Get to know

CIVIL ENGINEERING

We go about our lives within a physical environment created by civil engineers: homes, schools, office buildings, highways, bridges, subway systems, airports, river and coastal systems and green landfills. As a civil engineering student, you will study how to plan, design and build these structures and systems with an environmentally-respectful approach. As part of its real-world preparation, this innovative program emphasizes self-learning, teamwork, communication, leadership and problem solving. Courses and electives are grouped into structural, environmental, hydrotechnical, and geotechnical streams.

“...nourishment of a naturally-developing thread in our program which is focused on the sustainability of both the natural and built environment.”

Degree OPTIONS

Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering

Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering with Professional Internship

Specialization in Structural Design, Geotechnical Engineering, Hydraulics, and Environmental Engineering

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, Advanced Functions 4U, Chemistry 4U, and Physics 4U are all required. A final competitive minimum grade of 80% must be obtained for all courses. 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.

Course HIGHLIGHTS

Civil Engineering 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 include:

- Geotechnical Engineering
- Infrastructure Rehabilitation
- Reinforced Concrete Design
- Geoenvironmental Design
- River Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Groundwater Engineering and Subsurface Contamination
- Water and Wastewater Engineering, Municipal Hydraulics.

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.
## Civil Engineering MAJOR MAP *

### BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE | BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE WITH PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIP

### GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

**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, and finishing off with a team-based engineering project. Discipline selection will take place in February!

### GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- **Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Concrete Canoe Team.**
- **See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.**

### GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

- **Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations, such as Let's Talk Science (LTS), Science Quest, and Engineers without Borders (EWB).**
- **Consider joining an intramural sport or an athletics team. Check out the Athletics & Recreation site.**
- **Get involved with the Engineering Society (ENSGOC).**
- **Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as the Commerce & Engineering Environmental Conference (CCEC).**
- **Consider joining professional associations like Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE).**

### GET THINKING GLOBALLY

- **Speak to a QUIC advisor or get involved in their programs, events and training opportunities.**
- **Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking the Intercultural Awareness Training Certificate hosted by QUIC and Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre.**
- **Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a 3rd year exchange through your faculty's International Office.**
- **Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.**

### 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 about career options from Career Services.**
- **Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Career Advising and Resource Area, such as Civil Engineering Careers. 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.**

### 1ST YEAR

- Students will start their second year by participating in Civil Week.

### 2ND YEAR

- Courses include: Structural Analysis, Geotechnical Engineering, Hydraulics, Groundwater Engineering, Structural Steel Design, Water & Wastewater Engineering and Design & Practice.

### 3RD YEAR

- **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.**

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

- **Consider registering with Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO).**
- **Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Civil Engineering.**

### CONSIDER: A 12-16 MONTH QUISP INTERNSHIP

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

### EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

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

- Knowledge of civil engineering methods and theory
- Apply principles of physics and mathematics to the design of physical environments such as bridges, buildings, and dams
- Knowledge of the interactions among land use, water use, and environment quality
- Work independently and become a life-long learner
- Team work - work with other students on a project
- Oral and written communication - engineering report writing skills and presentation skills
- Leadership
- Time management and organization – manage several ongoing projects

### WHERE COULD I GO AFTER GRADUATION?

- Archaeology
- Architecture
- Environmental engineering
- Design engineer
- Geographic information systems
- Geomatics
- Industrial engineering
- International development
- Landscape architecture
- Mapping, surveying & cartography
- Materials engineering
- Mining engineering
- Occupational health and safety
- Public administration
- Real estate
- Robotics
- Strategic planning
- Structural engineer
- Water resources engineering
- Urban and regional planning
- Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smoother transition to the world of work after graduation.

*Some careers may require additional training. Listed careers are only suggestions.*

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