

# 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

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](https://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](https://quartsci.com/planselection). You can also reach out to the team directly at [asc.el@queensu.ca](mailto:asc.el@queensu.ca).

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

## Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

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2023-2024

# French Studies MAJOR MAP

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



## 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.



## 3RD YEAR

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.

If interested, apply for an [Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship \(USSRF\)](#). Consider applying to do a 12-16 month [QUIP internship](#) during your third year. Look into employment with the federal government such as a Parliamentary Aide or a guide at a [war memorial](#) in France. Think about taking [FREN 499](#) (6.0) as a TA for FREN 400 if you are a CON-Ed student, apply in January through the Department.

Engage in 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 counselor for the [French Summer Camp](#).

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

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

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (e.g. the LSAT or GMAT) and get [help thinking about grad school](#) posted at ACFOMI to take a peek at jobs posted at ACFOMI to prepare for the future.

## 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).

Interested in working on a real-world problem with an actual client? Take [ASCX 400](#) and develop your consulting and project-management skills.

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.

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.

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

CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

CONSIDER A 12 MONTH QCA:K APPRENTICESHIP

### 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.

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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](http://queensu.ca/studentaffairs) for available resources.

For guidance regarding French courses, certificates, plans, or the French Placement Test, please email [francais@queensu.ca](mailto:francais@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](mailto:quip@queensu.ca) or visit the [Program Website](http://queensu.ca/quip).

## 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.

