Get to know COMMERCE

From your first day in the Commerce program at Smith School of Business, you will become immersed in a program that features small class sizes, a team approach, state-of-the-art technologies, and a focus on personal academic development. The first two years of your program provide a strong business foundation. In third and fourth year, you can focus on areas of interest or you can remain a generalist by choosing courses from various fields of study. The Commerce experience extends well beyond the classroom. You will enjoy unparalleled extracurricular opportunities, including a wide range of conferences and competitions, and a tremendous sense of community.

The Commerce program includes students from across Canada and around the world. You will have the opportunity to study business abroad through international exchange opportunities at over 120 partner schools worldwide, or Queen’s own Bader International Study Centre in East Sussex, England. Over 85% of Commerce students go on international exchange.

The Career Advancement Centre (CAC) plays a critical role in preparing you for a career in your chosen field. The CAC’s Career Coaches support you throughout your time at Smith to explore career options, define objectives, and shape a job-search strategy. The coaches help you with the full range of job search and professional development topics including building a strong personal brand, writing resumes and cover letters, developing interview skills, networking, and evaluating job offers.

The CAC’s Corporate Relations team coordinates on-campus recruiting, and an online student resume book to connect students and employers. You also have 24/7 access to QUEST, our career management platform which includes job postings, and a database containing salary information and job interview questions as experienced by past Smith students.

98% of Commerce students have acquired jobs within six months of graduation. *based on graduate records provided

Degree OPTIONS
Bachelor of Commerce (4 Year Honours)

Queen’s ADMISSION
Students apply to Commerce (QC) through the OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre) website. The minimum average mark requirement is 87%. This average is based on six courses including English 4U, Calculus and Vectors 4U, and one additional 4U Mathematics course (with minimum grades of 80% in these three prerequisite courses). The additional three required courses may be either 4U or 4M. No more than two 4M courses from the same discipline. Details of admission requirements for non-Ontario students can be found at queensu.ca/admission.

After you submit your application to OUAC, you are required to complete the Supplementary Essay (SE). The SE is a separate document that has additional questions for Commerce applicants, and allows you to tell us more about yourself. Applicants’ SEs will be reviewed by members of the Commerce admission team, and weigh heavily into admission decisions. It is very important that you take the time and effort to plan and compose SE responses as well-written essays that tell your story.

Flexible CHOICES
Smith’s Commerce students often choose to stream in a field of study; others choose to take a variety of courses from different areas. Such fields of study include accounting, business economics, entrepreneurship, finance, general management, international business, management information systems, marketing, operations management and management science, organizational behaviour, and strategy and organization.

Course HIGHLIGHTS
Commerce students have a wide range of courses available to help prepare them for an international business environment, such as Negotiation Theory and Behaviour, Doing Business in Asia-Pacific Rim, Managing Across Cultures, Organizational Fraud, International Business Strategy, and Investment and Portfolio Management. Courses like these will expand your perception of the business world as you know it, introduce you to new ideas and practices, and develop the skills needed to succeed.


That is a degree from Queen’s.

smithqueens.com/commerce
First year of Commerce will cover many of the fundamentals of business and introduce the different areas of business, such as management, accounting, and business economics.

Take core courses COMM 101, 111, 112, 151, 161, 162, 171, 172. Take 6.0 units of Non-Commerce electives.

Review your Academic Advisement Report on SOLLUS anytime to see what courses you will need in the future.

Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Queen's Commerce Performing Artists, and the Commerce Society. Apply to be a frosh rep on a ComSoc committee. Participate in case competitions such as Inter Collegiate Business Competition and the Commerce Corporate Challenge (Q3C). Meet with a career coach in the Career Advancement Centre to explore your career options and to get assistance with your resume, cover letter and interview skills.

Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations such as Queen's Commerce Kids and Enactus Queen's.

Enroll in the Certificate in Social Impact Program.

The Centre for International Management at Smith School of Business is your first stop to learn how to internationalize your degree or to leverage your existing cross-cultural experience.

Attend conferences like the Queen's Conference on International Business and the Queen's Commerce Leadership Summit.

Get involved with ComSoc organizations and conferences such as the Queen's Consulting Association, Queen's Global China Connection and the Queen's Women in Leadership Conference.

Apply to participate in the exchange program. Attend online webinars, info sessions and the international fair to help prepare you for the application process.

Look into studying at the Bader International Study Centre.

Apply to participate in the exchange program. Take 6.0-9.0 units of Non-Commerce electives and 3.0 units of Commerce or Non-Commerce electives.

Take electives and special interest if desired. Take 15.0-18.0 units of Comm 6.0-9.0 units of Non-Commerce electives.

Students on exchange will have a wider range of courses credits back to Queen's.

Participate in on-campus summer internships.

Apply for Teaching Assistant positions before term.

Seek leadership roles in extracurricular activities through ComSoc.

Do some targeted networking working in careers of interest in ComSoc events such as Agency Night.

Sign up for Coffee Chats with alumni through QUEST. Attend networking events such as Accountir information sessions & workshops.

Build your intercultural competence by gaining a different perspective alongside incoming international exchange students.

Search for internship opportunities that relate to your interests along with campus recruiting, industry info sessions, and competitions.

Meet with a CAC coach to recruitment and intern placement.

Continue to develop your skills through leadership activities.
**Employability skills**

Your time at Smith will give you valuable skills to boost your employability, including:

- Knowledge of financial modelling and performing financial analyses, statistical simulations, and linear programming
- Communication and etiquette in a formal business environment
- In-depth knowledge of economics and business areas such as accounting, finance, and marketing
- Leadership – work effectively in a team environment, and build strong teams and effective relationships
- Financial and investment management, capital budgeting, and wealth planning
- Project and operations management
- Ability to use computer programs and statistical methods to analyze data
- Public speaking and presentation skills
- Experience-based, integrative exposure to the dynamic world of social impact
- Critical thinking and quantitative analytical skills – analyze case studies and make recommendations

**Where could I go after graduation?**

- Accounting
- Business development
- Corporate finance
- Data and analytics
- Entrepreneurship
- Government and policy
- Healthcare
- Hospitality and tourism
- Human resources
- International business
- Law
- Management consulting
- Marketing and brand management
- Media and entertainment
- Not-for-profit
- Private equity
- Real estate finance
- Retail management
- Venture capital

*Some careers may require additional training. Careers paths are suggestions only.*
Why study in Kingston?

For over 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.