengths with compelling examples will be important for applications to employers and further education. For help, check out the Career Services skills workshop.

What can I learn studying FRENCH STUDIES?

- Fluency or near-fluency in French
- Knowledge of the syntax, grammar and vocabulary of the French language
- Translation skills to translate documents from French into English
- Oral and written communication to write papers and give presentations in French
- Ability to work in groups in French
- Research skills to conduct research in the French language
- Understanding of the links between language and culture
- Time management working on multiple projects
- Civic engagement to use theatre to make a positive difference in local communities
- Integrative learning to combine practical and theoretical knowledge and experiences