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, a French for Professionals Certificate, and a Certificate of Competency 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 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**

**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

2022-23 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](http://quartsci.com/planselection).

Add a Certificate

- Data Analytics
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- 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

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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.

2022-2023

French Studies MAJOR MAP

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

1ST YEAR

In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of French Studies along with some electives.

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC).
Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Queen's Interfaith and Intercultural Society (QIIS).

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 Model Parliament.

GET THINKING GLOBALY

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

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.

2ND YEAR

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

3RD YEAR

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.

If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USRF). 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 495 (6 G) as a TA for FREN 150 if you are a CON-Ed student, apply in January with the Department.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

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 workshops 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.

Consider a 12-16 month QUIP internship.

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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.
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.

For guidance regarding French courses, certificates, plans, or the French Placement Test, please email francais@queensu.ca. We are happy to help!

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.