



# Subject-Specific Academic Support Resource Guide

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# General Student Support – All Faculties

## *GAELS Athletics Tutoring Program*

1. Tutoring opportunities are available for all student-athletes enrolled at Queen's University through Athletics & Recreation by contacting the Coordinator, Athlete Service. This service is FREE for all varsity-athletes who are included on the team [eligibility certificate](#).

Tutors are available for most first year courses. Upper year courses availability will depend on the course. Contact [gaels.tutor@queensu.ca](mailto:gaels.tutor@queensu.ca) for more information.

[http://www.gogaelsgo.com/sports/2010/9/12/VAR-AthSer\\_0912102906.aspx?path=athlete-services](http://www.gogaelsgo.com/sports/2010/9/12/VAR-AthSer_0912102906.aspx?path=athlete-services)

# Faculty of Arts and Science

## *General Support*

1. Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS) peer tutoring is a service that partners student tutors with those looking for a tutor in a variety of Arts and Science courses. Tutoring fees are \$15/hour and bursaries are available for students in financial need. Questions regarding tutoring can be directed to [academics@asus.queensu.ca](mailto:academics@asus.queensu.ca).  
Sign up at <http://queensasus.com/index.php/resources/mind-find-sign-up>.
2. Bounce Back is an academic support program for first-year undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts and Science who acquire a GPA of 1.6 or below after the fall term. Eligible students will receive an email in January inviting them to participate. Students who opt-in to the program will be matched with a trained upper-year peer mentor (called a Bounce Back Facilitator). Facilitators will work individually with each participant to help them identify the source(s) of their academic hardship and to set new goals and identify strategies to achieve those goals over the course of the winter term. The program runs for nine weeks (January - March). More information can be found at <http://www.queensu.ca/bounceback> or email [bouncebk@queensu.ca](mailto:bouncebk@queensu.ca).
3. The Concurrent Education Students' Association of Queen's University offers a peer tutoring services to its undergraduate students called "Con-Ed Peer Tutoring."  
More information can be found at <http://queenscesca.com/>.  
Find a peer tutor here:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wYpaqTkfkoMAMHgq9fxJO5Cyy4XXab\\_HDOI\\_3pTsNPE/edit?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wYpaqTkfkoMAMHgq9fxJO5Cyy4XXab_HDOI_3pTsNPE/edit?pli=1)

## *Biochemistry*

1. Biochemistry Peer Assistance Program is a program where undergraduate students can get advice from upper year students who are currently in, and understand the demands of, the program:  
[http://dbms.queensu.ca/undergraduate/biochemistry/student\\_council/peer\\_assistance\\_program](http://dbms.queensu.ca/undergraduate/biochemistry/student_council/peer_assistance_program)  
[http://healthsci.queensu.ca/liscbchm/biochemistry/course\\_contacts](http://healthsci.queensu.ca/liscbchm/biochemistry/course_contacts)
2. Peer tutoring services are available by placing a request through the department and subject to availability.

## ***Biology***

1. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (Biological Sciences):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/biological-sciences>
2. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Biology):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## ***Chemistry***

1. Chemistry help desk (peer): <http://www.chem.queensu.ca/UG/Helpdesk.asp>
2. Chemistry tutoring (peer): <http://www.chem.queensu.ca/ug/tutors.asp>
3. Chemistry references: <http://www.chem.queensu.ca/UG/references.asp>
4. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Chemistry):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## ***Classics***

1. Classics essay guidelines:  
<http://www.queensu.ca/classics/undergraduate-program/essay-guidelines>
2. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (Classics):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/classical-studies>
3. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Classics):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## ***Economics***

1. ECON 110/111/112 has a free help centre staffed by MA/PhD TAs, 4 days per week. The schedule is posted plus is on the ECON Moodle page for the course. The room is DUN 227. The room seats about 20 comfortably and often there are two TAs working. They are all trained to 'teach' the gaps or go over the possibly confusing aspects of the principles course.
2. Learning Strategies and Tools - Quantitative Problem Solving:  
<http://sass.queensu.ca/learningstrategies/topic-quantitative-problem-solving/>
3. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (Economics):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/economics>

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4. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Economics):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## ***English Language and Literature***

1. English Department Student Council runs a program called English Buddies (peer – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year support for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year students): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/283961265062164/>
2. Learning Strategies workshop – “How to study for ENG 100” (not offered every term; check schedule for availability): <http://sass.queensu.ca/learningstrategies>
3. Writing Centre workshop – “How to Write Your First University English Essay” (not offered each term; check schedule for availability): <http://sass.queensu.ca/writingcentre/workshops-3/>
4. Writing Centre workshop video “English 100 Writing Workshop”:  
<http://sass.queensu.ca/writingcentre/workshop-videos/>
5. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (English Language and Literature):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/english>
6. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (English):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## ***Environmental Science/Studies***

1. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (Environmental Studies):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/environmental-studies>
2. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Environmental Sciences):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## ***Film and Media Studies***

1. Essay writing guidelines: <http://www.film.queensu.ca/Info.html#Responsib>
2. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (Film and Media):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/film-media>
3. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Film and Media):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## ***French***

1. Peer Assistance Program – The program allows first year students to get advice and guidance from upper year students who understand the demands of the program:  
<http://www.queensu.ca/french/undergraduatestudents/currentstudents/dsc/peerassistantprogram.html>
2. Writing Centre tip sheet – “Erreurs les plus fréquentes en français écrit”:  
<http://sass.queensu.ca/writingcentre/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2013/06/Erreurs-les-plus-fr%C3%A9quentes-en-fran%C3%A7ais-%C3%A9crit.pdf>
3. Writing Centre tip sheet – “Les transitions et comment les employer”:  
<http://sass.queensu.ca/writingcentre/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2013/06/Les-transitions-et-comment-les-employer.pdf>
4. Writing Centre tip sheet – “La dissertation littéraire – mots-liens et expressions utiles”:  
<http://sass.queensu.ca/writingcentre/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2013/06/La-dissertation-litteraire-mots-liens-et-expressions-utiles.pdf>
5. Club francophone à Queen's / Queen's French Connection (practice your French!):  
<http://www.queensu.ca/french/news/clubfrancophone.html>
6. Centre Francophone (run by the French Dept.): <http://www.queensu.ca/french/frenchcentre.html>
7. Online and computer-based tools to help improve your writing in French:  
<http://post.queensu.ca/~lessardg/GrammarChecking/>
8. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (French):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## ***Gender Studies***

1. Departmental academic resources list: <http://www.queensu.ca/gnds/resources.php>
2. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (Gender Studies):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/gender-studies>
3. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Gender):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>



## ***Geography***

1. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (Geography):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/geography>
2. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Geography):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## ***Geology***

1. Geology Help Centre (first floor of Bruce Wing in Miller Hall)
2. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Geological Sciences):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## ***German Language, Literature and Culture***

1. Undergraduate Resources and Links: <http://queensu.ca/german/undergraduate/links.html>
2. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (German):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

Note: There is no tutoring service offered by the department. Students are encouraged to see their professor.

## ***Global Development Studies***

1. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (Global Development Studies):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/global-development-studies>
2. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Global Development Studies):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## ***History***

1. Preparation of Historical Essays:  
<http://www.queensu.ca/history/undergraduate/courseinfo/prephistessays.html>
2. Writing Centre Resource – “Writing History Essays”:  
<http://sass.queensu.ca/writingcentre/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2013/06/Writing-History-Essays.pdf>
3. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (History):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/history>

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4. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (History):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

### ***Italian Language and Literature***

1. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Italian):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

Note: There is no tutoring service offered by the department. Students are encouraged to see their professor.

### ***Jewish Studies***

1. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (Jewish Studies):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/jewish-studies>
2. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Jewish Studies):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

### ***Math and Statistics***

1. Math Help and Study Centre (peer):  
<http://www.mast.queensu.ca/~helpcenter/HelpCentreSchedule.htm>
2. Math tutors (peer):  
<http://www.mast.queensu.ca/tutors/>
3. Weekly math info sheet:  
<http://www.mast.queensu.ca/events/infosheet.php>
4. Math Club (practice your math!): <http://www.mast.queensu.ca/~mikeroth/mathclub/mathclub.html>
5. Learning Strategies and Resources – “Special techniques for math and science tests”:  
<http://sass.queensu.ca/learningstrategies/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2013/09/Special-techniques-for-math-and-science-tests.pdf>
6. Learning Strategies and Tools – “Quantitative Problem Solving”:  
<http://sass.queensu.ca/learningstrategies/topic-quantitative-problem-solving/>
7. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Mathematics and Statistics):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## *Philosophy*

1. Philosophy resources (dictionaries, encyclopaedias, summaries, indexes, reviews, philosophical texts):  
<http://queensu.ca/philosophy/electronicresources.html>
2. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (Philosophy):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/philosophy>
3. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Philosophy):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## *Physics*

1. Physics tutoring (peer):  
<http://www.physics.queensu.ca/TA/tutors.php>
2. Learning Strategies and Resources – “Special techniques for math and science tests”:  
<http://sass.queensu.ca/learningstrategies/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2013/09/Special-techniques-for-math-and-science-tests.pdf>
3. Learning Strategies and Tools – “Quantitative Problem Solving”:  
<http://sass.queensu.ca/learningstrategies/topic-quantitative-problem-solving/>
4. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Physics):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## *Political Studies*

1. POLS 110 “Finding what you need using the library”:  
<http://library.queensu.ca/files/pols110usingthelibrary.pdf>
2. POLS 110A:  
<http://library.queensu.ca/files/POLS110.pdf>
3. Queen's University Library resources (Political Studies):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/political-studies>
4. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Political Studies):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## *Psychology*

1. PSYCH 100 Subject Pool (earn extra credit!):  
<http://www.queensu.ca/psychology/Undergraduate/CourseInfo/Psyc100Information.html>
2. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (Psychology):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/psychology>
3. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Psychology):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## *Sociology*

1. Writing Centre Resource "SOCY122 Essay guidelines": <http://sass.queensu.ca/writingcentre/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2013/06/SOCY-122-Essay-Guidelines.pdf>
2. Writing Centre Resource "Developing a thesis statement (SOCY 122)":  
<http://sass.queensu.ca/writingcentre/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2013/06/Developing-a-SOCY-122-Thesis.pdf>
3. Writing Centre workshop "Sociology 122" (2 video presentations):  
<http://sass.queensu.ca/writingcentre/workshop-videos/>
4. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (Sociology):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/sociology>
5. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Sociology):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

## *Spanish Language and Literature*

1. Spanish Club/Club de Espanol (practice your Spanish!):  
<http://www.queensu.ca/spanital/news/SpanClub.html>
2. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (Latin American Studies):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/latin-american-studies>
3. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Spanish & Latin American Studies):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>

Note: There is no tutoring service offered by the department. Students are encouraged to see their professor.

# Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science

1. The Engineering society provides a fee based tutoring service called ENGLINKS. See <http://englinks.ca/> or for more information email [englinks@engsoc.queensu.ca](mailto:englinks@engsoc.queensu.ca).
2. Douglas Tutorials – Douglas Tutorials are an optional free service to help you through first year. It is a service meant to cater to your needs providing for additional academic assistance. It is a service run by students, for students:  
<http://engineering.queensu.ca/Current-Students/First-Year-Studies/DouglasTutorials.html>
3. Peer-to-peer tutoring:
  - Physics – <http://www.physics.queensu.ca/TA/tutors.php>
  - Chemistry – <http://www.chem.queensu.ca/UG/tutors.asp>
  - Calculus – <http://www.mast.queensu.ca/tutors/>
4. Bounce Back is an academic support program for first-year undergraduate students in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science. Eligible students will receive an email in mid-October of each year inviting them to participate. Students who opt-in to the program will be matched with a trained upper-year peer mentor (called a Bounce Back Facilitator). Facilitators will work individually with each participant to help them identify the source(s) of their academic hardship and to set new goals and identify strategies to achieve those goals over the course of the winter term. The program runs from October to March of each year.

October eligibility: Students who received 50% or below on their Calculus mid-term

January eligibility: Students with a GPA of 1.6 or below after the fall term.

See <http://www.queensu.ca/bounceback> or email [bouncebk@queensu.ca](mailto:bouncebk@queensu.ca).

5. Section 900 (J-Section) Courses and Rewrite Exams:  
<http://engineering.queensu.ca/Current-Students/First-Year-Studies/Section-900.html>  
*Notes: Although no-one enters Queen's Engineering expecting to enter the Extended Program, it is there as a safety net if needed.*

## School of Business (Commerce)

1. The Commerce Society (ComSoc) provides a peer-based service called BrainTrust. This service provides academic support via one-to-one tutoring and exam review sessions: See <http://comsoc.queensu.ca/?q=braintrust> or for more information email [braintrust.tutor@gmail.com](mailto:braintrust.tutor@gmail.com).
2. Writing Centre workshop (not offered every term; check schedule for availability): <http://sass.queensu.ca/writingcentre/workshops-3/>
3. Bounce Back is an academic support program for first-year undergraduate students in the School of Business (Commerce). Eligible students will be invited to participate via email. Students who opt-in to the program will be matched with a trained upper-year peer mentor (called a Bounce Back Facilitator). Facilitators will work individually with each participant to help them identify the source(s) of their academic hardship and to set new goals and identify strategies to achieve those goals over the course of the winter term. The program runs from October to March of each year.

October eligibility: Students with an unofficial GPA of 2.0 or below, or students who have failed one or more mid-term.

January eligibility: Students with an official GPA of 2.0 or below after the fall term and/or students who have failed more than one course.

See <http://www.queensu.ca/bounceback> or email [bouncebk@queensu.ca](mailto:bouncebk@queensu.ca).

# School of Nursing

1. Tutoring services and TA support for Nursing courses: Please contact Barb Bolton [boltonb@queensu.ca](mailto:boltonb@queensu.ca)
2. Bounce Back is an academic support program for first-year undergraduate students in the School of Nursing. Eligible students will receive an email in October and/or January of each year inviting them to participate. Students who opt-in to the program will be matched with a trained upper-year peer mentor (called a Bounce Back Facilitator). Facilitators will work individually with each participant to help them identify the source(s) of their academic hardship and to set new goals and identify strategies to achieve those goals over the course of the winter term. The program runs from October to March of each year. More information can be found at <http://www.queensu.ca/bounceback> or email [bouncebk@queensu.ca](mailto:bouncebk@queensu.ca).

# School of Computing

1. The Computing Students' Association (COMPSA) offers a peer tutoring service to students. Times and hourly payment are negotiated between the student and tutor. Tutoring is available for a variety of computer courses (including first year): <http://compsa.queensu.ca/index.php/resources/tutoring>.

Request financial assistance: <http://www.queensasus.com/images/APT%20Bursary%20Form%202013-2014.pdf>.

2. School of Computing Undergraduate Tutor list: <http://www.cs.queensu.ca/outreach/tutors.php>
3. Bounce Back is an academic support program for first-year undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts & Science. Eligible students will receive an email in early January of each year inviting them to participate. Students who opt-in to the program will be matched with a trained upper-year peer mentor (called a Bounce Back Facilitator). Facilitators will work individually with each participant to help them identify the source(s) of their academic hardship and to set new goals and identify strategies to achieve those goals over the course of the winter term. The program runs for nine weeks in the winter term (January to March). More information can be found at <http://www.queensu.ca/bounceback> or email [bouncebk@queensu.ca](mailto:bouncebk@queensu.ca).



# School of Kinesiology and Health Studies

1. PHEKSA provides a tutor matching service for extra help in any class:  
<http://www.queensu.ca/skhs/undergraduate/student-associations/pheksa>
2. Queen's University Library Research by Subject (Kinesiology & Health Studies):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/kinesiology-and-health-studies>

# School of Music

1. Music Student Survival Guide:  
[http://www.queensu.ca/music/sites/default/files/Student\\_Guide\\_2013-14.pdf](http://www.queensu.ca/music/sites/default/files/Student_Guide_2013-14.pdf)
2. Queen's University Subject Liaison Librarian at Queen's (Music):  
<http://library.queensu.ca/research/librarians>