

ARTS AND SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE FACT SHEET

Queen's
UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAMS OFFICE



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.

And 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.

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

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.

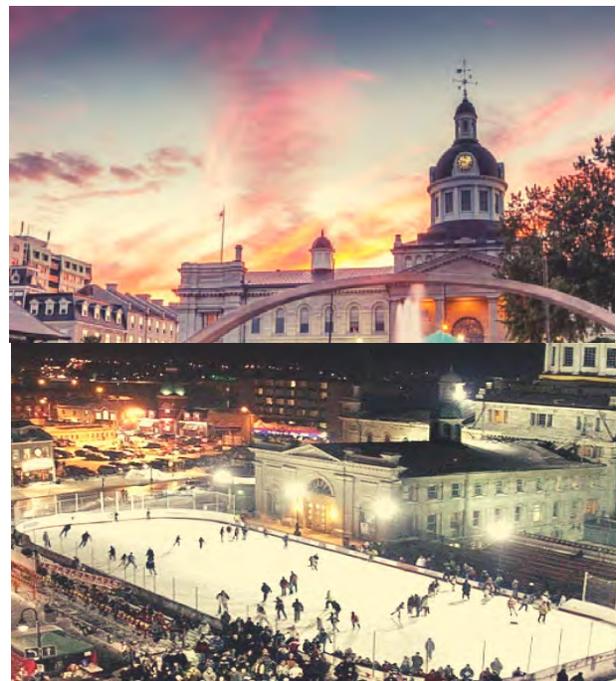
Kingston was chosen as the first capital of Canada on February 15, 1841, and served in that role until 1844. Kingston was also the home of Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald.

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.

And 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!

Kingston and Queen's University are situated on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Territory. We recognize its longer history, one predating the establishment of the earliest European colonies. We also acknowledge this territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, upon it and whose practices and spiritualities were tied to the land and continue to develop in relationship to the territory and its other inhabitants today.



Important Dates

Fall 2020 & Full Year 2020-2021

Nomination deadline: 1 April 2020
Application deadline: 30 April 2020
Term begins: 1 September 2020
Classes begin: 10 September 2020
Exams end: 23 December 2020
Term ends: 31 December 2020

Winter 2021

Nomination deadline: 1 September 2020
Application deadline (early): 30 April 2020*
Application deadline (final): 30 Sept 2020
Term begins: 1 January 2021
Classes begin: 4 January 2021
Exams end: 24 April 2021
Term ends: 30 April 2021

* More course enrollment opportunities will be available for Winter term students who apply by the 30 April 2020 deadline

Dates are subject to change.

Application Instructions

Partner exchange offices will be emailed the link to the Queen's website at the end of January 2020 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 (i.e. Gmail).



Applying to Queen's was certainly one of the best decisions I have ever made... If you are thinking about coming to Queen's, stop thinking right now and sign on that red, yellow and blue dotted line!

Nicholas (Durham University, UK)

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 offers an optional series of welcome activities on campus, in Kingston and further afield in Ontario as well as orientation sessions that provide information on common issues such as banking.

<http://quic.queensu.ca/international-students-and-staff/welcome-and-orientation/>.

The Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS)

ASUS, the student government representing Arts and Science students at Queen's, runs NEWTS Orientation. NEWTS takes students from around the world, with many unique experiences, and helps bridge their transition during their time at Queen's University. Previous activities have included a Mystery Road Trip, Semi-Formal, and Paint Party.

Contact Us

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

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.

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). https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/sites/default/files/policy_on_grading.pdf

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

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

Social Sciences

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

Humanities

Art History
Classics
English Language &
Literature
History
Jewish Studies
Philosophy
Religious Studies

Creative Arts

Drama
Film & Media
Visual Arts
Music

Life & Physical Sciences

Biochemistry
Biology
Chemistry
Computing
Environmental Science
Geography
Geological Sciences
Life Sciences
Mathematics & Statistics
Physics & Astronomy
Psychology

Languages

Anishinaabemowin Language
Arabic Language
Chinese Language
French Studies
German Language &
Literature
Hebrew Language & Literature
Inuktitut Language
Italian Language & Literature
Japanese Language
Languages, Lit and Cultures
Linguistics
Mohawk Language
Portuguese Language
Spanish Language & Literature

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 the exchange program. Students are encouraged to explore all options when selecting courses.

Accommodation Options

On-Campus

A limited number of spaces in Jean Royce Hall are available for exchange students. All residence allocations are made through a lottery system and housing in residence cannot be guaranteed. See <https://bit.ly/2YIjbww> for more details.

Residence Application & Deposit Deadlines

Full Year/Fall Term

Applications open March 1st, 2020.

Deadline on July 1st 2020.

Winter Term

Applications open Oct 1st 2020.

No deadline: Winter rooms are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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 <https://bit.ly/2XrbwLn> 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.

Permits and Visas

Study Permit

Students planning to study in Canada for 6 months or less do not require a Study Permit. For any period longer than 6 months, a Study Permit is required. A Study Permit is needed to work on campus, regardless of the length of study period. Exchange students may not work off campus. Visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada.html> for more information.

Entry Visa

Citizens of certain countries and territories will require either a Visa or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to visit Canada. Visit <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp> for more information.

Looking for more info?

Get helpful advice online at <https://bit.ly/2mgrFSd>

Contact an International Student Adviser today at isa@queensu.ca



Campus



On-Campus Facilities

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

- Athletics and Recreation Services
- Campus Bookstore
- Libraries
- Student Wellness Services
- Student Academic Success Services
- Dining Halls and Eateries
- Queen's School of English
- Queen's University International Centre (QUIC)
- Student Clubs

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 free use of Kingston Transit and access to facilities listed above.



Living Costs

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. See Student Awards for additional estimated costs and sample budgets.

On-Campus Housing

	One Term	Two Terms
Residence Fees (excluding meal plan)	\$3,940	\$7,880
ResNet (Internet fees)	\$80	\$160
Student Council Fees	\$57.50	\$115
Meal Plans*	\$860-\$4,160	\$860-\$4,160

Off-Campus Housing

Rent and utilities	\$2,400-3,800	\$4,800-\$7,600
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General Expenses

Food	\$1,080 (approx.)	\$2,160 (approx.)
University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)	\$208	\$416
Medical Insurance (mandatory)		
AMS Supplementary Medical Insurance (optional)	\$284.05	\$284.05
Textbooks and Supplies (costs vary by program)	\$600-800 (approx.)	\$1200-\$1600 (approx.)
Telephone (plans vary; long distance charges may cost more)	\$100-220 (approx.)	\$200-\$440 (approx.)
Clothing/Laundry	\$240-280	\$480-\$560
Miscellaneous (not including additional travelling)	At least \$600	At least \$1,000
Local bus service	Free	Free



Student Services

Student Wellness Services

Student Wellness Services provides a welcoming, confidential, and integrated service that is responsive to the health, wellness, and accessibility needs of students. Exchange students can access counselling services, health promotion events, accessibility services, workshops and many other SWS supports during their time at Queen's.

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



Student Academic Success Services

We encourage all students to visit the resources made by SASS:

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

Student Guidebook

Looking for more information including life on campus, health insurance, working and living in Kingston? Check out the [International Student Guidebook](#).



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