

# Subject-Specific Academic Resources

Student Academic Success Services provides support in learning and writing across disciplines, to all students. This list is intended to complement this broad-ranging support with academic resources more closely tied to specific subjects.

Have a resource you think we should include? [Tell us about it!](#)

## Student Academic Success Services

- [Student Academic Success Services](#) (SASS) comprises Learning Strategies and the Writing Centre. This free and confidential service, located in Stauffer Library, offers workshops, one-on-one consultations, and [practical online tips](#). SASS helps all students—struggling and high-achieving, 1st-year to PhD—improve their writing, learning, organization, and studying skills.
- SASS also provides English as an Additional Language (EAL) students [one-on-one support in academic English](#) (reading, writing, speaking, and listening). To schedule an appointment, [visit our booking website](#).

## GAELS Athletics Tutoring Program

- Tutoring opportunities are available for all student-athletes enrolled at Queen's University through Athletics & Recreation by contacting the Coordinator, Athlete Services. 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 course tutoring availability will depend on the course. Contact [gaels.tutor@queensu.ca](mailto:gaels.tutor@queensu.ca) or the Athletics [website](#) for more information or to request a tutor.

## Q Success Mentors

- This program offers first year students the opportunity to be matched with a knowledgeable upper year mentor who will provide one-on-one support throughout the academic year. First year students can [register for Q Success](#).
- Upper year students who would like to request a mentor can apply for the Student Experience Office's [peer mentorship program](#).

## Subject Liaison Librarians

- The research librarians offer [specialized support for students, based on subject areas of expertise](#). If you need help researching a topic for a paper or navigating the numerous databases and keyword

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types, their guidance will ensure that you find the most relevant and helpful sources—and save you hours of frustration!

## Queen's University International Centre (QUIC)

- The QUIC provides support for International Students in many ways. In addition to International Student Advising and lots of social activities, they provide a number of academic support services. They run an Academic English Writing Skills clinic and a weekly English Conversation Group, and host SASS workshops in academic skills. The Intercultural Awareness Certificate is also a great experience for all students looking to develop their intercultural skills. Check the [QUIC Events Calendar](#) for dates and times.

## Faculty of Arts and Science

### General resources

- Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS) peer tutoring is a student-organized service that partners student tutors with those looking for a tutor in a variety of Arts and Science courses. 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 [by visiting ASUS' website](#).
- [Peer Academic Support Services](#) (PASS) is a volunteer service that eases the transition into university and promotes academic success. Peer Advisors address issues such as scheduling, plan requirements, SOLUS, and course selection in confidential, non-judgmental advising sessions. PASS is located on the First Floor of Dunning Hall and is available Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. No appointment necessary.
  - If you have questions about degree programs, requirements for dual degrees, letters of permission to take courses at other universities, appeals, etc., you may prefer to [make an appointment with an academic advisor](#).

## Departmental resources

### Biochemistry

- Biochemistry Peer Assistance Program: A program where undergraduate students can get advice from upper year students who are currently in, and understand the demands of, the program [is available to all biochem students](#).
- Peer tutoring services are subject to availability and can be requested through the department. Email [lifesci@queensu.ca](mailto:lifesci@queensu.ca) or [biochem@queensu.ca](mailto:biochem@queensu.ca), tell them for which course(s) you require a tutor, and

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they will send you a list of potential tutors. You and the tutor will discuss your needs and their payment.

- Occasionally, [the LifeSci/BCHM student council](#) runs informal, drop-in academic support sessions.

## Biology

- SASS's [peer writing assistants](#) often specialize in Biology
- SASS resource: [Tips for writing first labs](#)
- SASS resource: [Types and conventions of science writing](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Biological Sciences](#)

## Chemistry

- Chemistry [tutors](#) (peer support) and [references](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Chemistry](#)

## Classics

- [Classics essay guidelines](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Classics](#)

## Computing

- 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). You can request [financial assistance](#) for tutoring.
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Computing and Information Science](#)

## Drama and Music

- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Drama](#) | [Music](#) | [Music Theatre](#)

## Economics

- ECON 110/111/112 has a free help centre staffed by MA/PhD TAs, 4 days per week in DUN227. The schedule is posted on the Economics website and in the onQ pages for the courses. 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 potentially confusing aspects of the principles course.
- SASS resource: [Math Problem Solving](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Economics](#)

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## English Language & Literature

- [SASS writing resources](#)
- [Purdue Online Writing Lab](#) (Purdue OWL)
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [English Language and Literature](#)

## Environmental Science / Studies

- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Environmental Studies](#)

## Film & Media Studies

- The Film & Media Studies [department website](#) includes course offerings/descriptions, events & workshops calendars, and other resources.
- For information on undergraduate approvals or for academic advising, email [undergraduatefilm@queensu.ca](mailto:undergraduatefilm@queensu.ca) or call 613-533-2178.
- How to apply to [receive course credit for an internship](#) (FILM 395)
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Film and Media](#)

## French

- Club francophone à Queen's (Queen's French Connection); a weekly discussion group and topic specific discussion [groups](#).
- Departmental website includes [links to francophonie à Kingston](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [French Studies](#)

## Gender Studies

- Departmental list of [Academic, Research, and Campus Resources](#)
- Departmental list of [Resources in the Community](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Gender Studies](#)

## Geography

- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Geography and Planning](#)

## Geology

- Geology Help Centre (first floor of Bruce Wing in Miller Hall); student-run peer support, based on availability of peer volunteers

- [Department resource page](#) (course and degree requirements, field trip fees/equipment, Miller club)
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Geological Sciences](#)

## Global Development Studies

- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Global Development Studies](#)

## History

- Departmental [academic resources](#)
- SASS resource: [Writing history essays](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [History](#)

## Jewish Studies

- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Jewish Studies](#)

## Languages, Literatures, & Cultures

- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Language, Literatures, & Cultures](#)

### *Arabic*

- [ARAB related information](#) – Student clubs, film and culture nights, resources
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Middle East and Islamic Studies](#)

### *Chinese*

- [CHIN related information](#) – Chinese conversational and student clubs, additional resources
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Asian Studies](#)

### *German*

- [GRMN related information](#) – Student clubs, film nights, LinguaeLive, additional resources
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [German Studies](#)

### *Hebrew*

- [HEBR related information](#) – Student clubs, film nights, Hebrew café, additional resources
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Jewish Studies](#)

## ***Italian***

- [ITLN related information](#) – Student clubs, film nights, additional resources
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Italian Studies](#)

## ***Japanese***

- [JAPN related information](#) – Student clubs, additional resources
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Asian Studies](#)

## ***Indigenous Studies***

- [INDG related information](#) – Four directions, student clubs, community links, additional resources
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Indigenous Studies](#) | [Indigenous Knowledge and Perspectives](#)

## ***Linguistics***

- [LING related information](#) – Research group, assistantships, conferences, additional resources
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Linguistics](#)

## ***Portuguese***

- [PORT related information](#) – Film nights, course dinner, additional resources
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Hispanic Studies](#)

## ***Spanish***

- [SPAN related information](#) – Student clubs, film nights, additional resources
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Hispanic Studies](#)

## **Math and Statistics**

- [Math Help and Study Centre](#) (peer support)
- [Math tutors](#)
- Practice your math at [Math Club](#)
- SASS resource: [Math Problem Solving](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Mathematics and Statistics](#)

## Philosophy

- Philosophy [resources](#) (dictionaries, encyclopedias, summaries, indexes, reviews, philosophical texts)
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Philosophy](#)

## Physics

- Physics [tutoring](#) (peer support)
- SASS resource: [Math Problem Solving](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Physics and Engineering Physics](#))

## Political Studies

- Library guide: [POLS-110: Introduction to Politics](#)
- Queen's University Library resources: [Political Studies](#)

## Psychology

- [Psychology Participant Pool](#) – Participate in a study and earn extra credit!
- [Current Student Resources](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Psychology](#)

## Sociology

- [ASA Style Guide](#) (OWL Purdue)
- SASS Writing Resource: [ASA Help and Writing Guide](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Sociology](#)

## Smith Engineering

- The Engineering Society (EngSoc) provides a one-on-one tutoring service through [EngLinks](#).
  - EngLinks also offers course-specific [workshops, online resources](#), and [free access to textbooks](#) in the ILC Computer Lounge through the iCons. Note that these resources are both for first year and upper year students.
- The [Douglas Help Desk](#) is a free tutoring service offered by EngLinks, in collaboration with the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science for first-year students.
- Peer tutoring in [Engineering Physics, Chemistry](#), and [Calculus](#).

- [First year guide](#) (including information on registration, how to connect with an academic advisor, and an incoming student guide) and [First Year Supplemental Exams](#)
- Queen's University Library [Engineering and Science](#) research guide
- Queen's University Library research by subject: [Chemical Engineering](#) | [Civil Engineering](#) | [Electrical and Computer Engineering](#) | [Mechanical and Materials Engineering](#) | [Mining Engineering](#)

## Smith School of Business (Commerce)

- The Commerce Society (ComSoc) provides a peer-based service called [BrainTrust](#). This service provides academic support, providing one-to-one tutoring and exam review sessions. For more information email [braintrust.tutor@gmail.com](mailto:braintrust.tutor@gmail.com)
- Queen's University Library research guide by subject: [Business](#)

## School of Nursing

- For information on tutoring services and TA support for Nursing courses, contact [Barb Bolton](#), Undergraduate Academic Advisor.
- Queen's University Library research guide by subject: [Nursing](#)

## School of Kinesiology and Health Studies

- Queen's University Library research guide by subject: [Kinesiology](#) | [Health Studies](#)