

Philosophy

Philosophy, according to Plato, concerns itself with the good, the true, and the beautiful. Grappling with life's big topics, it also provides students with critical thinking skills that enable you to uncover hidden assumptions, identify core premises, and evaluate arguments. We offer courses that span the history of philosophy, from the ancients to contemporary thinkers, and others that cover broad philosophical topics – from ethics and aesthetics to metaphysics and the nature of truth.

TOP 5 REASONS to study PHILOSOPHY

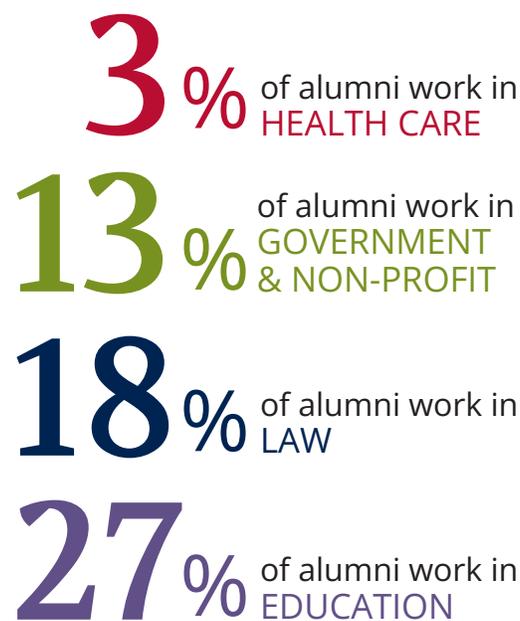
- 1 Philosophy puts you in dialogue with society's brightest minds, from the ancients to more cutting-edge contemporary thinkers.
- 2 Philosophy is a gateway to professional degrees — Law, Medicine, Public Policy, and more.
- 3 Students gain analytical skills, and can better understand presuppositions behind arguments.
- 4 Philosophy will teach you to challenge your own worldview.
- 5 We offer exchange opportunities to more than 100 schools in over 30 countries.

Alumni Story

"The Queen's Philosophy department became a second home for me. Not only did it provide me with an exceptional, well rounded education, it also gave me the chance to engage with professors who became my mentors, and peers who became my closest friends. Upon graduating, I had numerous doors open to me, as well as relationships with incredible people."

-Hallie Jones, PHIL BAH

TOP ALUMNI JOBS



add a **CERTIFICATE**

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity

French for Professionals

Geographic Information Science

Global Action and Engagement

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

International Studies

Media Studies

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

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

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.

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](#). You can also reach out to the team directly at asc.el@queensu.ca.

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

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Philosophy MAJOR MAP

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

1ST YEAR

2ND YEAR

3RD YEAR

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Philosophy along with some electives.
Attend [Majors Night](#) in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.
Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take [ASCX 150](#) and develop future-ready skills!

Start going deeper into the discipline of Philosophy, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as [Employment Relations](#). 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.
Develop your entrepreneurial skills by participating in the [Dean's Changemaker Challenge](#) (ASCX 200/300).

A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Philosophy. Meet with an [Academic Advisor](#) to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next 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.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Join teams or clubs on campus. See the [AMS Clubs Directory](#) or the [Queen's Get Involved](#) page for more ideas.
Consider contributing to publications on campus such as [Ultraviolet Magazine](#) or the [Queen's Journal](#).

Take more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars.
Think about applying to positions in student services or the [Alma Mater Society](#). Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through [SWEP](#) or [Work-Study](#).

Deepen or expand your student experience with extracurriculars. Think about participating in student or University government.
If interested, apply for an [Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship \(USSRF\)](#).

Consider publishing in an undergraduate journal, such as McMaster's [Perceptia](#) or UBC's [Hemlock](#).
Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities career related. Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services [skills workshop](#) for help.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations such as [Frontier College Queen's Students for Literacy](#).

Get involved with the Philosophy Departmental Student Council (DSC).
Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as [Queen's Model Parliament](#). If interested, attend events hosted by [QIAA](#) or the [Queen's Debating Union](#).

Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group [Queen's Connects](#). Check out Career Services [networking workshops](#).
Attend the Philosophy Colloquium series. Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DSC.

Consider serving on the Executive of the PHIL DSC. Keep attending the Colloquium.
Consider joining the [Canadian Philosophical Association](#).
Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Philosophy.

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.

Is an exchange in your future? 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.

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an [International Student Advisor](#).

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling with program decisions? Go to [Majors Night](#) or get some help with career options from Career Services.

Explore different careers of interest in the Career Services Information Area. For more information check out [Career Cruising](#) or by finding and connecting 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.
Apply for the [Queen's Career Apprenticeship: Kingston \(QCA:K\)](#).

CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIC INTERNSHIP

CONSIDER A 12 MONTH QCA:K APPRENTICESHIP

What will I learn?

A degree in Philosophy can equip you with:

- Think critically and systematically
- Generate ideas about complex subjects
- Use methods of analysis and logical reasoning
- Form and defend positions
- Consider unfamiliar ideas and evaluate opposing arguments
- Identify underlying assumptions across a range of issues
- Summarize and communicate complex material
- Speak and write at a superior level
- Interpret historical and contemporary ideas and texts
- Listen attentively, read carefully, and reflect thoughtfully
- Work in groups to solve problems and make presentations
- Manage your time and resources

Where can I go?

A degree in Philosophy 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:

- Applied ethics
- Archives
- Cultural affairs
- Human rights
- Media and communications
- Medical ethics
- Politics and government
- Public and private research
- Public policy

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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.

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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.



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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.

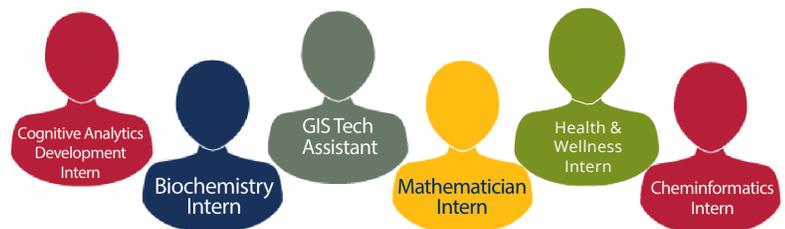
ELIGIBILITY

- 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 or visit the [Program Website](#).

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.

We're closer than you think.

