

Drama

The DAN School of Drama and Music offers a well-rounded program that includes acting, directing, music theatre, design, playwriting, theatre history, theory, education, community theatre, theatre technical production, puppetry, 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.



TOP 5 Reasons to Study DRAMA

1

Craft theatrical pieces by applying skills you'll learn in 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.

3

Position yourself among Queen's Drama grads, the top new innovators in Canada for Theatre and the Arts.

4

Study, rehearse, and perform in the highly acclaimed Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts situated on Lake Ontario.

5

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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2026-27 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!

Drama MAJOR MAP

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



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
- 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.

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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

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 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 experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

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