Get to know LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES (LLCU)

The world can seem like a big place, but through LLCU you get a glimpse into its diverse parts. The Department is a vibrant unit covering Anishinaabemowin, Arabic, Chinese, German, Hebrew, Inuktitut, Italian, Japanese, Mohawk, Portuguese and Spanish languages and cultures. We also offer a popular program in Linguistics.

Studying Languages or Linguistics has many advantages for personal growth and future careers. Learning another language can give you the ability to step inside the mind of a culture and express yourself in a new way – opening many career possibilities in our globalized society. Speaking a foreign language opens the door to a study abroad experience, giving you an excellent opportunity for an immersion in the language and culture, and setting you apart from other students. The Department offers many exchange opportunities and encourages all students to explore international study options. Study abroad scholarships are available to students participating in an exchange and are based on academic excellence. Through learning Languages and Cultures or Linguistics, you develop strong analytical thinking skills, allowing you to analyze possible outcomes and be more flexible and creative. This ability is a valuable complement to any discipline – making LLCU not only a major but a very popular minor to many Queen’s degrees such as History, Art History, Politics and Global Development Studies.

Degree PLANS

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)  
Major in Linguistics, Hispanic Studies, Languages, Literatures and Cultures / Medial in German Studies, Hispanic Studies / Minor in German Studies, Hispanic Studies, Indigenous Studies, Italian, Linguistics, Spanish and Latin American Studies, World Language Studies  
Internship option available

Our three majors, seven minors and 12+ languages offer cultural diversity for everyone.

Queen’s ADMISSION

Students apply to Queen’s Arts (QA) through the OUAC (Ontario Universities’ Application Centre) website (ouac.on.ca). Secondary School prerequisites include six 4U and 4M courses, including a minimum of three 4U courses, one of which must be ENG4U. Visit queensu.ca/admission for additional information regarding requirements and admission to Queen’s. Language placement tests are available to determine your appropriate starting level in the languages offered.

A Year to CHOOSE

We often say that our students are like explorers. In Arts and Science, your first year is all about making choices and exploring new paths. Whether you are in Arts, Science or Computing, you will choose your courses from a wide variety of subjects as you settle into university life and become familiar with new styles of learning. By the end of your first year, you will have discovered your areas of interest, passion and success, and will then declare your major. Your first year, whether you consider it to be undeclared, undecided or simply a time for exploration, is bound to be a year full of adventure.

Course HIGHLIGHTS

Have you ever wondered why certain words mean what they do? ‘Rock’ can mean a type of music or a ‘stone’ and sometimes it’s not so easy to make sense of certain words. This question is at the heart of the Semiotics: Interpreting the World course. In this course, you will explore how words and other signs (facial expression, body language, and visual cues) make meaning. You will learn how people understand, communicate and transmit signs and why they do it the way they do it! Just one example of unique courses in LLCU.
**Languages, Literatures and Cultures Major Map**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, MEDIAL, MINOR**

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**1ST YEAR**
- Start with beginner language courses for: German Studies, Indigenous Studies, Italian, Hispanic Studies, Spanish and Latin American Studies, or World Languages Studies, and an introductory course in Linguistics.
- For the LLCU major, take LLCU 111 and/or LLCU 110 and for Linguistics take LING 100.
- For additional course requirements for specific majors please see the LLCU Major Map Addendum.

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**2ND YEAR**
- Choose LLCU Plans in: German Studies, Indigenous Studies, Italian, Hispanic Studies, LLCU and Spanish and Latin American Studies, World Languages Studies, or Linguistics.
- For more information, check out the LLCU Major Map Addendum.
- Want to enhance your degree? Consider a certificate in International Studies or explore other certificates available.

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**3RD YEAR**
- Try and complete as many core and option courses as you can: German Studies, Indigenous Studies, Italian, Hispanic Studies, LLCU, Spanish and Latin American Studies, World Languages Studies, or Linguistics.
- Need help mapping all of your core, option, supporting and elective courses (including those not listed above) to make sure you will have what you need to complete your degree? Use the Course Mapping Tool on the Arts and Science website.

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**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**
- Complete core and option courses in German Studies, Indigenous Studies, Italian, Hispanic Studies, LLCU, Spanish and Latin American Studies, World Languages Studies, or Linguistics.
- By fourth year you should be working on your remaining option and elective courses. Make sure to map your minor and / or certificate(s) as well.
- Apply to graduate in SOLUS.

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**Where could I go after graduation?**
- Art interpretation
- Auctioneering
- Banking
- Civil service
- Communications
- Cross-cultural consulting
- Curriculum development
- Customs and excise
- Diplomatic service
- Editing
- Education counselling
- Foreign service
- Fundraising and event management
- Hospitality and tourism
- Human Resources
- Immigration services
- Insurance
- Interpretation
- Journalism
- Law
- Linguistics
- Marketing
- Mediation
- Museum management
- Public relations
- Publishing
- Re-settlement programs and services
- Speech and language therapy
- Teaching
- Translation
- Some careers may require additional training.

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

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*This map is intended to provide suggestions for potential activities and career paths, but everyone's abilities, experience, and constraints are different. Build your own map using our online My Major Map tool.*
What can I learn studying LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES?

- Knowledge of different cultures and an understanding of the importance of perspective
- Oral and written communication to write essays and present information to a group
- Ability to work in groups using another language
- Research to analyze information to draw out relevant facts and ideas
- Resource and time management
- Fluency or near-fluency in a second language
- Translation skills to interpret and translate documents in a foreign language
- Knowledge of the nuances of syntax, grammar and vocabulary of a second language
- Attention to detail to write in a foreign language and translate between languages without errors

Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, the Kingston community has been a collection of bright minds. We are proud that our city was named one of the top Intelligent Communities across the globe, an accolade largely due to the thousands of students who study here every single year. In fact, the BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world, which might be why Instagram named the city ‘the happiest place on the planet’. Just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York, Kingston is a safe and liveable city. Not only are we known as the freshwater sailing capital of the world, Kingston is arguably the birthplace of hockey. Wondering what to do while you’re attending school? Queen’s has more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and Kingston has more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America; your time here is guaranteed to be ‘fresh made daily’.

We’re closer than you think

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen’s, starting with the skills list here for ideas. Explaining your strengths with compelling examples will be important for applications to employers and further education. For help, check out the Career Services skills workshop.