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.

Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, the Kingston community has been a collection of bright minds. We are proud that our city was named one of the top intelligent Communities across the globe, an accolade largely due to the thousands of students who study here every single year. In fact, the BBC has identified Kingston as one of the greatest universities in the world, which might be why Instagram named the city the happiest place on the planet! Just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York, Kingston is a safe and livable city. Not only are we known as the freshwater sailing capital of the world, Kingston is arguably the birthplace of hockey. Wondering what to do while you’re attending school? Queen’s has more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and Kingston has more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America; your time here is guaranteed to be ‘fresh made daily.’

Get to know LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES (LLCU)

The world can seem like a big place, but through LLCU you get a glimpse into its diverse parts. The Department is a vibrant unit covering Anishinaabemowin, Arabic, Chinese, German, Hebrew, Inuktitut, Italian, Japanese, Mohawk, Portuguese and Spanish languages and cultures. We also offer a popular program in Linguistics.

Studying Languages or Linguistics has many advantages for personal growth and future careers. Learning another language can give you the ability to step inside the mind of a culture and express yourself in a new way – opening many career possibilities in our globalized society. Speaking a foreign language opens the door to a study abroad experience, giving you an excellent opportunity for an immersion in the language and culture; and setting you apart from other students. The Department offers many exchange opportunities and encourages all students to explore international study options. Study abroad scholarships are available to students participating in an exchange and are based on academic excellence. Through learning Languages and Cultures or Linguistics, you develop strong analytical thinking skills, allowing you to analyze possible outcomes and be more flexible and creative. This ability has a valuable complement to any discipline – making LLCU not only a major but a very popular minor to many Queen’s degrees such as History, Art History, Politics and Global Development Studies.

Degree PLANS

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Major in Linguistics, Hispanic Studies, Languages, Literatures and Cultures / Media in German Studies, Hispanic Studies / Minor in German Studies, Hispanic Studies, Indigenous Studies, Biblical Languages, Spanish and Latin American Studies, World Language Studies internship-option available

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.

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 support services from your first point of contact. 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 support services from your first point of contact.


That is a degree from Queen’s.

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## 1st Year

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

- Start with beginner language courses for: German Studies, Indigenous Studies, Italian, Hispanic Studies, Spanish and Latin American Studies, or World Languages Studies, and an introductory course in Linguistics.
- For the LLCU major, take LLCU 111 and/or LLCU 110 and for Linguistics take LING 100.
- For additional course requirements for specific majors please see the LLCU Major Map Addendum.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- Join teams or clubs on campus such as Chinese Cultural Club, Queen's Hilltop, Japanese Relations at Queen's, Queen's Native Student Association, World Languages Club or Spanish and Latin American Students Association. See the AMTS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas. Join English Language Support Volunteer Program (QIC).

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations like the Queen's International Affairs Association, QIC, Providence Care Volunteer Club, Carlo-Canadian Club of Kingston, Portuguese Cultural Centre or United Way.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

- Take LLCU 111: Introduction to Cultures. Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
- Speak to a QIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Grapple 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, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

## 2nd Year

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

- Choose LLCU Plans in: German Studies, Indigenous Studies, Italian, Hispanic Studies, LLCU and Spanish and Latin American Studies, World Languages Studies, or Linguistics.
- For more information, check out the LLCU Major Map Addendum.
- Want to enhance your degree? Consider a certificate in International Studies or explore other certificates available.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- Take more responsibility within different clubs. Think about applying to positions in student services or the AMS. Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study. Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen’s Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICSI).

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC). Go to cultural events such as LLCU Film Nights, Language Clubs, guest lectures and Four Directions programming. Volunteer with organizations such as Teachers of English as a Second Language, Kingston and District, Kingston Literacy & Skills, Immigration Services Kingston and Area (ISKA).

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

- Want to immerse yourself in your language of study? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a 3-year exchange through the International Programs Office.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Careers for Culture Lovers. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

## 3rd Year

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

- Try and complete as many core and option courses as you can: German Studies, Indigenous Studies, Italian, Hispanic Studies, LLCU, Spanish and Latin American Studies, World Languages Studies, or Linguistics.
- 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.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF).
- Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.
- For more information, check out the LLCU Major Map.
- If interested, apply to be a Teaching Assistant in Linguistics.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connects.
- Consider participating in a research conference such as Change and Variation in Canada or the Annual Western Interdisciplinary Student Symposium on Language Research.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

- Start planning your summer abroad by checking the Career Services website for opportunities related to careers of interest.
- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.
- Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships—check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Start thinking about work or further studies abroad, such as North American Language and Culture Assistants in Spain or Foreign Language Assistant in Germany.

## 4th Year

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

- Complete core and option courses in German Studies, Indigenous Studies, Italian, Hispanic Studies, LLCU, Spanish and Latin American Studies, World Languages Studies, or Linguistics.
- By fourth year you should be working on your remaining option and elective courses. Make sure to map your minor and / or certificate(s) as well.
- Apply to graduate in SOLUS.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.
- Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships—check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**


**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

- Start planning your summer abroad by checking the Career Services website for opportunities related to careers of interest.
- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.
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**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- 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.

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