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The DAN School of Drama and Music offers a well-rounded program that includes acting, directing, music theatre, design, comedy, playwriting, theatre theatre technical production, rounding the street experies a production of the production of the

history, theory, education, community theatre, theatre technical production, puppetry, opera, and dance. Our program is designed to equip creative thinkers with communication, collaboration and leadership skills that will enable them to excel in any field they choose. A key part of Drama at Queen's is the enormous range and number of opportunities offered by many exciting productions, both on stage and backstage, as directors, writers, designers, or producers.



Craft theatrical pieces by applying skills you'll learn in music, playwriting, acting, design, directing, and all levels of production work, on and off stage.

- 2 Study a balanced approach in which theory informs practice, and practice informs theory.
- Position yourself among Queen's Drama grads, the top new innovators in Canada for Theatre and the Arts.
- Study, rehearse, and perform in the highly acclaimed Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts situated on Lake Ontario.
- Collaborate with top performers, instructors, directors, and production teams while participating in the abundance of unique performance and production opportunities.

Graduate Profile

Ashlie Corcoran: Currently the Artistic Director of Western Canada's largest theatre company (The Arts Club in Vancouver), Ashlie has directed work across Canada at theatres including the Centaur, Shaw Festival, Canadian Opera Company, Tarragon, and the Belfry as well as serving previously as Artistic Director of both the Thousand Islands Playhouse and Theatre Smash.



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Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Geographic Information Science

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

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2025-26 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 <u>quartsci.com/planselection</u>.

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Check in with your department to learn more about what opportunities and resources are available for you!

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS: HONOURS DEGREE (SPECIALIZATION/MAJOR/MINOR) OR GENERAL DEGREE



	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH OR FINAL YEAR
GET THE COURSES YOU NEED	In first year you'll have the chance to explore the foundations of Drama in DRAM 100 or DRAM 103, along with some electives. Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options. Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take ASCX 150 and develop future-ready skills!	Start going deeper into the discipline of Drama, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Entrepreneurship. Learn more about Certificates and Internship options. Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Success Services) for some help.	A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of drama, music, and entrepreneurship. Meet with an Academic Advisor at the DAN School to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year. Study at the Shaw Festival as an immersion experience in the summer after 3rd year.	In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Be sure to complete courses required for the DRAM Major and other degree plans.
GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	Audition for the fall and winter Departmental Major Productions. Get involved with the DAN Studio Series as an actor, technical crew member, assistant designer, or assistant stage manager. No experience necessary. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.	Get credit for working on productions: build and paint sets, hang lights, and help run the show in DRAM 248. Submit your original playscript for production in the DAN Studio Series. Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.	Earn credit for an internship with a professional theatre company (DRAM 395) Consider applying for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship. Apply to become a member of The Barefoot Players.	Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – Take DRAM 386 Professionalism in the Arts to learn about career strategies in the field of performance or an Entrepreneurship (ENIN) course. Take a leadership role as part of the DAN School Undergraduate Society (DSUS).
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SET ENGAGED VITH THE COMMUNITY	Get involved with the many student run companies including <u>Queen's Musical Theatre</u> and <u>Queen's Theatre Troupe.</u> Attend the Departmental Major Productions and the DAN Studio Series.	Connect with Music students to create original work. Do a Drama or Music internship (DRAM or MUSC 395). Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DAN School. Sign up for the Andrina McCulloch Public Speaking Competition.	Share your skills in the community. Participate with Kingston performance groups such as H'art Studio and Blue Canoe. Attend plays produced by Theatre Kingston or touring shows at the Grand Theatre. Take a course in Black Studies or Indigenous Studies as an elective or as part of your Drama plan.	Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Drama or the Drama department alumni Facebook group. Participate in the Festival of Live Digital Art to experience the growing market of digital theatre and community outreach.
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SLOBALLY	Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking OUIC's Intercultural Awareness Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations. Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.	Consider <u>studying abroad</u> . Apply in January for a third year exchange through the <u>International Programs Office</u> .	Build your intercultural competence by taking elective courses in Languages, Global Development Studies, and Cultural Studies. Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.	International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor. Take advantage of your last year by broadening your cultural horizons with courses such as Theatre and Music of Africa and the Diaspora.
GET CAREER READY	Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services. Make an appointment in February or March to Meet with a DAN School Undergraduate Advisor. Use Jah	Gain hands-on career experience in theatre by participating in productions (DAN, DSS, DES, and the Major Productions). For more information check out <u>Career Cruising</u> or by finding and connecting with alumnion Linkedin. Get	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	Continue your studies and pursue a career in the Arts by applying for a <u>Graduate Diploma</u> in Arts <u>Management or a Master of Arts</u> <u>Leadership</u> . Gain experience and by work placement at a host organization, and by

connecting with alumni on LinkedIn. Get

professionals who regularly visit.

questions answered by a wide array of theatre

Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A degree in Drama can equip you with:

- Technical production and design
- Oral and written communication
- Resource and time management
- Real world problem-solving to focus on effective processes
- Critical thinking for comprehensive analysis of issues and ideas before coming to conclusions
- Creative thinking to connect, synthesize, and transform material to generate new forms and solutions
- Intercultural knowledge and competence to adapt empathetically to unfamiliar ways of being
- Logical reasoning to make judgments based on historical evidence
- Civic engagement to use theatre to make a positive difference in local communities
- Integrative learning to combine practical and theoretical knowledge and experiences

Career Possibilities

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

Acting

work, placement at a host organization, and by

Find impactful work that aligns with your values

using the Queen's Career Guide to the UN

completing a capstone report.

Sustainable Development Goals.

<u>Career Services</u>. Observe a professional play

hosts the winners of the biennial Voaden

Playwriting Competition.

development workshop when the department

- Arts administration
- Directing
- Drama therapy
- Educator
- Playwriting / screenwriting
- Stage management
- Talent representation
- Theatre production
- TV/Radio broadcasting

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.

a DAN School Undergraduate Advisor. Use lab

instructors to help navigate the university

experience.

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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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Alumni Comments

"I got to see drama at work in a number of different capacities, so not only traditional acting or behind the scenes work in terms of production or technical, but actually administratively where you're actually going to deal with education, how that interacts with theatre. When you get to see drama used in those different ways, you really realize that you know there is a whole world surrounding these things and a number of different opportunities."

- Radissen Ramoutar

"I am super thankful for Queen's drama as I was not only able to grow my knowledge in theatre production, but also develop a keen interest in theatre research. This interest was greatly supported by faculty through research assistant work, supervision on a directed study, and numerous opportunities to present my research throughout Queen's. With the exceptional research support and expertise from faculty, I was able to establish key skills that I will carry with me into my master's work in the fall."

- Bethany Shaufler-Biback

"Some of my favourite things about the DAN School is the camaraderie between all of the students, both in the Music department and the Drama department, and the new Music Theatre students as well. It was so nice to be able to mingle with all of the classes and explore different strengths we may not know that we had - in practical classes, or academic sides of it, and really getting to learn about niche interests, all with the help of our amazing professors."

- Maysaa Alikhan

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Why study in Kingston?

Since 1841, 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

ith Ne're closer than you think 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 London / 7 hrs CANADA Queen's have the experience Beijing / 15 hrs of a lifetime at Queen's - and Calgary / 4 hrs Vancouver / 5 hrs graduate with a degree that Halifax / 2 hrs San Francisco / 5.5 hrs Kingston is globally Denver/3 hrs recognized New York / 1.5 hrs UNITED among STATES the best. Dallas / 3.5 hrs Atlanta / 2 hrs