Welcome to Queen’s University! We hope you enjoy this self-guided tour of our main and west campuses. The tour begins on Main Campus, which was established in 1841. It beautifully reflects both our over 180-year-old traditions and current life at Queen’s. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the Queen’s Campus Tours office at tours@queensu.ca, or the Undergraduate Admissions office at admission@queensu.ca.

The start of the self-guided tour is Gordon Hall (74 Union St). Gordon Hall is open Monday to Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm if you would like to speak with an admissions representative.

You can view an interactive map of Queen’s campus here: https://map.queensu.ca. This PDF is interactive, please click on a section in the table of contents below to view that portion of the tour!

Enjoy the tour!

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather at Queen’s Campus is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples. We are grateful to live, learn and play on these lands.

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Part 1: Main Campus (Estimated time: 1.25 hours)
Stop 1: Gordon Hall
Completed in 1911, Gordon Hall was a gift of the government of Ontario and its cornerstone was laid by Premier Sir James Whitney in April 1910. It is named after the Rev Daniel Miner Gordon, principal of Queen's from 1902 to 1917.

Admissions and Finances:
Gordon Hall is home to the Office of the University Registrar, Career Services, the School of Graduate Studies, and the Office of the Associate Vice-Principal and Dean of Student Affairs. Gordon Hall is open Monday to Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm if you would like to speak with an admissions representative. To speak with Admissions while Gordon Hall is open, enter the second floor by using the large outdoor staircase and turn right. The welcome centre will get you in contact with admissions!

Stop 2: Clark Hall
Built between 1949 and 1951, Clark Hall houses the Campus Bookstore and the Clark Hall Pub, run by engineering students.

Campus Bookstore:
The Bookstore is still owned and operated by students under the auspices of the Queen's University Engineering Society Services Incorporated (QUESSI), a not-for-profit corporation that endeavors to distribute required course material at the lowest possible price to students while operating a comprehensive university bookstore for the whole Queen's community.

Today, the bookstore keeps a stock of all required textbooks for all courses offered by the university, along with a wide range of general interest and reference books, other academic supplies, and gift items. Most of its books are offered at a discount below list price. In 2000, the bookstore launched an online textbook review service, in which students around the world offer input on texts being used for courses.

Clark Hall Pub:
Located on the top floor of Clark Hall, this is Queen's oldest pub. It has been in operation since 1971 and is run by the Engineering Society.

Safety:
Blue Light System
Throughout campus, you will notice the blue light system. Outdoor Emergency Phones are easily identified on campus by their blue lights and yellow boxes with a large red button. They are located on frequently traveled routes to create better access to Emergency services along those areas.

When the red button is pushed, the phone is connected directly to the Emergency Report Centre (ERC), where the exact location of the phone is indicated, and two-way audio communication is established. The ERC will ask the caller how they need assistance.

AMS Walkhome
Walkhome is a completely student-run service provided by the Alma Mater Society that offers safe walks to students, both on the Queen's campus and within the Kingston community. Walkhome operates in a 1.5-hour one way walking radius around Queen’s Campus. Walkhome can be requested online, by phone, or through their in-person kiosk located in the Queen’s Centre.

Stop 3: BioSciences Complex
Officially opened on November 28, 1997, the BioSciences Complex houses the Department of Biology and various other science and technology-oriented departments.

The complex features a large atrium with student study space and art displays, large lecture halls used by many different departments, and the Queen's Phytotron, featuring a number of greenhouses.

Stop 4: Beamish Monroe Hall, Integrated Learning Centre
Beamish-Munro Hall is named in honour of the families of Robert Beamish (Sci'60) and Donald Munro (Sci’52). It is the home of the Integrated Learning Centre and Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science.

The building opened in May 2004, and in 2005 it was selected as one of the most environmentally advanced buildings in Canada. This recognition by the Sustainable Buildings ’05 Canadian Team was part of the fourth International Green Building Challenge (GBC) 2005.

Engineering Design Teams:
The Engineering Society runs a group of design teams focused on all aspects of Engineering. The design teams offer great opportunities for students to get involved outside of the classroom, while gaining direct experience with real-world engineering projects. Design projects range from concrete canoes to a sailboat that sails itself. The team provide a great deal of jobs for a variety of levels of commitment, allowing group members to put in as many hours as fits their schedules.

Stop 5: Mitchell Hall
Built upon the former footprint (brownfield site) of the Physical and Health Education Centre (PEC) and Jock Harty Arena, Mitchell Hall's doors opened in December 2018, with three gymnasiums, two multi-purpose classrooms, and a new Examination Centre for students.

Mitchell Hall is a project designed to bring every aspect of campus life together under one roof. This unique project supports increased innovation programming and leading-edge engineering research, alongside wellness facilities and services for students.

Student Services:
Mitchell Hall includes space for the Queen’s University International Centre, Student Wellness Services which is the on-campus medical office, the Faith and Spiritual Life Centre which houses two multi-faith chaplains and multi-faith spaces, spaces for Student Community Relations, the off-campus living advisor, ample seating and lounge spaces on all floors, and a retail food outlet.
Stop 6: Queen’s Centre, Athletics and Recreation Centre

Queen’s Centre:

The Queen’s Centre opened on January 15, 2010 and offers a wide variety of student life facilities. The ground floor has DrugSmart Pharmacy, Grocery Checkout, a meal-plan accessible food court and the pool viewing area. On the upper levels, there are AMS student-run services such as Common Ground Coffee House as well as the First Years Off Campus Community lounge.

Alma Mater Society (AMS):

The Alma Mater Society is the central student government at Queen’s. It is the oldest, largest, and only completely student run government in Canada. The AMS oversees a variety of clubs, volunteer opportunities, and paid positions on campus. The AMS is typically housed in the John Deutsch University Centre, which is currently closed for renovations. Starting in Fall 2022, the AMS will be housed in the LaSalle building in the south end of main campus.

Athletics and Recreation Centre (ARC):

The ARC, which opened in December 2009, is a state-of-the-art fitness facility within the Queen’s Centre with a wide variety of programs and activities for the campus and Kingston community.

The ARC features a 38m x 25m pool, gymnasiums, basketball and volleyball courts, squash/racquetball courts, dance studios, and extensive cardio and weight facilities. Access to the ARC is included with Queen’s student fees.

Stop 7: Off-Campus Housing

Off-campus housing begins right behind the ARC and generally extends in a 15-minute walking radius around main and west campus. Students can receive guidance regarding off-campus living from the off-campus living advisor in Mitchell Hall.

Stop 8: Joseph S. Stauffer Library

Opened in the fall of 1994, the five-storey Joseph S. Stauffer Library is the largest library on campus, with room for approximately 1.5 million volumes, six kilometres of bookstacks, and study and research space for more than 1,200 students.

The library houses the university’s humanities and social sciences collections and also contains state of the art computing and information services, seminar and training rooms, meeting rooms, maps, air photos, government documents, data collections, and the Union Gallery for art works by students.

Academic Resources:

The first floor of Stauffer Library hosts part of the Queen’s Learning Commons (QLC). Within the QLC are a variety of important resources for students. Student Academic Success Services run workshops focusing on key skills for students as well as the Writing Centre. Within the Writing Centre, students can book free
appointments for help drafting, editing, or perfecting any written work while at Queen’s. The QLC also hosts the Adaptive Technology Centre, which offers specialized software and assistive devices for students.

Stop 9: Dunning Auditorium
Dunning Auditorium is the third largest lecture hall at Queen’s, and the second largest lecture hall on main campus. The Biosciences complex hosts the largest main campus lecture hall, and Duncan McArthur Hall on west campus has the largest lecture hall on campus.

Academics:
Faculty contact information can be found below in Appendix A: Contact Information. For students going into their first year at Queen’s and require assistance for course selection or other facets of academic life, please contact your faculty’s academic advisor. Contact information for faculty advisors can be found online or by contacting your faculty directly.

Stop 10: Agnes Etherington Art Centre
"The Agnes" is one of Canada's most respected art museums, with a permanent collection of more than 14,000 pieces.

The collection ranges from the 14th century to the present, with an emphasis on Canadian art. It includes paintings, sculptures, and graphics by major Canadian artists, European old master paintings - including three works by Rembrandt, costumes, quilts, silver and other decorative objects, Inuit art, and one of the largest public collections of African art in Canada. Exhibitions from the permanent collection are complemented by travelling exhibitions and a variety of public programs.

Grant Hall:
Located opposite of the Agnes on University Avenue is Grant Hall. With its tall limestone clock-tower, this assembly and concert hall, completed in 1905, is Queen's best-known landmark. Fittingly, it is named after Queen's most important principal, George Monro Grant, a national figure in his own right who gave Queen's, for the first time, a national mission and profile.

The hall seats 900 people and is used for public lectures and meetings, concerts, convocation ceremonies, dances, and exams.

It was also used as a military hospital during the First World War. During WWII, Grant Hall was used as an entertainment centre for troops and a meal hall.

Beside Grant Hall is Nixon Field, one of two turf fields on main campus. Behind Nixon Field is Kingston General Hospital, which doubles not only as trauma hospital but as a teaching and learning centre for students in medicine-based programs.

Stop 11: Residence
Please note that you cannot enter residence or dining facilities on the self-guided tour.

Queen’s has 18 residence buildings, which have been built between 1925-2022. Each building varies in size, layout, and room furnishings. Design elements such as flooring type, window sizes and window coverings, and storage solutions change from room to room.
Queen’s University Residences offer a variety of six room configurations and four bathroom types to suit your preferences.

**Room Types:**

**Single** – A single room is for one resident only. Single rooms have either a communal, private or single-user private washroom.

**Single Plus** – A single room with an adjoining bathroom shared with one other room of the same identified gender. Roommate requests are not available for this room type.

**Double** – A double room is shared between two residents of the same identified gender. This room type could have a communal or single-user private washroom.

**Loft Double** – A loft double room is a single room that has been converted into a double room with bunk beds, shared between two residents of the same identified gender. This room type could have a communal or single-user private washroom.

**Triple** – A triple room is shared between three residents of the same identified gender. This room type could have a communal or single-user private washroom.

**Quad** – A quad room is shared between four residents of the same identified gender. This room type could have a communal, or single user private washroom.

**Washroom Types:**

**Private** – washrooms are located within the bedroom space for exclusive use.

**Private single-user** – private washrooms that are not attached to the bedroom and are shared between all students on the floor. Only one student uses a private toilet and shower room at a time.

**Semi-private** – washrooms are located between two single plus rooms and are shared between those two students only.

**Communal** – washrooms are shared by a floor or wing. Multiple private shower and toilet stalls and communal sinks are shared between all students.

**Residence meal plan:**

Your meal plan is included in your residence fees and allows you to eat in all three dining halls and several retail locations serving internationally inspired food across campus! Here’s how it works.

The 2022/23 meal plans includes:

- 19 All-You-Care-To-Eat Meals per week in your choice of 3 dining halls.
- 200 Trade a Meals (TAM) - “trade-in” one of your dining hall meals for designated TAM specials in participating retail locations! Look for the TAM logo and let the cashier know you would like to use a meal plan.
- 145 Flex $ – Flex $ are loaded onto your student card and work like cash. You can use them to purchase anything in participating retail locations like beverages, snacks, and even meals. The cashier will swipe your card and the amount will be deducted from your Flex $ balance. You can
add more Flex $ to your card at any time, and in any denomination through the Student Residence & Dining Portal.

- GOOD TO GO Reusable Container Initiative - The green carabiner clip will be with your keys at a residence front desk. Bring your carabiner with you to exchange every time you visit a campus retail food location to save the $0.75 single-use container fee.

Stop 12: Waterfront
Queen’s is located beside Lake Ontario, which offers beautiful lakeside views and walking paths. Slightly west down King St. West is the Gord Downie Memorial Pier and the beach at Breakwater Park. Lake Ontario also offers opportunities to participate in water-based sports and events including parasailing, canoeing, and swimming.

Downtown Kingston:
Kingston is in the top ten cities in Canada for most restaurants per capita. Many of these restaurants are in downtown Kingston, which is towards the east end of the city. Downtown Kingston also offers many other amenities perfect for students and residents of the Kingston community.

Continuing the tour:
To continue the self-guided tour to the Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts as well as west campus, continue down King St. West. The walk to the Isabel Bader Centre is around 10 minutes in length.
Part 2: The Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts (Estimated time: 30 minutes)

Stop 13: The Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts

The Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts is located along the shoreline of Lake Ontario. Embracing the principles of interactivity and integration, the facility is home to the creative arts at Queen's: the Dan School of Drama and Music, the Department of Film and Media, and the Bachelor of Fine Art program all share the teaching and performance spaces within.

Tett Centre:

The Isabel Bader Centre is also beside the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning, which is a charitable arts organization owned by the City of Kingston. Within the Tett Centre is the Juniper Café, which is located along the waterfront.

Continuing the Tour:

To continue the self-guided tour to west campus, continue down King St. West and go north up John A. Macdonald Blvd. The walk to west campus is about 15 minutes.
Part 3: West Campus (Estimated time: 45 minutes)

Queen's west campus, purchased by Queen's in 1969, holds the university’s Faculty of Education, Richardson Memorial Stadium, and two residence complexes, Jean Royce Hall and John Orr Tower.

**Duncan McArthur Hall:**

Duncan McArthur Hall was completed in 1971 and hosts the faculty of education, the education library, as well as the largest lecture hall on campus. Duncan McArthur Hall also has a variety of interactive spaces including a garden and Student Street Express café.
Jean Royce Hall:

Built in 1974, Jean Royce Hall is a collection of student residence buildings on west campus, many of which are interconnected. It is named after Jean Royce, Queen’s Registrar for 35 years (1933-1969).

Jean Royce Hall is unique at Queen’s in that it houses graduate and undergraduate students together. The 12 individual houses within the 550-bed complex are named after various former faculty and Trustees.

Jean Royce Hall offers a mixed-gender accommodation floors, with both single and double rooms. It has its own Dining Hall, a late-night café, a movie screening room and a games room. There is also direct access to Duncan McArthur Hall and a bus stop right outside the building.

Richardson Stadium:

The original Richardson Stadium was built in 1920 on Main Campus. It was named after James Armstrong Richardson, Queen’s Chancellor from 1929-1939. In 1971, the stadium was torn down and rebuilt on West Campus. In 2016, the stadium underwent extensive revitalization and was entirely rebuilt a second time.

The Stadium hosts several sporting events and varsity teams. Most notably, it features the Homecoming Football Game and Alumni parade each year in October.

Miklas-McCarney field is north of Richardson Stadium and is the third turf field at Queen’s.

Returning to main campus:

To return to main campus, take either Union St. or King St. West east. The walk to return to main campus should take around 30 minutes from Miklas-McCarney field.

Thank you for visiting Queen’s University!
Appendix A: Contact Information

Faculties:

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Education: educstudentservices@queensu.ca

Engineering and Applied Sciences: engineering.reception@queensu.ca

Health Science: bhsc@queensu.ca

Other contacts:

Awards: awards@queensu.ca

Residence: reshouse@queensu.ca

Book a 1-on-1 call with a tour guide: https://www.queensu.ca/admission/campus-tours

Additional Information:

Accessibility Services: https://www.queensu.ca/studentwellness/accessibility-services

Queen’s University Internship Program: https://careers.queensu.ca/students/build-experience-jobsinternshipsvolunteering/employment-programs/queens-undergraduate

Residence Buildings: https://www.queensu.ca/residences/buildings