Physics at Queen’s combines high-calibre research with an intermediate-scale learning setting, enabling attention and care towards undergraduate teaching as well as exposure to a broad range of topics and expertise. Our students will learn in an engaging environment with the opportunity to conduct interdisciplinary research in state-of-the-art laboratories, and work on projects involving international collaborators such as the experiments in dark matter and neutrinos happening below the surface of the Earth at the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory.

**TOP 5 REASONS to study PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY**

1. The department is one of Canada’s leading teaching and research institutes in Physics and Astronomy.
2. Award-winning physics educators such as 3M National Teaching Fellow James Fraser.
3. Our internship program (QUIP) offers a wide range of careers to explore and companies to learn from.
4. Brand new astroparticle physics institute named after Queen’s Nobel Prize Laureate Art McDonald.
5. 25+ summer research assistant positions offered by the department to students every summer.

“(...) For me, the community within the Physics Department was by far the best aspect of studying Physics at Queen’s. The engaging instructors, knowledgeable technologists, helpful administrative and support staff, and my collaborative peers all contributed to my learning in the most positive way.”

-Kate Fenwick, BScH ’17

**ALUMNI JOBS**

- 11% of alumni work in **GOVERNMENT**
- 18% of alumni work in **TECHNOLOGY**
- 18% of alumni work in **BUSINESS & LAW**
- 31% of alumni work in **EDUCATION & RESEARCH**

**2020-21** major thresholds

**OPEN** AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE
- min C+ in PHYS 10#, min C in MATH 121 or min PASS in MATH 120

**OPEN** PENDING LIST
- min PASS in PHYS 10#, min PASS in MATH 121 or MATH 120

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

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

That is a degree from Queen’s.

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**2020-2021**

**Physics MAJOR MAP**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS): SPECIALIZATION, MAJOR, MINOR**

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

1ST YEAR

In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Physics in biology, chemistry, math and geology along with some electives.

Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

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2ND YEAR

Start going deeper into the discipline of Physics, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Global Action and Engagement. Attend Degree ++ in the Fall term to 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.

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3RD YEAR

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

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4TH OR FINAL 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).

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**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

Join teams or clubs on campus such as Queen’s Astronomy Club, Queen’s University Experimental Sustainability Team (QUEST), Queen’s Space Engineering Team, or Queen’s Solar Design Team.

See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas.

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**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations such as Science Rendezvous or Let’s Talk Science. Consider joining an intramural sport or an athletics team. Off-campus community organizations welcome Queen’s students – see what’s out there!

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**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking (QUIC) Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

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**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, organization, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

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Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Career Advising and Resource Area, such as Alternative Careers in Science. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

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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.

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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 workshops for help.

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Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.

Investigate off-campus summer jobs involving research (such as at SNOLAB). Apply for NSERC USRA, or directly to individual faculty members and research groups in Physics and Astronomy. Many Physics students volunteer with the on-campus Observatory in Ellis Hall.

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The Canadian Undergraduate Physics Conference is hosted by and for undergrads.

Consider joining professional associations like the Canadian Association of Physicists (CAP) or the Canadian Astronomical Society (CASCA).

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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.

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**Where can I go?**

A degree in Physics 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 networking.

- Aerospace
- Astrophysics
- Computer simulations
- Forensic science
- Geophysics
- Imaging
- Nanoscience
- Photonics
- Planetary science
- Radiology
- Remote sensing
- Robotics
- Space science
- Technology industry

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

**What will I learn?**

A degree in Physics can equip you with:

- Knowledge of physics theories and mathematical models
- Proficiency in mathematics
- Facility for quantitative mathematical and computational analysis
- Experience with laboratory equipment
- Design experiments and develop and write research proposals
- Review scientific literature
- Draw conclusions from data and evaluate sources of error
- Explain technical information clearly in writing and verbal communication
- Use statistical software
- Adopt a systematic, analytical approach to problems

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**My Major Map tool.**

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

*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.
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 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.