Get to know

ENGINEERING PHYSICS

This program allows students to apply the knowledge of fundamental physical principles underlying modern technology and processes. You will study a strategic combination of math, physics and engineering courses from a chosen specialty area. Courses in quantum mechanics, laser optics and nanotechnology will help prepare you for an engineering career at the leading edge of technology. You will acquire advanced problem-solving and instrumentation skills, and will be able to apply your superior mathematical, analytical and abstract-thinking ability to modern engineering challenges.

Degree OPTIONS

Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering
Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering with Professional Internship

All students in Engineering Physics specialize by taking one of 4 options: Mechanical, Computing, Electrical or Materials Engineering. Students in each option take a significant number of courses at the same level as those in the engineering major. Graduates of these specializations can work as engineers in their chosen specialization and continue to graduate school in the option.

Queen’s ADMISSIONS

Students apply to Queen’s Engineering (QE) through the OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre) website. Secondary school prerequisites include five 4U and 4M courses, one of which must be English 4U. Calculus and Vectors 4U, Chemistry 4U, and Physics 4U are all required along with one of Advanced Functions 4U, Biology 4U, Data Management 4U, Computer Science 4U, Earth and Space Science 4U. A final grade of 70% must be obtained in English 4U. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements.

A Common START

Queen’s is unique in offering a common first year along with an open discipline choice. When you do choose your program, you don’t have to worry about caps or quotas. Provided you pass all of your first year courses, you are guaranteed a place in your engineering program of choice. Queen’s also offers Section 900, a special extended program for students struggling with first year courses. Take things at a slower pace and recover in time for second year.

Course HIGHLIGHTS

Engineering Physics students have the opportunity to take a wide range of technical courses to help prepare them for the many possible career destinations available. Such courses including:

- Laser Optics
- Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
- Nuclear Physics
- Medical Physics
- Solid State Devices
- General Relativity

Students also do sophisticated experiments and work together in engineering design through all four years of the program.
GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

**1ST YEAR**

Queen's Engineering first year is common – courses include: Physics, Chemistry, Calculus, Algebra, Graphics, Computing and Earth Systems Engineering.

Also APSC100, the entry level course in our Engineering Design and Practice Sequence (EDPS), focusing on problem solving, experimentation principles and finishing off with a team-based engineering project.

Discipline selection will take place in February!

**2ND YEAR**

You will take a second engineering design course - APSC 200 - where we connect the physics you learn to the technology that helps society. More hands-on experience comes in laboratory and data management classes.

You start taking courses in your option. Mechnani- Cal, Materials, Electrical or Computer engineering alongside your courses in physics.

**3RD YEAR**

Courses deepen your knowledge of physics from both a theoretical and practical side. Your third EDPS design course (ENPH 334) deepens your ability to work as a team taking on technical challenges.

Take 5-6 courses with engineering students in your chosen option. Courses range from digital communications to materials processing. From operating systems to heat transfer - depending on your chosen option.

Consider applying to the Accelerated Master’s program. In this program, students start research in the summer after their third year, and take graduate courses concurrently with the fourth year program.

**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**

Consider a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth academic year.

Engineering Physics students participate in the “captain” EDPS team-based project course - ENPH454. In addition to an individual engineering thesis, an advanced laboratory course, and a high-level electromagnetic theory course.

Choose technical elective courses from a huge range, including Laser Optics, Robotics, Computer Vision, Nuclear Reactors, Aerodynamics and General Relativity.

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 Career Services workshops for help.

Where could I go after graduation?

- Aerospace engineer
- Automotive industry
- Astrophysics
- Atmospheric science
- Biophysics
- Computer engineering
- Energy (nuclear, solar, wind, etc.)
- Environmental management
- Financial modelling
- Forensic science
- Management consulting
- Medicine
- Nanotechnology
- Nuclear engineering
- Oceanography
- Semiconductors and electronics
- Software engineering

Employability skills

Your time at Queen’s will give you valuable skills to boost your employability, including:

- Proficiency in mathematics and numerical modeling with courses in math and physics
- Time and resource management – taught formally in class and then applied in your projects
- Work independently and in a team on a project – a group design project is undertaken every year and a thesis in the final year
- Ability to solve complex problems using your broad scientific knowledge
- You gain practical skills as an engineer, and back them up with the deep knowledge of a scientist
- Ability to make careful measurements with sophisticated equipment in laboratory classes
- Proficiency with modern physics allowing you to work with tomorrow’s technologies

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling with program decisions? Go to the Orientation Evenings held by different Engineering departments and attend the various Career Fairs during the year.

Get some help deciding by visiting Career Services.

Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Career Advising and Resource Area, such as Career Opportunities in Engineering. 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 Service.

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking the Intercultural Awareness Training Certificate and research possible immigration regulations.

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

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.

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

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*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.
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, and 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 us as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and is often awarded the safest city in Canada. We are 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.