French Studies

Queens Undergraduate Internship Program

**START DATES**
- May, September, or January

**POSITIONS**
- Paid and full-time

**WORK TERMS**
- 12-16 months long

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**
- Graduate with a "Professional Internship" on your 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**
- Running logistics in the French Consulate
- Communications, Marketing Internships
- Sales Representative Internship
- Social Media Strategist, Social Media Intern
- Graphic Design, Design Intern
- Executive Assistant Internship
- Technical Writer
- Research Analyst

** Why study in Kingston?**

For over 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 lowest dropout rates among major universities 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.

**Top 5 Reasons to study French**

1. **Mastery of French gives access to a multicultural perspective on the world.**
2. **Find careers in translation, journalism, public relations, and health.**
3. **Study abroad and learn more about the French language and culture.**
4. **Interact closely with professors in class and during our many events held throughout the year.**
5. **Learn not only the language but the history, culture, and literatures of French, in Canada and abroad.**

**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

**2019-20 Major Thresholds**

- 1.9 CGPA
- Automatic Acceptance min B- in FREN 150
- PENDING LIST

**Alumni Story**

“I have recently returned from an international exchange to France. Living my everyday life using the French language furthered my knowledge and confidence in speaking another language. I was able to make international friends, travel, and communicate in a classroom setting as well as in a local atmosphere in French.”

- Melissa McCoy, BA Honors ’15

**Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.**

That is a degree from Queen’s.

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**French Studies MAJOR MAP**

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

### GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

**1ST YEAR**

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

### GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**2ND YEAR**

Start going deeper into the discipline of French Studies, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Media Studies. Attend Degree 2 in the fall term to learn more about Certificate(s) and/or Internship options.

Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Witting Centre for some help.

### GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

**3RD YEAR**

Have begun building your intercultural competence by getting involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC).

Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Queen's Interfaith and Intercultural Society (QVIS). If interested, talk to the department or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work Study.

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### GET THINKING GLOBALLY

**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**

Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations such as the Le Centre Culturel Frontenac and the Queen's International Affairs Association.

Consider building your intercultural competence by getting involved with the French language program to immerse yourself in a French speaking environment.

### CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen's Connects. Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DSC. Develop contacts with the Kingston francophone community.

### GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in French.

### 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.

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