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 workshop.

What can I learn studying MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS?

• Logical reasoning and problem solving to apply analytical and critical reasoning to solve problems
• Ability to solve problems by applying analytical and critical reasoning
• Understand strong evidence to produce trustworthy data and provide mathematical evidence for conjectures and generalizations
• Knowledge of a broad range of mathematical fields and methods
• Ability to create mathematical models
• Pattern recognition to explore examples and recognize patterns
• Persistence to approach problem solving with openness and a willingness to try multiple approaches
• Oral and written communication to communicate quantitative ideas with clarity and coherence through writing and speaking

Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, the Kingston community has been a collection of bright minds. Knowing that our city was named one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS 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.

As top employers value critical thinking and problem-solving skills, Kingston has more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America; Kingston is arguably the birthplace of hockey. Wondering what to do while you’re attending school? Kingston 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 MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

Mathematicians seek patterns, construct rigorous arguments, articulate assumptions, appreciate the value of a precise definition, analyze mathematical models, and create beautiful structures. Statisticians produce trustworthy data, extract meaning and draw practical conclusions from data, test theories, provide mathematical evidence, and critique the reasoning of others. In both cases, these skills have a surprising ability to help make sense of the physical, biological, artistic, psychological, economic, social, and philosophical worlds. As a consequence, quantitative expertise is in high demand on the job market. Moreover, rankings of occupations invariably list multiple careers in mathematics and statistics among the very best.

Degree PLANS

Bachelor of Science (Honours)
Major / Minor in Mathematics and Statistics / Specialization in Biology and Mathematics, Mathematical Physics
Bachelor of Computing (Honours)
Specialization in Computing and Mathematics
Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Major / Minor in Mathematics and Statistics
Internship option available

One of two founding programs of Queen’s University, a proud history dating back to 1842.

Queen’s ADMISSION

BAH 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.

BScH students apply to Queen’s Science (QS) through the OUAC (Ontario Universities’ Application Centre) website (ouac.on.ca)
Secondary School prerequisites include English 4U, Advanced Functions 4U, Calculus and Vectors 4U, plus 2 of Physics 4U, Chemistry 4U or Biology 4U or recognized equivalents.
Visit queensu.ca/admission for additional information regarding requirements and admission to Queen’s.

Course HIGHLIGHTS

Mathematics and Statistics courses are taught to students throughout the university, not just in Arts and Science. Popular upper-level courses include Computational Data Analysis, Evolutionary Game Theory, Group Theory, Life Contingencies, Modeling Techniques in Biology, Real Analysis, and an Introduction to Coding Theory.

That is a degree from Queen’s.

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GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

1ST YEAR
In first year take MATH 110(6.0) and 120(6.0).*
*In certain situations other possibilities exist—talk to the Undergraduate Chair, if you need to explore other options.
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.

2ND YEAR
In second year take MATH 280(3.0), 281(3.0), STAT 268(3.0) and 269(3.0). If possible, also take MATH 210(3.0) and MATH 231(3.0).
Please see the Academic Calendar to ensure you are taking the correct courses.

3RD YEAR
In third year take 15.0 units of BIOM, MATH, or STAT at the 300 level or above. Some 300- and 400-level courses are only offered in alternating years. Many 400-level courses can be taken in third year.
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
In fourth year take 6.0 units of BIOM, MATH, or STAT at the 400 level or above and 9.0 units of BIOM, MATH, STAT at the 300-level or above. Complete all courses in an area of focus.
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.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

1ST YEAR
Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Queen's Math Club, Putnam team, and the Math Investigations Program.
See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.

2ND YEAR
Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWIP or NSERC. Take more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars.

3RD YEAR
Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.
Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen's Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICSI).

4TH OR FINAL YEAR
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.
Consider submitting your work to an undergraduate journal like Inquiry@Queen's.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

1ST YEAR
Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations such as Best Buddies.

2ND YEAR
Get involved with the Mathematics and Statistics Departmental Student Council (DSC).

3RD YEAR
Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen's Connect. Check out Career Services networking workshops. Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DSC.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR
Consider joining professional associations like the Canadian Applied and Industrial Mathematics Society, the Canadian Mathematical Society, and the Statistical Society of Canada.
Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Mathematics.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

1ST YEAR
Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's Inter cultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

2ND YEAR
Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a 3rd year exchange through the International Programs Office.
Apply for the Math in Moscow Scholarship or the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics.

3RD YEAR
Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR
International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

1ST YEAR
Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.
Build your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

2ND YEAR
Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Career Advising and Resource Area, such as the Great Jobs for Math Majors. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

3RD YEAR
Start focusing on areas of interest. Research any further 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.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR
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.

Where could I go after graduation?

Accounting
Actuarial science
Aerospace
Architecture
Astronomy
Auditing
Banking
Bioinformatics scientist
Biostatistician
Communications
Computer scientist
Credit management
Cryptanalyst
Data mining
Data processing
Data scientist
Economics
Fibre and laser electro-optics
Financial analyst
Financial auditor
Financial manager
Information science
Inventory control specialist
Mathematician
Operations research analyst
Quality control manager
Quantitative analyst
Risk analyst
Security specialist
Software developer
Statistician
Survey researcher
Some careers may require additional training.

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