Drama

Acting, directing, music theatre, design, playwriting, theatre technical production, puppets, opera, theatre history, dance. The DAN School of Drama and Music offers a well-rounded program designed to equip resourceful thinkers with the communication, collaborative 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 4 REASONS to study DRAMA

1. Create new work with a combination of opportunities with 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.

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.

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.

Kat Sandler: Actress, Artistic Director (Theatre Brouhaha), and award-winning playwright (2016 Dora for best new play Mustard), Kat’s powerful contemporary voice has been heard in many regional theatres across Canada, including in a stunning simultaneous double bill at Edmonton’s Citadel under the Artistic Direction of Queen’s Drama graduate, Daryl Cloran. Kat is teaching playwriting (DRAM 251) in 2021.

Emma Hunter: Winner of a 2018 Canadian Screen Award for her work in the web series Save Me, Emma is well known for her starring roles in the television series The Beaverton and Mr. D (which also features Drama graduate Suresh John) as well as for her stand up comedy and feature film work.

2021-22 major 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

Alumni PROFILES

“...I loved the well-rounded degree experience I received at Queen’s: playwriting classes, theatre literature classes, directing classes, technical theatre classes, and, most importantly, my acting classes, all of which provided me with a strong base and an understanding of theatre and drama.”

-Amy Ciupak Lalonde, BAH ’98

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Drama MAJOR MAP *

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

1ST YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

In first year you’ll have the chance to explore the foundations of Drama in DRAM 100 or, at the Castle, in BISC 100 and 101 along with some electives.

Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Audition for the fall and winter Departmental Major Productions. Get involved with the Student 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 CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Get involved with the DAN School Undergraduate Society and many student run companies.

Attend the Departmental Major Productions and the Student Studio Series. Go on a field trip to Thousand Islands Playhouse in Gananoque.

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.

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. Make an appointment in February or March to meet with the DAN School Academic Program Manager. Use lab peers, DRAM100 teaching assistants, and course instructors to help navigate the university experience.

2ND YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

Start going deeper into the discipline of Drama, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Entrepreneurship. Attend Degree + in the Fall term to 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.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Get credit for working on productions: build and paint sets, hang lights and help run the show in DRAM 246 and DRAM 247. Submit your original playscript for production in the Student Studio Series.

Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Connect with Music students to create original work.

Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DAN School Undergraduate Society. Participate in Student Affairs’ Orientation Week show Existere. Sign up for the Andrina McCulloch Public Speaking Competition.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

In the summer, study Medieval Drama and Performance in a medieval castle by enrolling in DRAM271 and MUTH 271 at the BISC in Herstmonceux, UK.

Consider studying abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Great Jobs for Theater Majors. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn. Get questions answered by a wide array of theatre professionals who regularly visit.

3RD YEAR

A chance or to keep of drama. Meet with academics courses

Study at the DAN School

Earn credit for an internship with a professional theatre company

Build your courses and study abroad

Prepare to taking Q

Speak to program

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps for the online version with links!
Drama

MAJOR MAP

A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or keep it more general and explore many areas of drama, music, music theatre, entrepreneurship. Meet with an Academic Advisor at the DAN School to be sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

Study at the Shaw Festival as an immersive experience in the summer after 3rd yr.

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).

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What will I learn?

A degree in Drama can equip you with:
- Technical production and design skills
- Oral and written communication
- Resource and time management to manage multiple long-term projects
- 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

Where can I go?

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
- Choreographer
- Development director
- Drama therapy
- 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.

1st YEAR

- Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.
- Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Drama or the Drama department alumni Facebook group.
- Take a leadership role as part of the DAN School Undergraduate Society (DSUS).

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

- Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.
- Take a leadership role as part of the DAN School Undergraduate Society (DSUS).
- International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

- Earn credit for an internship with a professional theatre company (DRAM or MUTH 395).
- Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.
- Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Drama or the Drama department alumni Facebook group.
- Take a leadership role as part of the DAN School Undergraduate Society (DSUS).

COURSE A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

- Build your intercultural competence by taking elective courses in Languages, Global Development Studies, or Cultural Studies.
- Prepare for work in a multicultural environment by getting QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate.
- Ask a QUIC advisor to get involved in their grans, events, and training opportunities.
- Each education requirements for careers of rest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking ut Grad School from Career Services. Observe professional play development workshop when department hosts the winners of the biennial den Playwriting Competition.

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.

Apply in the fall for SSHRC and OGS scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario.

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* This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone’s abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online My Major Map tool.
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.