Learn French in Kingston, officially a bilingual city, or expand your French studies to include culture, literature and lexicology.

A Year to CHOOSE

We often say that our students are like explorers. In Arts and Science, your first year is all about making choices and exploring new paths. Whether you are in Arts, Science or Computing, you will choose your courses from a wide variety of subjects as you settle into university life and become familiar with new styles of learning. By the end of your first year, you will have discovered your areas of interest, passion and success, and will then declare your major. Your first year, whether you consider it to be undeclared, undecided or simply a time for exploration, is bound to be a year full of adventure.

Course HIGHLIGHTS

French Studies courses are much more than just language courses. Take courses such as Auteurs et thèmes en littérature québécoise and discover francophone or indigenous authors from Québec, or Montréal interculturel: une métropole en représentation that explores significant texts representing Montréal’s diversity from a migrant perspective. Or consider more internationally focused 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 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.

Degree PLANS

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

That is a degree from Queen’s.

Queens 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. Visit queensu.ca/admission for additional information regarding requirements and admission to Queen’s.
# French Studies Major Map

**Bachelor of Arts (Honours): Major, Medial, Minor**

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<td>In first year take FREN 150. The online Placement Test will help you determine the level you should start with.</td>
<td>Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work Study.</td>
<td>Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations such as Le Centre Culturel Frontenac and the Queen’s International Affairs Association.</td>
<td>Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill in gaps through volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help. Consider international teaching opportunities such as teaching in France.</td>
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<td>See the French Studies website, and the Academic Calendar for details on course requirements. Build your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Success Services.</td>
<td>If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF). Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship after your third year. Look into employment with the federal government such as a Parliamentary Guide or a guide at a war memorial in France with VIC. Think about taking FREN 499 (6.0) as a TA for FREN 110 if you are a CON Ed student, apply in January with the Department.</td>
<td>Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC). Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Queen’s Interfaith and Intercultural Society (QIIS).</td>
<td>Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in French.</td>
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<td>Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIP’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations. Speak to a QUIP advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.</td>
<td>Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.</td>
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<td>Want to speak French abroad? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a 3 year exchange through the International Programs Office. Consider a one or two term exchange in France with the Ontario-Rhône-Alpes program.</td>
<td>Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Advising and Resource Area, such as Careers for Culture Lovers. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.</td>
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<td>In second year take FREN 230 and 241 for all French Plans, plus required courses on language FREN 219 and 250. Majors take 15.0-18.0 units, 12.0 for Medial, and 6.0-12.0 for Minors, plus additional courses outlined in the Academic Calendar. Want to enhance your degree? Consider a certificate in International Studies or explore other certificates available.</td>
<td>Develop your skills in textual analysis, oral and written French and enlarge your knowledge of the francophone culture and literature through a variety of courses. Majors take 18.0 units on average, 12.0 for Medial, and 6.0-12.0 for Minors, plus electives as outlined in the Academic Calendar. 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.</td>
<td>Take the advanced language and literature course for Majors FREN 498 (6.0) and consider a teaching experience (FREN 499 6.0). Majors take 18.0 units on average, 12.0 for Medial, and 6.0-12.0 for Minors, plus any remaining courses as outlined in the Academic Calendar. Students can register for more than three seminars, but taking more than four seminars is not advised. Make sure to map your minor and/or certificate(s) as well.</td>
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*This map is intended to provide suggestions for potential activities and career paths, but everyone’s abilities, experience, and constraints are different. Build your own map using our online My Major Map tool.*

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

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 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 liveable 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’.