## **French Studies**

Studying French opens a wide range of opportunities, especially in Canada. The Department of French Studies offers undergraduate students the chance to delve into French in-depth through a major or minor program of study. Courses offered focus on oral and written French as well as on literature and culture. Students may also choose to further immerse themselves in French through an exchange in either Quebec or France. We also offer a Certificate of Competence for students not registered in a French Plan.

# REASONS to study FRENCH

- Mastery of French gives access to a multicultural perspective on the world.
- 2 Find careers in translation, journalism, public relations, and health.
- 3 Study abroad and learn more about the French language and culture.
- Interact closely with professors in class and during our many events held throughout the year.
- 5 Learn not only the language but the history, culture, and literatures of French, in Canada and abroad.

#### Alumni Story

My French Studies degree opened many doors to engaging employment opportunities. In particular, it has given me the confidence and skills needed to use the language in my career as a French Immersion teacher. I am entering my Masters of Education this coming Fall to further develop my French pedagogy and to return to the wonderful campus environment of my Undergraduate degree.

- Sophia Klymchuk, BAH '19

### **TOP ALUMNI JOBS**

of alumni work in LAW & INSURANCE

of alumni work in BANKING & INVESTMENT

10% of alumni work in GOVERNMENT

55% of alumni work in EDUCATION

#### Add a Certificate

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Geographic Information Science

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

QUartsci.com/certs

### 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 quartsci.com/planselection

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.

queensu.ca/french

# French Studies MAJOR MAP

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

In first year you will have the chance to explore

Interested in getting a head start in learning and

working in a digital world? Take ASCX 150 and

the foundations of French Studies along with

**1ST YEAR** 

some electives.

develop future-ready skills!



# **GET THE COURSES** YOU NEED **GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

**GET ENGAGED** 

WITH THE

**COMMUNITY** 

**GET ENGAGED** 

**GLOBALLY** 

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.

Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations such as Le Centre Culturel Frontenac and the Queen's International Affairs Association

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural

Awareness Certificate, and research possible

Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors

Night or get some help wondering about career

Find impactful work that aligns with your values

using the **Queen's Career Guide to the UN** 

programs, events, and training opportunities.

environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural

immigration regulations.

options from Career Services.

Sustainable Development Goals

Get involved with the **Departmental Student** Council (DSC)

2ND YEAR

Start going deeper into the discipline of French

Want to make sure your academics are where you

want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic

certificate such as Media Studies. Learn more

Studies, while considering a minor and/or

about Certificates and Internship options.

Look into summer jobs by talking to the

department or Career Services about work

Apply to the Department at the end of August to

become a Teaching Assistant for online courses

offered through Arts & Science Online (ASO).

Success Services) for some help.

through SWEP or Work-Study

Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Queen's Interfaith and Intercultural Society (QIIS)

Want to speak French abroad? Start thinking

about where you would like to study abroad.

Consider a one or two term exchange in France

Apply in January for a third year exchange

through the International Programs Office.

Explore different careers of interest in the

Career Services Advising and Resource Area.

or by finding and connecting with alumni on

LinkedIn.

For more information check out Career Cruising

with the Ontario-Rhône-Alpes program.

prepare for the future.

**3RD YEAR** 

courses for next year.

through the Department.

A chance to start grouping courses in areas

of interest, or to keep it more general and

explore many areas of French Studies. Meet

with an Academic Advisor to make sure you

If interested, apply for an **Undergraduate Student** 

<u>Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF)</u>. Consider

after your third year. Look into employment with

the federal government such as a Parliamentary

Think about taking FREN 499 (6.0) as a TA for FREN

150 if you are a Con-Ed student, apply in January

Do targeted networking with alumni working in

with professors at events or workshops hosted

by the DSC. Develop contacts with the Kingston

francophone community. Consider becoming a

camp counsellor for the French Summer Camp.

careers of interest through LinkedIn. Connect

applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship

Guide or a guide at a war memorial in France.

are on track and have planned out your

Consider taking FSL through the Faculty of Education to become a teacher.

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

Start focusing on areas of interest. 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 Career Services. Get sneak peeks of jobs posted at ACFOMI to

4TH OR FINAL 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. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

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 international teaching opportunities such as teaching English in France for a year or tutoring in French.

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

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor

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. ACFOMI and Le Centre Culturel Frontenac can help with future plans.

#### Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A degree in French Studies can equip you with:

- 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 Enalish
- 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

#### Career Possibilities

A degree in French Studies 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:

- Banking and commerce
- Curriculum development
- Foreign service
- Government and politics
- Immigration services
- Interpreter
- Speech and language therapy Technical writing and translation

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

**GET CAREER** 

**READY** 

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.

## **French Studies**



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.

For guidance regarding French courses, certificates, plans, or the French Placement Test, please email francais@ queensu.ca. We are happy to help!



**ARTS AND SCIENCE** 

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# QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

#### **START DATES**

in May, September, or January

#### **POSITIONS**

are paid and full-time

#### **WORK TERMS**

are 12-16 months long

#### **PROGRAM OVFRVIFW**

- Graduate with "Professional Internship" on your degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry
- Explore a career path, earn a salary, and build workplace skills

- Complete 1st year before you register
- Complete 2nd or 3rd year before your internship
- Minimum GPA of 1.9
- Return to Queen's after your internship to finish your degree

WHY OUIP?

- Gain a year of career-related work experience
- Build network connections
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship

#### SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS



For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

## 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

To safe will the 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 have the London / 7 hrs CANADA Queen's experience of a Beijing / 15 hrs lifetime at Queen's Dubai / 14 hrs Calgary / 4 hrs - and graduate Vancouver / 5 hrs with a degree Halifax / 2 hrs that is globally San Francisco / 5.5 hrs Toronto recognized Denver/3 hrs among New York / 1.5 hrs UNITED the best. STATES Dallas / 3.5 hrs Atlanta / 2 hrs

Bermuda / 2 hrs