

## **Queen's University Info Guide**

### **Introduction**

Queen's University at Kingston (more commonly known as Queen's) is a public research university in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. There are over 25 000 undergraduate students from over 100 countries, as well as over 9 000 administrative staff. The student-to-faculty ratio averages around 1:26. The average acceptance rate is ~42%. Please note all prices within this guide are in Canadian Dollars (CAD).

### **Student Life**

**Clubs:** There are over 300 clubs at Queen's for students to participate in! There are a variety of clubs, ranging from medicine to science to music or even juggling!

**Student Government:** Student governments are fundamental to Queen's - from planning events to providing services to students. The Alma Mater Society Of Queen's University (AMS) is the official student government. There are four commissions: Academic Affairs, Campus Activities, Municipal Affairs, and Commission Of Social Issues.

In addition, many faculties at Queen's offer their own student government. They are responsible for planning events, orientations, conferences, and academic activities.

The following faculties have a student government:

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|-------------|------------------------------|
| - Medicine  | -Arts & Sciences             |
| - Commerce  | -Computing                   |
| - Education | -Engineering                 |
| - Law       | -Law                         |
| - Nursing   | -Public Health + Kinesiology |

Queen's also offers The Residence Society - a student government responsible for maintaining a positive living environment. All students living in residence at Queen's automatically become part of The Residence Society.

**Greek Life:** Unfortunately, fraternities and sororities were banned by Queen's in 1934.

### **Athletics And Recreation**

- There are over 20 recreation clubs at Queen's in areas such as dance, martial arts and outdoor recreation.
- There are over 30 fitness classes offered each week, including pilates, yoga, cardio and swimming.
- Queen's also offers personal trainers.
- Queen's has over 1 000 varsity athletes.
- Queen's ranks fifth in OUA (Ontario University Athletics) Academic All-Stars.

**Athletic Facilities:** Students enrolled at Queen's have access to athletic facilities as part of their student fee. Facilities include:

- 24 500 square foot cardio and strength zone.
- Kingston's largest pool (38 m x 25 m).
- Two gymnasiums.
- Four dance studios.
- 8 squash courts + 2 racquetball courts.
- Two padded combative rooms (wrestling, tumbling, martial arts).

### **School Spirit:**

Mascot: Boo Hoo The Bear

Team Colours: Blue, Red, Gold

Team Name: Golden Gaels

Fight Song: Oil Thigh

Boo Hoo The Bear



## **Student Mental Health + Physical Wellness:**

Queen's offers many mental and physical health services, including, but not limited to:

- Therapy Assistance Online (TAO)
- Empower Me - Free 24/7 Mental Health/Wellness Support.
- Student Wellness Groups
- Same-Day Walk-In Clinic
- In close proximity to Kingston General Hospital

## **Location + Surrounding Area**

Queen's is only a 10-minute walk from downtown Kingston. The bridge to New York is 45 minutes by car. The city of Kingston offers many Museums, Restaurants, Galleries, Historic Sites, and Shops.

- Rideau Canal National Historic Site: A UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Kingston Public Market: The oldest continually running market in Canada.

## **Weather**

- An average winter day ranges from -12°C to -3°C
- An average summer day ranges from 16°C to 25°C

**Campus** All campus amenities, including dorms, classrooms, and dining halls are all within walking distance of each other. A campus map can be viewed [here](#).

## **Housing**

More than 90% of first-year students live in dorms on or off-campus. There are 17 residences, with most being just a 10-minute walk to classes, libraries, athletic facilities, and dining halls.

Note: ♀ indicates female only.

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| - Albert Street      | -Adelaide(♀)                |
| - Ban Righ (♀)       | -Brant                      |
| - Chown              | -David C. Smith             |
| - Gordon Brockington | -Graduate Residence (JDUC)* |

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|-----------------|-------------|
| - Harkness      | -Jean Royce |
| - Leggett       | -Leonard    |
| - McNeill       | -Morris     |
| - Victoria Hall | -Waldron    |
| - Watts         |             |

Rooms are single, double, triple, or quad. Washrooms are private, semi-private, or communal. All residences have laundry and kitchen facilities, wireless internet, vending machines, study, and common areas.

\*Contrary to its name, JDUC is actually a residence for undergraduate students only!

**Fees:** All residences require a \$525 deposit when you submit your residence application in June. The remainder of residence fees will be split in two - half paid in August, and again in January. Costs range from \$ 15 000 - \$17 000.

### **Meal Plan**

If you live in residence, your meal plan is paid for with your residence fee. Meal plans include:

- 19 Meals a week
- 200 Trade a Meals (TAM): Trade your dining hall meal for one in retail.
- \$145 Flex: Used like cash; can be used for retail locations on campus.

If you choose to not live in residence, or live off-campus there are eight meal plan options:

- 5 dining hall meals/week + \$196 Flex: \$2 335
- 21 dining hall meals/week + 200 TAMs: \$6 695
- 50 anytime dining hall meals + \$195 Flex: \$885
- 100 anytime dining hall meals + \$195 Flex: \$1 540
- 200 anytime dining hall meals + \$195 Flex: \$2 835
- 10 dining hall meals/week + 200 TAMs: \$3 725
- 320 anytime dining hall meals + 200 TAMs: \$3 770
- 150 TAMs: \$1 920

There are three dining halls: Ban Righ, Leonard, and Jean Royce. In addition, there are many chain restaurants available for you (you can even spend your TAMs here!)

- Starbucks
  - Tim Hortons
  - Pizza Pizza
  - Teriyaki Grill
  - Booster Juice
- Pita Pit

### **Global Opportunities**

**Bader International Study Centre (BISC):** Queen's offers the opportunity for Upper-Year students to earn credits at BISC, located in The United Kingdom. Courses feature British, European, and International themes, with class sizes of 10 students. Courses also include a mid-term trip to a European destination.

The general eligibility requires students to have completed their first (freshman) year of university, have a minimum of a 2.6 GPA, and be in good academic standing. Some courses may require a supplementary application.

Programs:

Program	Semester	Mid-Term Destination	Relevant Majors
General	Fall	Edinburg + Northern England	Any
General	Winter	Paris	Any <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- History</li><li>- Psychology</li><li>- Health</li></ul>
Castle Summer+	Summer	London	Any
International Law + Politics	Winter	France + Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- History</li><li>- Political Sci.</li><li>- Sociology</li><li>- Global Dev.</li></ul>

			Studies
Studies In Global Health And Disability	Summer	Geneva, Lyon, Cambridge, London	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Biology</li> <li>- Health</li> <li>- Kinesiology</li> <li>- Physical + Health Education</li> </ul>
Medieval Theatre	Summer	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drama</li> <li>- English</li> <li>- Medieval Studies</li> <li>- Music</li> </ul>

### **Semester In Shanghai**

Queen's offers students a chance to study for a semester at Fudan University in Shanghai. Courses taken can transfer for degrees in Film and Media Studies, Geography, Global Development Studies, History, Political Studies, Religious Studies, Sociology, and World Language Studies.

Students take one core course (Research Practicum at Fudan University). In addition, they choose three electives:

- Traditional Chinese Society
- Chinese Society and Culture
- Religion In Chinese Society
- Diplomacy In China
- Political Economy In China
- Independent Research Project

The approximate course of the program for a semester is \$3 800. However, Queen's offers a travel stipend of \$1 000 to each approved applicant. In addition, the Chinese Learning Initiative in China (CLIC) offers funding to students with Canadian Citizenship. CLIC covers:

- Accommodation costs
- Health insurance
- A 3000¥ monthly stipend (~600 CAD)

## **Departmental Programs**

Many departments offer study programs abroad.

- Field Studies In Biology: Costa Rica, Mexico, Africa, China
- Cuban Culture and Society: University of Havana, Cuba
- Archaeology Practicums: Macedonia, Italy
- Art History: Venice

## **Local Opportunities**

**Internships:** Queens offers second and third year students the opportunity to complete a 12-16 month paid internship. This is open to both domestic and international students in the following faculties:

- Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
- Faculty of Arts and Science
- School Of Computing
- Faculty of Health Sciences

**Dual Degrees:** Queen's offers students in the Smith School Of Business, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering or School of Nursing to combine their degree with a Bachelor of Art, Science or Computing from the Arts and Science Faculty. The degree offerings for 2021-22 are:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| - Art History           | -Biology                    |
| - Classical Studies     | -Computing                  |
| - Drama                 | -Economics                  |
| - English               | -Employment Relations       |
| - Environmental Studies | -Film & Media               |
| - French Studies        | -Gender Studies             |
| - Geography             | -Geology                    |
| - German Studies        | -Global Development Studies |
| - Hispanic Studies      | -History                    |
| - Indigenous Studies    | -Italian Studies            |
| - Linguistics           | -Mathematics/Statistics     |

- Music
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- World Languages
- Philosophy
- Political Studies
- Religious Studies
- Spanish & Latin America Studies

### **Application and Selectivity**

All Queen's students, whether they be from Ontario or International, must apply at <https://www.ouac.on.ca/>. A supplementary essay may be required for admission. The following faculties have special admission requirements:

- Commerce; Health Sciences - Supplementary essay required.
- Nursing - Supplementary essay strongly encouraged, but not required.
- Music, Music Education, Musical Theatre - Audition Required.
- Fine/Visual Arts - Portfolio required.

However, Queen's offers each student a personalized to-do list.

- Tuition is \$6000+

### **Entrance Scholarships**

No applications are required for these scholarships and will be automatically provided based on grades. For Ontario students, the average is calculated with the 6 best U/M courses.

- Excellence Scholarship: 90-94.9% Average; 36-38 IB Diploma Points for a value of \$1500.
- Principal's Scholarship: 95% Average; 39+ IB Diploma Points for a value of \$4000.

There are also a number of scholarships based on merit, academics, and extracurriculars which can be viewed [here](#).

### **General Education Requirements**



- All students will be required to maintain at least a 1.6 GPA.
- 1.6 GPA or above = good academic standing
- Students who fail to achieve the GPA standards when evaluated in May of each year may receive an academic sanction.
- Students in the Arts and Science program are eligible for the Dean's list if they achieve a GPA of 3.5 at the end of the academic year.
- Students with a GPA of 0.70 or below are required to withdraw from the program. They may return after one academic year.
- If you're struggling, visit [Queen's Academic Student Success Services](#).

### **School Strengths**

- 91% of graduates are employed within 6 months of graduation.
- Academic strengths in physics, cancer research, geo-engineering, data analytics, surveillance studies and mental health.
- Part of U15, A group of Canadian Research Universities.
- Offers a medicine (MD) and law program (JD) for post-graduate studies.
- Queen's school of business ranks in the top five business schools continuously.
- Queen's commerce program is highly regarded

### **Majors at Queen's**

Here is a list of majors available at Queen's.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| - Art History               | -Astronomy + Astrophysics |
| - Biochemistry              | -Biology                  |
| - Biology + Mathematics     | -Biology + Psychology     |
| - Biomedical Computing      | -Biotechnology            |
| - Chemical Engineering      | -Chemistry                |
| - Civil Engineering         | -Classical Studies        |
| - Cognitive Science         | -Commerce                 |
| - Commerce + Law            | -Computer Engineering     |
| - Computer Science          | -Computing + Mathematics  |
| - Computing + Creative Arts | -Concurrent Education     |

- Drama
- Education
- Engineering Chemistry
- English Lang. + Literature
- Environmental Chemistry
- Environmental Geology
- Environmental Studies
- Film + Media
- French Studies
- Geography
- Geological Sciences
- Health Sciences
- History
- Languages, Literatures + Culture
- Life Sciences
- Mathematics + Engineering
- Mechanical & Materials Engineering
- Media + Performance Production
- Mining Engineering Technology
- Music Theatre
- Philosophy
- Political Studies
- Religious Studies
- Software Design
- Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Physics
- Environmental Biology
- Environmental Geography
- Environmental Life Sciences
- Environmental Toxicology
- Fine Art
- Gender Studies
- Geological Engineering
- Global Development Studies
- Health Studies
- Kinesiology
- Liberal Studies
- Mathematical Physics
- Mathematics + Statistics
- Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering
- Mining Engineering
- Music
- Nursing
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Statistics