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.

TOP 5 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.

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


That is a degree from Queen’s.
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.

### 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.
- Take LLCU 111/3.0: Introduction to Cultures. Pick up beginner language courses for the language requirement - choose from 14 languages at Queen’s!
- Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options. Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

### GET THE COURSES YOU NEED
- Start with LLCU 111/3.0: Introduction to Cultures.
- Complete LLCU 203/3.0: Cultural Anthropology. Choose your LLCU option courses at 200-level and pick up another language. Consider a minor and/or certificate such as Indigenous Languages and Cultures. Attend Degree in the Fall term to learn more about Certificate and Internship options.
- Take LLCU 303: Applied Intercultural Communication to complete your core courses. Finish language requirement. Choose option courses at 300 level.
- 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.

### GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
- Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Intercultural and Community Organizations like the Queen’s Native Student Association, or Organization of Latin American Students at Queen’s. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas. Join English Conversation Program (QUIP).
- Get involved in the Departmental Student Council (DSC). Go to events like LLCU’s Film Nights. Connect with the Queen’s Strathy Language Unit or Four Directions to explore their projects and programming. Volunteer with organizations such as Teachers of English as a Second Language in Kingston and Area, Kingston Literacy & Skills, Immigration Services Kingston and Area (ISKA).
- Consider participating in a research conference such as the Annual Western Interdisciplinary Student Symposium on Language Research.
- Consider doing a 12-16 month QUIP Internship.
- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Participate in a conference such as at Immigration Queen’s.

### GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY
- Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations like the Queen’s International Affairs Association, Providence Volunteer Club, Italian Canadian Club of Kingston, or United Way.
- Join the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Kingston or the Kingston Ontario Arab Community.
- Want to immerse yourself in your language of study? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office.
- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

### GET THINKING GLOBALLY
- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIP’s Intercultural Language Assistant Certificate. Research possible immigration regulations.
- Speak to a QUIP advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.
- Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Careers for Culture Lovers. For more information check out Career Cruising or find and connect with alumni on LinkedIn.
- Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about Grad School from Career Services.
- 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.

### GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION
- Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Space or get some help exploring career options from Career Services.
- Build your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.
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### CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP
- 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.

### 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
  - Counselling
  - Cross-cultural consulting
  - Education
  - Hospitality and tourism
  - Human Resources Advising
  - Immigration Services
  - Policy analysis
  - Public relations
  - Social Services
- Taking time to explore career options, build experience and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

### 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

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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 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.