



Queen's University - Arts and Science Exchange Fact Sheet

Canada's Definitive Student Experience

Founded in 1841, Queen's University is one of Canada's leading universities. Based in Kingston, Ontario, Queen's is a member of the prestigious U15 group of research-intensive universities and holds an international reputation for the outstanding academic quality of its faculty and students. In 2021 Queen's placed **#1 in Canada** and **#5 in the world** in the *Times Higher Education* Impact Rankings.

Situated on the shore of Lake Ontario, Kingston provides the perfect place to call home, while still being within easy reach of Toronto and Montreal - two of Canada's largest cities.

Our campus-based university and large number of student clubs contribute to a warm and welcoming atmosphere, making it easy to get involved, make friends and become part of the Queen's community.

Queen's University is situated on the territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek.

Ne Queen's University e'tho no'we nikanónhsote tsi no'we ne Haudenosaunee tánon Anishinaabek tehatihsnónhsahere ne óhontsa.

Gimaakwe Gchi-gkinoomaagegamig atemagad Naadowe miinwaa Anishinaabe aking.

Why do we add a land acknowledgement?

- 5** Ranked in the top 5 universities in Canada overall
- 3** Ranked in the top 3 universities in Canada for student satisfaction
- 1** Most student clubs per capita of any university in Canada

Kingston, Ontario



Founded in 1673 on a First Nation site called Katarokwi, the settlement was eventually referred to as "the King's Town" in honour of King George III, with the name shortening to "Kingston" by 1788. Kingston is also nicknamed the "Limestone City" because of the many historic buildings built with local limestone.

Kingston was chosen as the first capital of Canada on February 15, 1841, and served in that role until 1844. Kingston was also the home of Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald.

There are 21 National Historic Sites of Canada located in Kingston, and in 2007, the Rideau Canal, along with the fortifications at Kingston, was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Anywhere you go in downtown Kingston – and on campus – you're only minutes from the waterfront. Equally close to campus (about a 10-minute walk), is Kingston's bustling downtown, which is home to many unique-to-Kingston shops, big brands you'll recognize, and some of the best restaurants in Canada.

Add to this Kingston's many community events and friendly, charming vibe and it's easy to see why the BBC named Kingston one of the top five university towns in the world!

Important Dates

Fall 2022 & Full Year 2022-23

- Nomination deadline: 1 April 2022 (remains the same every year)
- Application deadline: 30 April 2022 (remains the same every year)
- Classes begin: 8 September 2022
- Classes end: 2 December 2022
- Exam period: 5 December - 23 December 2022 (tentative)

Winter 2023

- Nomination deadline: 1 September 2022 (remains the same every year)
- Application deadline (early): 30 April 2022 (remains the same every year)
- Application deadline (final): 30 Sept 2022 (remains the same every year)
- Classes begin: 9 January 2023 (tentative)
- Classes end: 7 April 2022 (tentative)
- Exam period: 10 April - 28 April 2023 (tentative)

*More course enrollment opportunities will be available for Winter applications received by the 30 April 2022 deadline

**Exchange and other orientation programming will begin approximately one week ahead of the first day of classes. Dates and details will be emailed to accepted students



Application Instructions



Partner exchange offices will be emailed the link to the Queen's website to nominate their students for the exchange program.

After receiving the nomination, the Queen's Admissions Office will contact the student at their home university email address, provided in the nomination, to direct the student to the Queen's exchange online application.

Please note, application instructions will not be emailed to external addresses (e.g., Gmail).

Orientation



At Queen's we want to make sure that you are well-supported and so we offer 3 orientations!

International Programs Office (IPO)

The IPO offers an academic orientation session at the start of each term for incoming Arts and Science exchange students. The session provides information about academic programs in the Faculty of Arts and Science, course registration, the academic culture at Queen's, contacting professors, and the role of teaching assistants.

Queen's University International Centre (QUIC)

QUIC runs an orientation session that covers students' rights and responsibilities, opportunities to make the most of their time at Queen's, the numerous student services available to make their sojourn successful, as well as travelling in Canada and the United States. [Find more information about the QUIC International Student Orientation.](#)

The Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS)

ASUS, the student government representing Arts and Science students at Queen's, runs the Exchange Buddies Program, which groups incoming exchange students with upper-year Arts and Science students. Incoming exchange students will receive an invitation to join the ASUS Exchange Buddies program once they have confirmed their acceptance to attend Queen's.



Contact us

If you have any questions about studying at Queen's, please email us at ipo@queensu.ca.

We also invite you to visit our website where you can find out more information:

<https://www.queensu.ca/ipo/incoming-exchange/why-queens>

Academic Information



Language of Instruction

- All courses at Queen's are taught in English.

Course Load

- Exchange students are recommended to take a minimum of 12.0 units and a maximum of 15.0 units per term; 24.0 to maximum of 30.0 units for the full year. Please note that 12-15 units typically represent 4-5 courses per semester. Full-year students take a maximum of 15.0 units per semester.

Course Weight

- Full-year 6.0 unit courses extend throughout the Fall-Winter session. 3.0 unit courses are offered within the Fall or Winter terms. A 6.0 unit course normally involves 220-260 hours of learning hours (laboratories and tutorials may also be required); a 3.0 unit course involves 110-130 hours of learning hours.

Course Types

- L= Lecture; S = Seminar; T = Tutorial; P = Practical (e.g. laboratory, workshop, studio)

Grading

- Queen's has a letter-based grading system and a 4.3 scale grade point average (GPA), ranging from 4.3 (A+) to 0.0 (F). For more details about Faculty of Arts & Science Policy on Grading, [click here](#).

Course Choices

- Arts and Science courses are open to exchange students provided that they have the appropriate prerequisite courses. Please note that availability may be limited in some departments. Students may have the option to take courses from another Faculty; however, the majority of courses must be in the Faculty of Arts and Science. Students are not permitted to enroll in courses offered by the Faculty of Law.

Examinations

- Requirements vary for each course. An extra half hour during final examinations is available to exchange students whose first language is not English.

Departments in Arts and Science

Learn about the [various programs and degrees with the Faculty of Arts & Science](#).

Social Sciences

Economics || Environmental Studies || Gender Studies || Geography || Global Development Studies || Indigenous Studies || Kinesiology & Health Studies || Political Studies || Psychology || Sociology

Humanities

Art History || Classical Studies || English Language and Literature || History || Jewish Studies || Philosophy || Religious Studies

Creative Arts

Drama || Film & Media || Media & Performance Production || Music || Music Theatre

Literatures, Languages and Cultures

French Studies || German Studies || Hispanic Studies || Italian || Languages, Literatures and Cultures || Linguistics || Mathematics || Spanish and Latin American Studies || World Language Studies

With languages courses in

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Life & Physical Sciences

Astrophysics || Biochemistry || Biology || Biotechnology || Chemistry || Computing || Environmental Science || Geography || Geological Sciences || Kinesiology || Life Sciences || Mathematical Physics || Mathematics || Physics || Psychology || Statistic

Join the Conversation

Queen's University celebrates intercultural dialogue around equity, diversity, inclusion, and indigeneity in the Queen's and broader Kingston community. Intercultural conversation makes our community remarkable both within and outside the classroom. Here are some academic courses that we invite you to explore as you continue to research a potential exchange at Queen's University. All members of the Queen's community are encouraged to participate in the intercultural conversation and we hope you will join us.

Courses listed below are one-term courses (either Fall or Winter) and have a cultural focus and minimal pre-requisites. Please note course offerings are subject to change each year.

- ANSH 101/3.0 Beginning Anishinaabe Language and Culture I
- ARTH 248/3.0 Introduction to the Indigenous Arts of North America
- BIOL 319/3.0 Introduction to Ethnobotany
- BLCK 200/3.0 Introduction to Black Studies
- DEVS 220/3.0 Introduction to Indigenous Studies
- EMPR 260/3.0 Advancing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Workplace
- ENGL 218/3.0 Introduction to Indigenous Literature in Canada
- ENSC 103/3.0 Environment and Sustainability
- GNDS 212/3.0 Racism, Colonialism and Resistance
- GNDS 125/3.0 Gender, Race and Popular Culture
- GNDS 215/3.0 Introduction to Sexual and Gender Diversity
- GPHY 351/3.0 Geographies of Indigenous and Settler Relations
- HIST 254/3.0 Women and Gender in 20th Century Canada
- INDG 301/3.0 Black and Indigenous Poetries
- LLCU 101/3.0 Beginning Indigenous Language and Culture I
- LLCU 110/3.0 Linguistic Diversity and Identity
- LLCU 111/3.0 Introduction to Cultures
- LLCU 270/3.0 Contemporary Events and Indigenous Cultural Politics
- LLCU 302/3.0 Unsettling: Indigenous Peoples & Canadian Settler Colonialism
- LLCU 370/3.0 Indigenous Women and Power
- MOHK 101/3.0 Beginning Mohawk Language & Culture
- POLS 313/3.0 Mass Media and Politics in Canada

[Check out our website](#) for more information about these courses.

Accommodation Options



On Campus

A limited number of spaces in residence are available for exchange students. All residence allocations are made through a lottery system and housing in residence cannot be guaranteed. See the [Queen's University Residences page for Exchange Students](#).

Off-Campus

Many exchange students elect to live off-campus. The Queen's University International Centre provides resources to assist students to locating housing. See the [QUIC's Housing Search page](#) for more details.

Finding living arrangements in Kingston can be a challenge – especially in the Fall term. We recommend students who choose to live off-campus should come to Kingston at least one week in advance to find adequate accommodation.

We recommend that you do not sign a lease or send rent money to a landlord before you arrive in Kingston.

For more information about off-campus living, you can contact our [Off-Campus Living Advisor](#).

Residence Application & Deposit Deadlines

Residence availabilities for the 2022-23 year will be confirmed at a later date

Full Year/Fall Term

- Application opens: *Date to be determined*

Winter Term

- Application opens: *Date to be determined*
- No deadline: Winter rooms are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Permits and Visas



Study Permit

Study Permit and Visa Requirements can change frequently. Contact the International Student Advisors for more information at isa@queensu.ca.

Entry Visa

Citizens of certain countries and territories will require either a Visa or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to visit Canada.

Visit the Government of Canada's "[Find Out If You Need A Visa](#)" page for more information.

Questions?

- The Queen's University International Centre (QUIC) has created a [Permits and Visas Information Page](#) and a [Frequently Asked Questions Page](#) for international students.
- If you have questions about applying for your study permit/work permit you can contact one of the QUIC International Student Advisors. The ISAs are Regulated International Student Immigration Advisors, and can advise on study permits and other immigration matters as it relates to student status, however they are not able to complete applications for students.

Campus



On-Campus Facilities

Queen's offers a range of on-campus facilities including:

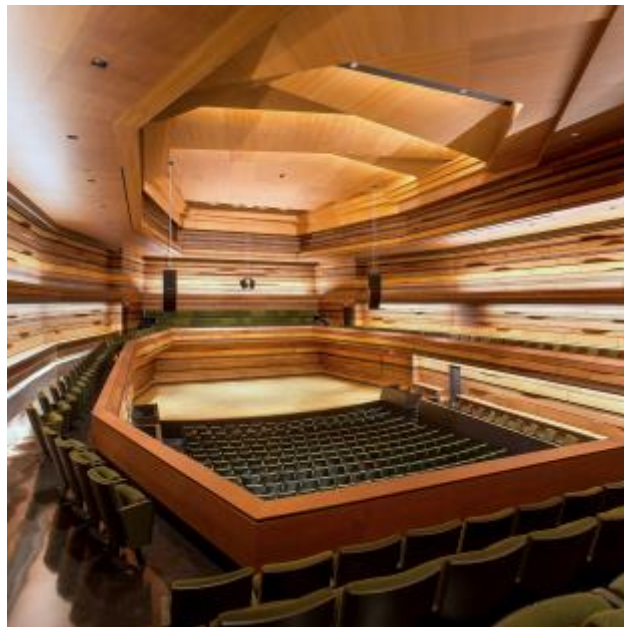
- [Athletics and Recreation Services](#)
- [Campus Bookstore](#)

- [Libraries](#)
- [Student Wellness Services](#) (Supports the personal, academic, and social health development of students at Queen's University)
- [Student Academic Success Services](#) (Offers academic support to all students)
- [Dining Halls and Eateries](#)
- [Queen's School of English](#)
- [Queen's University International Centre \(QUIC\)](#)
- [Student Clubs](#)

Queen's University is situated on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Territory.



1 - Richardson Stadium



2 - Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts

Living Costs

The Office of the University Registrar provides [a list of estimated living and educational expenses](#) on their website. All costs are in Canadian Dollars (CAD\$). Please note the expenses quoted are a guide only. They will vary depending on location, lifestyle and personal choices.

You can also find out more about costs and budgeting [on our website](#).

Please note that all exchange students will be automatically enrolled in the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP). See the [UHIP website](#) for more information.

Student Services



Student Card

Exchange students receive a Queen's student card and have the same rights and privileges using this card as a full-time, domestic Queen's student. This includes access to facilities listed above.

Student Guidebook

Looking for more information including life on campus, health insurance, working and living in Kingston? [Check out the International Student Guidebook](#) created by the Queen's University International Centre (QUIC).

If you are looking for tips for adjusting to Canadian academics, the Queen's Student Academic Success Services has provided [a guide to support your transition](#).

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