



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'íwe nikanónhsote tsi no'íwe ne Haudenosaunee tánon Anishinaabek tehatihsnónhsahere ne óhontsa.

Gimaakwe Gchi-gkinoomaagegamig atemagad Naadowe miinwaa Anishinaabe aking.

Why do we add a land acknowledgement?¹

- 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.

¹<https://www.queensu.ca/encyclopedia/t/traditional-territories>

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 2023 & Full Year 2023-24

- Nomination deadline: 1 April 2023 (remains the same every year)
- Application deadline: 30 April 2023 (remains the same every year)
- Classes begin: 5 September 2023
- Classes end: 5 December 2023
- Exam period: 7 December - 21 December 2023

Winter 2023

- Nomination deadline: 1 September 2023 (remains the same every year)
- Application deadline (early): 30 April 2023 (remains the same every year)
- Application deadline (final): 30 Sept 2023 (remains the same every year)
- Classes begin: 8 January 2024
- Classes end: 8 April 2024
- Exam period: 11 April - 25 April 2024

*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, opportunities outside of the classroom at Queen's, and services available to students.

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 Orientation².

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

²<http://quic.queensu.ca/arrival/orientation/>

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.



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 units to maximum of 30.0 units for the full year. Please note that 12.0-15.0 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 here³.

Course Choices

- Arts and Science courses are open to exchange students provided that they have the appropriate prerequisite courses. Students may have the option to take courses from another Faculty; however, the majority of courses must be at the undergraduate level in the Faculty of Arts and Science. Students are permitted to enroll in only select courses offered by the Faculty of Law, Commerce, Engineering, and the Faculty of Health Sciences.
- **Please note: Enrolment in courses is not guaranteed.** The International Programs Office will contact fall and full-year students in June to request their course selections, and only after the academic offerings for the next year have been confirmed. The IPO will contact winter term students in November regarding course enrollment for their exchange.
- Please note, the following subjects are currently in high demand in the Faculty of Arts and Science at Queen's and courses have limited spaces:
 - Computing
 - Drama and Music
 - Economics
 - Film and Media
 - Kinesiology
 - Life Sciences
 - Political Studies
 - Psychology

³http://www.queensu.ca/artsci/sites/faswww/files/policy_on_grading.pdf

- Courses at Bader College are not available for exchange students
- While every effort is made to place students in the courses requested, it is not always possible to fulfill all requests. **To maximize entry to courses, partners should continue to select students who may have greater flexibility in their academic program while on exchange.** Students are encouraged to explore all options in the creative arts, humanities, life and physical sciences, languages, and the social sciences when selecting courses.

Examinations

- Requirements vary for each course. An extra half hour during final examinations is available to exchange students whose first language is not English.
- Students are encouraged to delay booking their return travel tickets until the final examination schedules are posted. The fall term examination schedule is typically released mid-October. The winter term examination schedule is typically released mid-February.

Transcripts

- At the end of a student's exchange and after all final grades are released, they will receive one transcript free of charge sent via FedEx to their home university.
- This transcript cannot be released directly to students nor be sent digitally.
- Please note that transcripts will not be released if students have any charges (\$) owing on their account (UHIP, etc).

OnQ Exchange Course

- OnQ is a Learning Management System used at Queen's across all faculties to deliver course content. All exchange students will be enrolled in a special OnQ course where they will be able to access all relevant information related to their exchange including academic services, support services, course enrollment, housing tips, and many other resources. It is crucial that students access this course frequently throughout the duration of their time at Queen's to ensure a successful and informed exchange.

Departments in Arts and Science

Learn about the various programs and degrees with the Faculty of Arts & Science⁴.

Computing

Computer Science

Social Sciences

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

Humanities

⁴<https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/programs-and-degrees>

Anishinaabemowin || Arabic || Art History || Chinese || Classical Studies || English Language and Literature || French Studies || German Language and Studies || Hebrew || Hispanic Studies || History || Italian || Japanese || Jewish Studies || Languages, Literatures and Cultures || Linguistics || Mohawk || Philosophy || Portuguese || Religious Studies || Spanish and Latin American Studies

Creative Arts

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

Life & Physical Sciences

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

[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 prerequisites. 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 website⁵ for more information about these courses.

Accommodation Options



On Campus

Unfortunately, in the 2023-2024 academic year, there will be no spaces available in residence for incoming exchange students. Students are encouraged to look for off-campus housing using the resources below.

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 page⁶ for more details.

⁵<https://www.queensu.ca/ipo/incoming-exchange/academics#join>

⁶<https://quic.queensu.ca/living-in-kingston/housing/>

Finding living arrangements in Kingston can be a challenge – especially in the Fall term. We recommend students 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 Advisor⁷.

Permits and Visas



Study Permit

The International Programs Office is unable to advise on study permits and visas.

Study Permit and Visa Requirements can change frequently. Contact the International Student Advisors at the Queen's University International Centre (QUIC) for more information at isa@queensu.ca⁸.

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"⁹ page for more information.

⁷<https://www.queensu.ca/ocla/contact-us>

⁸<mailto:isa@queensu.ca>

⁹<https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

Questions?

- The Queen's University International Centre (QUIC) has created a Permits and Visas Information Page¹⁰ and a Frequently Asked Questions Page¹¹ 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 Services¹²
- Campus Bookstore¹³
- Libraries¹⁴
- Student Wellness Services¹⁵ (Supports the personal, academic, and social health development of students at Queen's University)

¹⁰<https://quic.queensu.ca/arrival/permits-and-visas/>

¹¹<https://quic.queensu.ca/permits-and-visas-faqs/>

¹²<https://gogaelsgo.com/>

¹³<https://www.campusbookstore.com/welcome>

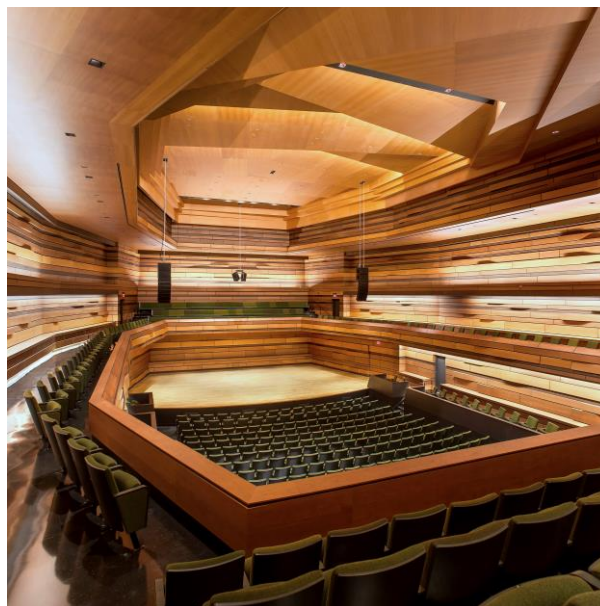
¹⁴<https://library.queensu.ca/>

- Student Academic Success Services¹⁶ (Offers academic support to all students)
- Dining Halls and Eateries¹⁷
- Queen's School of English¹⁸
- Queen's University International Centre (QUIC)¹⁹
- Student Clubs²⁰

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



1 - Richardson Stadium



2 - Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts

Living Costs and Health Insurance

The Office of the University Registrar provides a list of estimated living and educational expenses²¹ 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.

¹⁵<https://www.queensu.ca/studentwellness/>

¹⁶<http://sass.queensu.ca/>

¹⁷<https://www.queensu.ca/campuslife/food>

¹⁸<https://qsoe.educ.queensu.ca/>

¹⁹<https://quic.queensu.ca/>

²⁰<https://myams.org/home/clubs/clubs-directory/>

You can also find out more about costs and budgeting on our website²².

Health Insurance

Please note that all exchange students will be automatically enrolled in the mandatory University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP). See the UHIP website²³ for more information. Failure to pay this fee will result in your final transcript being withheld at the end of your exchange.

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 the facilities listed above and access to the Kingston Transit system²⁴.

Student Guidebook

Looking for more information including life on campus, health insurance, working and living in Kingston? Check out the International Student Guidebook²⁵ 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 transition²⁶.

²¹<https://www.queensu.ca/studentawards/costs>

²²<https://www.queensu.ca/ipo/incoming-exchange/costs>

²³<https://quic.queensu.ca/uhip/>

²⁴<https://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/transit>

²⁵<https://rise.articulate.com/share/0gvUtRvTlCu8RuMbSFWtvAsW2KY1HzyU#/>

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Contact Details



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Visit us on the web at www.queensu.ca/ipo²⁸

Facebook²⁹, Instagram ³⁰& Twitter³¹: @queensuipo

²⁶<https://sass.queensu.ca/students/international/>

²⁷<mailto:ipo@queensu.ca>

²⁸<https://www.queensu.ca/ipo>

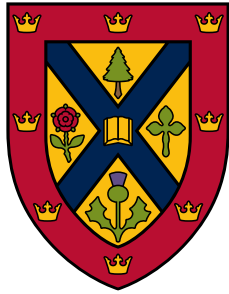
²⁹<https://www.facebook.com/queensuipo>

³⁰<https://www.instagram.com/queensuipo/>

³¹<https://twitter.com/queensuipo>

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Important: Get vaccination information, and learn more about Queen's safe return to campus plans.

[About Applying » English Language Requirements](#)

English Language Requirements

English Proficiency: Test of Facility in English

Applicants who meet one of the following criteria do not need to submit a test of facility in English:

- completed an IB diploma (completion of SL English B is not sufficient) or
- lived in a country where English is the acknowledged primary language for the most recent three years prior to beginning their university studies or
- attended an education institution full-time where the medium of instruction is English for the most recent three years prior to beginning their university studies

All other applicants must achieve a satisfactory score on one of the tests of facility in English listed below.

This test is a firm requirement and admission decisions cannot be made until an acceptable score has been reported. If you are in doubt about whether you meet our language requirements, submit an acceptable English language test score as soon as possible to avoid potential delays in the processing of your admission application.

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Queen’s University reserves the right to request the result of an English language test from any applicant, at any time, when necessary.



Test	Minimum Scores
<u>International English Language Testing System (IELTS)</u>	Score of 6.5 on Academic Module with no band below 6.0 Share your results with Queens University – Undergrad Admission through IELTS
<u>Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)</u>	iBT (Internet Based TOEFL)/88 overall: 24 Writing, 22 Speaking, 22 Reading, 20 Listening; Paper Based TOEFL (PBT)/580 (TBC) Share your results with Institution Code 0949 through TOEFL
<u>TOEFL (Home Edition)</u>	
<u>Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL)</u>	Overall band of 70 with no band below 60 Share your results with Queen’s University through CAEL

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Queen's
School of
English

High standing on 12-week English for Academic Purposes advanced level English courses.

Pearson Test
of English
Academic
(PTE
Academic)

Overall score of 60

Share your results with Queen's University through PTE

Duolingo
English Test

Minimum score 110

The Duolingo English Test is an online English proficiency test that can be taken online, on-demand, in under an hour for only \$49 USD. The test is taken via a computer with a camera and includes a proficiency score, video interview, and writing sample, which are shared with Queen's University when you send your results. Certified results are available within 48 hours of the test session.

Share your results with Queen's University through Duolingo

Cambridge
English

175, with no component below 170

Share your results with Queen's University through Cambridge

Applicants who have been asked to submit English Language Proficiency results, and believe that this is not applicable to them, may make an appeal. For more information, see English Requirement Appeals Below.

We strongly advise you to complete your test and submit your scores to us well in advance of the published deadline. It may take several weeks from the time your test results are released until they reach Undergraduate Admission & Recruitment. **The only acceptable way to submit your test results to Queen's University is via the testing body.**

English Language Proficiency test results are valid for a maximum period of two years prior to beginning studies at Queen's.

In order to match your results to your application, please ensure that you use the same information as your application for admission to Queen's. This includes: first (given), surname (last/family name), date of birth, and gender. We are unable to match results received with differing information.

Queen's School of English

A variety of non-degree full-time study options for international students are available through Queen's School of English.

English Language Bridging Pathway - QBridge



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✚ English for Academic Purposes Program

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) is an intensive language program that prepares students for university or college studies in English. Students completing this 12-Week program may be eligible for the English proficiency exam waiver. If a high standing on a 12-Week EAP Advanced level English course completed at the School is achieved prior to your application, an English language test score may not be required for admission to undergraduate degree programs at Queen's.

Students should notify Undergraduate Admission in writing that they have completed the course. Undergraduate Admission will contact Queen's School of English on their behalf to determine if a waiver is appropriate, and will advise the student of the decision. Students should be prepared to write a test of facility in English within the published document deadlines (April 30) if a waiver is not granted.

✚ English Experience Programs

English Requirement Appeals

Applicants who have been asked to submit a test of facility in English and believe that this is not applicable to them may follow this process:

Contact us by email, indicating the school(s) that you have attended, the name and contact information of each school's principal, including the length of time you attend the school. To support your claim, please arrange to have your school(s) send official documentation – such as a school profile, or a letter from the principal. The documentation must indicate that the medium of instruction at the school(s) is entirely in English.

After we receive this documentation, we will review it and inform you of our decision. If we determine that you still are required to provide an English facility test, you will have to submit an acceptable result by April 30th.

[Embedded video]:VIDEO: Queen's School of English

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Undergraduate Admission and Recruitment

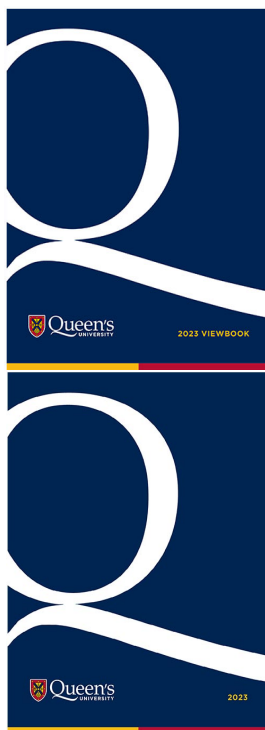
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[2023 Viewbook](#)
(PDF 10MB)

[2023 International Viewbook](#) (PDF 1 MB)



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