French Studies

Studying French opens a wide range of opportunities, especially in Canada. The Department of French Studies offers undergraduate students interested in pursuing the subject in-depth the chance to study French as either a minor, a medial, or a major. We also offer courses for the complete beginner and Certificates of Competencies for students not registered in a French Plan. Courses offered focus on oral and written French as well on literature and culture. For interested students, it is also possible to study French in either Quebec or France on exchange.

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.

TOP ALUMNI JOBS

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“H ave recently returned from an international exchange to France. Living my everyday life using the French language further enhanced my knowledge and confidence in speaking another language. I was able to make international friends, travel, and communicate in a classroom setting as well as in a local atmosphere in French.”

-Melissa McCoy, BAH ‘15

That is a degree from Queen’s.
**2021-2022**

**French Studies MAJOR MAP**

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

### 1ST 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.

**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.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Volunteer on or off campus with different community organization such as the Le Centre Culturel Frontenac and the Queen’s International Affairs Association.

**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.

### 2ND YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

Start going deeper into the discipline of French Studies, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Media Studies. 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**

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

If interested, take a summer course in Québec through the Explore program to immerse yourself in a French speaking environment.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC).

Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Queen’s Interfaith and Intercultural Society (QIIS).

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

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.

### 3RD YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

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.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

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 with the Department.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Do large careers with Queen’s or works with the Summer. Consider volunteering with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

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

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

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**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 by reading books in the Career Services Advising and Resource Area, such as Careers for Culture Lovers. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

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

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.

* 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.
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MAJOR MAP

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.

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.

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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