Languages, Literatures and Cultures

MAJOR MAP

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. Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

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 highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BIC 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 a city that offers 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.

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REASONS to study LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Courses emphasize critical thinking and expression about cultural topics and the nature of language.

1. Interact closely with professors in class and during our many events held throughout the year.
2. An understanding of languages and cultures gives students a multicultural perspective on the world.
3. Students have the opportunity to go abroad and immerse themselves in foreign languages and cultures.
4. Students graduate with increased intercultural sensitivity and a palette of relevant skills.
5. “My degree in Languages at Queen’s University has been a springboard for me into a world of international opportunities” – Helen Knoale, BAH ’19

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

### 1ST YEAR

- **GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
  - Start with LLCU 111/3.0: Introduction to Cultures. Pick up beginner language courses for the language requirement - choose out of 14 languages at Queen’s.
  - Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

- **GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**
  - Join teams or clubs on campus such as Chinese Cultural Club, Queen’s Hill, Japanese Relations at Queen’s, Queen’s Native Student Association, World Languages Club or Spanish and Latin American Students Association. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas.
  - Join English Language Support Volunteer Program (QUIC).

- **GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
  - Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations like the Queen’s International Affairs Association, QIA, Providence Care Volunteer Club, Italian-Canadian Club of Kingston, Portuguese Cultural Centre or United Way.

- **GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
  - Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Awareness Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
  - Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

- **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.
  - Build your transferrable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Support Services.

### 2ND YEAR

- **GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
  - Choose from hundreds of option courses, including many LLCU courses at 200-level and pick up another language. Consider a minor and/or certificate such as Indigenous Languages and Cultures. Attend Degrees 2 in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.
  - Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

- **GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**
  - Take more responsibility within different clubs. Think about applying to positions in student services or the AMS. Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study. Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen’s Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICS).

- **GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
  - Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC). Go to cultural events such as LLCU Film Nights, Language Clubs, guest lectures and Four Directions programming. Volunteering with organizations such as Teachers of English as a Second Language, Kingston and District, Kingston Literary & Skills, Immigration Services Kingston and Area (IKAI).

- **GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
  - 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.

- **GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
  - 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 by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

### 3RD YEAR

- **GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
  - Take LLCU 303: Applied Intercultural Communication to complete your core courses. Finish language requirement. Choose option courses at 300-level.
  - Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

- **GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**
  - If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USRF).
  - Consider applying to do a 12-16 month intern, internship between your third and fourth year.

- **GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
  - Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connects.
  - Consider participating in a research conference such as Change and Variations in Canada or the Annual Western Interdisciplinary Student Symposium on Language Research.

- **GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
  - Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.
  - Apply for the Semester in Shanghai program at Fudan University.

- **GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
  - 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.

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

- **GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
  - 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).

- **GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**
  - 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 workshop for help.

- **GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- **GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
  - Start thinking about work or further studies abroad, such as North American Language and Culture Assistants in Spain or Foreign Language Assistant in Germany.

- **GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
  - 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.

### Where 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 in writing a foreign language and translate between languages without errors
  - Resource and time management

### 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
    - 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.

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