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 language (reading, writing, speaking, and listening). To request an initial appointment, complete the online form.

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 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 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. 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. Sign up by visiting ASUS' website.

- Students eligible to participate in Bounce Back will be contacted by their Registrar or SASS staff in early January each year. Feel free to contact us for more information.

  o Students who opt into the program will be matched with a trained upper-year peer mentor called a Bounce Back Coach. Coaches will work individually with each participant to help them identify the source(s) of their academic challenges, set new goals, and identify strategies to achieve those goals over the course of the winter term.

  o The program runs for up to 12 weeks (January to April). More information can be found on the Student Experience Office 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.

  o 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 or biochem@queensu.ca, tell them for which course(s) you require a tutor, and 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.
- Queen's University Library research by subject (Life Sciences and Biochemistry.

Biology

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

Chemistry

- Chemistry tutors (peer support)
- Chemistry references
- Queen's University Library research by subject (Chemistry)
- Queen's University subject librarian (select "Chemistry" under Subject)

Classics

- Classics essay guidelines
- Queen's University Library research guide for Classics
- Queen's University Library research by subject (Classics)
- Queen's University subject librarian (select "Classics" under Subject)

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)
- Queen's University Library subject librarian (Computing)

Drama and Music

- Queen's University Library research by subject (Drama | Music)
- Queen's University Library subject librarian (Drama and Music)

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](#))

- Queen's University subject librarian ([Economics](#))

English Language & Literature

- [SASS writing resources](#)

- [Purdue Online Writing Lab](#) (Purdue OWL)

- Queen's University Library research by subject ([English Language and Literature](#))

- Queen's University subject librarian ([English Language and Literature](#))

Environmental Science / Studies

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

- Queen's University subject librarian ([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 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](#))

- Queen's University subject librarian ([Film and Media](#))

French

- Club francophone à Queen's (Queen's French Connection); a weekly discussion group and topic-specific discussion [groups](#).

- Online and computer-based [tools to help improve your writing](#) in French (note that Antidote is currently available in Stauffer 121, not Kingston Hall)

- Departmental website includes [links to francophonie à Kingston](#)

- [Volunteer](#) with Queen's French Camp!

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

- Queen's University Library subject librarian ([French Studies](#))

Gender Studies

- List of departmental [academic resources for students](#)

- [Resource List](#) for faculty and students
- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Gender Studies](#))
- Queen's University subject librarian ([Gender Studies](#))

Geography

- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Geography and Planning](#))
- Queen's University subject librarian ([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
- Academic Advisor (Dr. Daniel Layton-Matthews)
- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Geological Sciences](#))
- Queen's University subject librarian ([Geological Sciences](#))

Global Development Studies

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

History

- History department resource: [Academic resources for writing](#)
- SASS resource: [Writing history essays](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject ([History](#))
- Queen's University subject librarian ([History](#))

Jewish Studies

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

Languages, Literatures, & Cultures

Arabic

- [Undergraduate resources and links – Arabic](#)
- Practice your Arabic at the [Arabic Discussion Group](#)
- [Arabic Film Night](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Middle East and Islamic Studies](#))
- Queen's University subject librarian ([Middle East and Islamic Studies](#))

Chinese

- [Undergraduate Resources and Links – Chinese](#)
- Practice your Chinese at the [Chinese Conversational Group](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Asian Studies](#))
- Queen's University subject librarian ([Asian Studies](#))

German

- Undergraduate resources and links ([Learning German, LinguaeLive, News and Newspapers](#))
- Practice your German at the [German Club](#)
- [German Film Night](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Languages, Literatures and Cultures](#))
- Queen's University subject librarian ([Languages, Literatures and Cultures](#))

Hebrew

- [Undergraduate resources and links](#)
- Practice your Hebrew at the Hebrew Café ([Hebrew Conversation Club](#))
- [Israeli Film Night](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Jewish Studies](#))
- Queen's University subject librarian ([Jewish Studies](#))

Italian

- [Undergraduate resources and links](#)
- [Italian Film Night](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Languages, Literatures and Cultures](#))
- Queen's University subject librarian ([Languages, Literatures and Cultures](#))

Japanese

- [Undergraduate Resources and Links](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Asian Studies](#))
- Queen's University subject librarian ([Asian Studies](#))

Indigenous Studies

- Undergraduate resources and links: [Anishinaabemowin](#), [Inuktitut](#), and [Mohawk](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Indigenous Studies](#))
- Queen's University subject librarian ([Indigenous Studies](#))

Linguistics

- [Undergraduate Resources and Links](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Language and Linguistics](#))
- Queen's University subject librarian ([Languages, Literatures and Cultures](#))

Portuguese

- [Undergraduate resources and links](#)
- [Portuguese Film Night](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Languages, Literatures and Cultures](#))
- Queen's University subject librarian ([Languages, Literatures and Cultures](#))

Spanish

- [Undergraduate resources and links](#)
- [Spanish Film Night](#)
- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Languages, Literatures and Cultures](#))
- Queen's University subject librarian ([Languages, Literatures and Cultures](#))

Math and Statistics

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

Philosophy

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

Physics

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

Political Studies

- [Finding what you need using the library](#) (POLS 110)

- Queen's University Library resources ([Political Studies](#))

- Queen's University subject librarian (select "[Political Studies](#)" under Subject)

Psychology

- [Psychology Participant Pool](#) & info for [PSYC 100](#) students–participate in a study and earn extra credit!

- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Psychology](#))

- Queen's University subject librarian ([Psychology](#))

Sociology

- [ASA Style Guide](#) (OWL Purdue)

- SASS Writing Resource: [ASA Help and Writing Guide](#)

- Queen's University Library: [Introduction to Academic Library Research (SOCY 122)](#)

- Queen's University Library research by subject ([Sociology](#))

- Queen's University subject librarian ([Sociology](#))

Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

- 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 the ILC Computer Lounge through the iCons. Note that these resources are both for first year and upper year students.

- The [Douglas Help Desk](#) aims to provide additional academic assistance to engineering students, free of charge. Tutors will be stationed in the Plaza on the 2nd floor of Beamish-Munro Hall (the ILC) near the iCons and be available at least once a week throughout the semester to answer questions and provide guidance.

- Peer tutoring in [Engineering Physics](#), [Chemistry](#), and [Calculus](#).

- 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 into 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 challenges 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 April of each year. More information can be found on the Student Experience Office [website](#).

  - October eligibility: Students who fail their Calculus midterm.

- o January eligibility: Students with a GPA of 1.6 or below after the fall term; students who are enrolled in J-Section.

- Section 900 (J-Section) Courses and Rewrite Exams

- Queen's University Library research by subject (Chemical Engineering | Civil Engineering | Electrical and Computer Engineering | Mechanical and Materials Engineering | Mining Engineering)

- Queen's University subject librarians (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 tutor@gmail.com.

- Bounce Back is an academic support program for first-year undergraduate students in the Smith School of Business (Commerce). Eligible students will be invited to participate via email. Students who opt into 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 challenges 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 April of each year. More information can be found on the Student Experience Office website.

  - o October eligibility: Students who have failed one or more midterm; students who are identified as academically at risk by their professor.

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

- Queen's University Library research by subject (Business)

- Queen's University subject librarian (Business)

School of Nursing

- For information on tutoring services and TA support for Nursing courses, contact Barb Bolton, Undergraduate Academic Advisor (bolton@queensu.ca).

- Bounce Back is an academic support program for first-year undergraduate students in the School of Nursing. Eligible students will be invited to participate via email. Students who opt into 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 challenges 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 April of each year. More information can be found on the Student Experience Office website.

- October eligibility: Students who have failed one or more midterm; students who are identified as academically at risk by their professor.

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

- Queen's University Library research by subject (Nursing)

- Queen's University subject librarian (Nursing)

School of Kinesiology and Health Studies

- Queen's University Library research by subject (Kinesiology & Health Studies)

- Queen's University subject librarian (select "Kinesiology" under Subject)

- Bounce Back is an academic support program for first-year undergraduate students in the School of Kinesiology and Health Studies. Eligible students will be invited to participate via email. Students who opt into 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 challenges 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 April of each year. More information can be found on the Student Experience Office website.

  - October eligibility: Students who have failed one or more midterm; students who are identified as academically at risk by their professor.

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