Languages, Literatures and Cultures

The world can seem like a big place, but through the LLCU major, students will get a glimpse into how small and connected it really is and be able to engage with intercultural sensitivity and a palette of relevant skills. Through this program, students can learn a minimum of two languages from over 14 languages taught at Queen's, understanding not only their linguistic structures but the cultures in which they are formed. Learning another language provides students with the ability to step inside the mind and context of that culture and to better understand their own.

Alumni Story

“My degree in Languages at Queen’s University has been a springboard for me into a world of international opportunities”

-Helen Kneale, BAH '09

TOP ALUMNI JOBS

5% of alumni work in PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & CONSULTING

8% of alumni work in BANKING & INVESTMENT

10% of alumni work in GOVERNMENT

40% of alumni work in EDUCATION

TOP REASONS to study LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

1. Courses emphasize critical thinking and expression about cultural topics and the nature of language.

2. Interact closely with professors in class and during our many events held throughout the year.

3. An understanding of languages and cultures gives students a multicultural perspective on the world.

4. Students have the opportunity to go abroad and immerse themselves in foreign languages and cultures.

5. Students graduate with increased intercultural sensitivity and a palette of relevant skills.

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

Interesting 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.


That is a degree from Queen's.
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.
**CONSIDER A 12 MONTH QCA:K APPRENTICESHIP**

Take LLCU 303: Applied Intercultural Communication to complete your core courses. Finish language requirement. Choose option courses at 300-level. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned your courses for next year.

Take LLCU 403: Stories that Matter: Connecting Languages, Literatures and Cultures, and make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s). 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. Interested in working on a real-world problem with an actual client? Take ASCX 400 and develop your consulting and project-management skills.

**What will I learn?**

A degree in LLCU can equip you with:

- Knowledge of different cultures and an awareness of the limits to your own cultural perspective
- Ability to engage in an informed and respectful way with people from other cultures
- Fluency in a second language or intermediate knowledge of two different languages
- Oral and written communication to write essays and present information to a group
- Ability to conduct independent research, also in a second language, to draw out relevant facts and ideas
- Attention to detail to write in a foreign language and translate between languages without errors
- Resource and time management

**Where can I go?**

A degree in LLCU 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:

- Communication
- Counseling
- Cross-cultural consulting
- Education
- Hospitality and tourism
- Human Resources Advising
- Immigration Services
- Policy analysis
- Public relations
- Social Services

**Start thinking about work or further studies abroad, such as North American Language and Culture Assistants in Spain or Foreign Language Assistant in Germany.**

**What is a Career Apprenticeship?**

An apprenticeship is a workplace learning opportunity that provides on-the-job training and hands-on experience in a specific field or industry. It combines on-the-job training with classroom instruction and can be completed over a period of 12 months. At Queen’s University, the Career Apprenticeship: Kingston (QCA:K) is an example of an apprenticeship program. The program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to gain practical work experience in their field of study, develop professional skills, and enhance their career prospects.

**Consider a 12-16 Month QUIP Internship**

**3RD YEAR**

Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Participate in a conference such as at Inquiry@Queen’s. Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.


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

Apply for the Semester in Shanghai program at Fudan University.

Start thinking about work or further studies abroad, such as North American Language and Culture Assistants in Spain or Foreign Language Assistant in Germany.

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 for the Queen’s Career Apprenticeship: Kingston (QCA:K).

**What is QUtP?**

The Quality Undergraduate Internship Program (QUIP) is a 12-16 month internship program offered by Queen’s University. The program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to gain practical work experience in their field of study, develop professional skills, and enhance their career prospects.

**Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.**

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Apply for the Queen’s Career Apprenticeship: Kingston (QCA:K).
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.

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.

For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.