

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 minor, joint honours, or major 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 courses for the complete beginner, a French for Professionals Certificate, and a Certificate of Competence for students not registered in a French Plan.

TOP 5 REASONS to study FRENCH

- 1 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.
- 4 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

5% of alumni work in
LAW & INSURANCE

5% 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

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity

Geographic Information Science

Global Action and Engagement

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

International Studies

Media Studies

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

[QUartsci.com/certs](https://quartsci.com/certs)

2023-24 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? Learn what opportunities and resources are available for you on the [Experiential Learning website](#). You can also reach out to the team directly at asc.el@queensu.ca.

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

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French Studies MAJOR MAP



BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, JOINT HONOURS, MINOR

1ST YEAR

2ND YEAR

3RD YEAR

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of French Studies along with some electives.
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 French Studies, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as [Media Studies](#). Learn more about [Certificates](#) and [Internship](#) options.
Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit [SASS \(Student Academic Support Services\)](#) and the Writing Centre for some help.
Develop your entrepreneurial skills by participating in the [Dean's Changemaker Challenge](#) (ASCX 200/300).

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 are on track and have planned out your courses for next 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).
Interested in working on a real-world problem with an actual client? Take [ASCX.400](#) and develop your consulting and project-management skills.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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.

Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through [SWEP](#) or [Work-Study](#).
Apply to the Department at the end of August to become a Teaching Assistant for online courses offered through Arts & Science Online (ASO).

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. Think about taking [FREN.499](#) (6.0) as a TA for FREN 150 if you are a CON-Ed student, apply in January through the Department.

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.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

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

Get involved with the [Departmental Student Council \(DSC\)](#).
Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as [Queen's Interfaith and Intercultural Society \(QIIS\)](#).

Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group [Queen's Connects](#). Connect 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](#).

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

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's [Intercultural Competency Certificate](#), and research possible immigration regulations.
Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

Want to speak French abroad? Start thinking about where you would like to [study abroad](#). Apply in January for a third year exchange through the [International Programs Office](#).
Consider a one or two term exchange in France with the [Ontario-Rhône-Alpes program](#).

Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.
Consider taking FSL through the Faculty of Education to become a teacher.

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an [International Student Advisor](#).

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling with program decisions? Go to [Majors Night](#) or get some help [wondering about career options](#) from Career Services.

Explore different careers of interest in the Career Services Advising and Resource Area. For more information check out [Career Cruising](#) or by finding and connecting with alumni on [LinkedIn](#).

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 prepare for the future.

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.

Apply for the [Queen's Career Apprenticeship: Kingston \(QCA:K\)](#).

What will I learn?

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 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

Where can I go?

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.

CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

CONSIDER A 12 MONTH QCA:K APPRENTICESHIP

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.

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



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QUIP 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 OVERVIEW

- Graduate with a "Professional Internship" degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

ELIGIBILITY

- 2nd or 3rd Year Students
- Minimum GPA of 1.9

WHY QUIP?

- 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?

For 175 years, 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.

We're closer than you think

