We offer one degree, the Bachelor of Arts and Sciences. Instead of taking five classes at a time, you immerse yourself in one course for 3.5 weeks. You create a Question instead of declaring a major. Our groundbreaking curriculum offers flexible, student-centred learning that combines intellectual rigour and creativity with hands-on experience.

But what really makes us stand out? You.
Our mission: to transform how our students think, question and engage with the world through a revolutionary educational model that sparks personal growth and intellectual development.
At Quest, we do things differently. Our degree, the Bachelor of Arts and Sciences, allows you to play a central role in designing your own education. It also offers you the best of both worlds: a basis for advanced studies if you want to go on to specialize, with the flexibility of broad knowledge and skills.

An Education as Unique as You
our groundbreaking curriculum

The Question
Your Question will drive your final two years at Quest, and can range from narrow to broad. Every student creates a unique Question. In Quest history, no two Questions have been the same!

The Keystone
Every student completes a Keystone, Quest’s version of an undergraduate thesis. You’ll work with a Faculty Mentor to complete a significant project based on your interests. Your Keystone can take many forms depending on your academic path: original research, multimedia projects, creative portfolios and more.

**YEARS 1+2**

**The Foundation Program at a Glance**
Your first two years will be focused on exploring disciplines and the relationships between them, developing stronger research and collaboration skills, and designing a personal Question to guide your studies.

**YEARS 3+4**

**The Concentration Program at a Glance**
The Concentration Program can be customized to your unique interests and aspirations. Based on your Question, your Faculty Mentor will help you build your personalized Quest degree by guiding you in your research and your choice of courses and readings.

**FIELD STUDIES**
learn about topics right in the field

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**
apply and develop your skills in real-world situations

**STUDY ABROAD**
choose from over a dozen partner schools worldwide

**LANGUAGE IMMERSION**
learn or improve your language skills

**HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF WHAT STUDENTS HAVE ASKED**

**WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SYMMETRY AND BEAUTY?**
**HOW CAN ANALOGICAL REASONING FACILITATE SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY?**
**HOW DO OUR UNDERSTANDINGS OF POVERTY SHAPE OUR ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE IT?**
**WHAT DO OUR RESOURCES WITHOUT ECONOMIES UNDERMIN THE RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS?**
**HOW DOES MATHEMATICAL FORMALISM INTERACT WITH PHYSICAL THEORY?**

**HOW SHOULD WE CREATE ARTIFICIAL GENERAL INTELLIGENCE?**
**WHAT SHOULD RISK INFLUENCE CHOICE?**
**WHY DO WE FEAR THE WRONG THINGS?**
**HOW CAN WE BUILD BETTER CITIES?**
**WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE OF FILM?**

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**THE RIGHT Things?**
**THE LAW AND MORALITY?**
**HOW CAN CONFLICT TRANSFORM?**
**WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SYMMETRY AND BEAUTY?**
**HOW CAN WE BUILD BETTER CITIES?**
**WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE OF FILM?**
Build Your Degree

THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM IN DETAIL

The first two years of your degree consist of 16 courses, a multidisciplinary curriculum that spans the liberal arts and sciences, tackling themes from the classic to the contemporary. Toward the end of your second year, you will write your personalized Question, developed with faculty guidance in a dedicated course called Question.

- three Core courses
- three Life Sciences
- one Mathematics
- two Physical Sciences
- three Social Sciences
- three Arts & Humanities
- one Language

THE CONCENTRATION PROGRAM IN DETAIL

In the Concentration Program, you design your own academic path while working with a Faculty Mentor. Inspired by your Question, you’ll pursue what you’re most passionate about, taking 16 courses that include Electives and Experiential Learning along with your Focus courses. You’ll cap your undergraduate education with a Keystone project, which you will present during your Keystone course.

- at least six Focus courses
- one to four Experiential Learning
- three to five Electives
- Keystone

HERE’S HOW NICOLE BUILT HER PERSONALIZED QUEST DEGREE

FOCUS COURSES
- The Cold War
- Colonialism
- Foreign Policy and the Middle East
- Political Identity and Conflict
- Postwar Europe
- Quest for Antarctica
- Security Studies
- War, Conflict, and History
- War, Film, and History

ELECTIVES
- Creative Writing
- Studio Art
- Time Travel
- Anthropology
- Conservation of Migratory Species

KEYSTONE
- Poles of Contention: Polar Governance as a Path Towards Peace

WHAT SHE’S DOING NOW
Nicole is pursuing a master’s in International Relations from the prestigious London School of Economics and Political Science.

HOMETOWN: Calgary, Alberta

QUESTION: How can we build peace?

NICOLE ZANESCO ‘19

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
Summer internship with the Calgary Military Family Resource Centre

NO MATTER HOW YOU BUILD YOUR DEGREE, HERE ARE THE TRANSFERABLE SKILLS YOU’LL TAKE WITH YOU.

self-direction
quantitative and qualitative analysis

critical thinking
interdisciplinary problem solving

ethical understanding

communication
global perspectives
research

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS
At Quest, you take one Block at a time, a single course that meets for three hours each weekday for about a month.

A Block usually begins on a Monday and ends on the Wednesday of the fourth week. You’ll delve deeply into a topic, which may be laser-focused or pull from many disciplines.

Love the subject? You get to study nothing but that for almost a month, and you’ll find related courses to build on later. Don’t like it as much as you’d thought? It’s over in 3.5 weeks.

The Block Plan also allows for an immersive experience where you work both independently and collaboratively.

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Tutors Who Love to Teach

the backbone of Quest

Known as Tutors rather than Professors to reflect the collaborative nature of learning at Quest, our faculty are exceptionally devoted to teaching. They are also involved in the community, and can frequently be found around campus at events, and hosting discussions and workshops.

Quest faculty are accomplished scholars, extraordinary teachers and dedicated mentors.

They hold the most advanced degrees in their field, and teach highly specialized courses as well as interdisciplinary classes.

Under their guidance, the benefits of the Block Plan come alive: challenging classes that balance group work with individual research and creativity, and immersive, multidisciplinary learning that brings together a range of perspectives.

“Tutors have a strong influence on students and serve as role models. It’s an honor to be a part of their educational journey.”

– Dr. Emma Davy, Physical Sciences Tutor (Chemistry)

Spotlight on Mentor and Mentee:
Richard and Jeneva

The mentor-mentee relationship is one of the most important aspects of the Quest program. Your mentor will help you determine your Question, achieve your goals, and support your intellectual development. Here’s what Richard and Jeneva have to say.

MENTOR: DR. RICHARD HOSHINO

“As Jeneva’s mentor, I had the privilege of being an essential part of shaping her education, and equipping her for a life of purpose and service.

“It’s been a joy to journey with all my mentees, coaching them to solve real-life problems and implementing the solutions: whether it’s for our university, for local businesses, or in the case of Jeneva, for a major transit authority serving half a million commuters each day!”

MENTEE: JENEVA BEAIRSTO ’18

“The mentor-mentee relationship is something that makes Quest truly unique, and I was lucky to have Dr. Richard Hoshino, who is not only a brilliant mathematician and teacher, but one of the kindest people I’ve ever met.

“My plan is to complete a master’s degree in Urban Analytics at the University of Glasgow.”

With each new institution I have been exposed to, I’ve developed more appreciation for the exceptional teaching I encountered at Quest, and the wonderful human beings who teach there.”

– Veronica Galvin ’12
PhD, Neuroscience, Yale University

Quest prides itself on hiring faculty who embody the highest liberal arts ideals. Here are a few of our many dedicated Tutors.

DR. GLEN VAN BRUMMELEN
Mathematics

Glen is the recipient of the Haimo award, the top teaching award for undergraduate math in North America.

DR. FEI SHI
Arts and Humanities
(Literature, Theatre and Chinese)

Fei, who has directed theatre productions in both Shanghai and California, encourages his students to become artists no matter what their field of study.

DR. MARJORIE WONHAM
Life Sciences
(Marine Biology)

Marjorie’s courses often include an extended stay right in the field—including immersive learning at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre for her popular Marine Zoology class.
Quest Living
a home away from home

Students live on campus so they can embrace the full Quest experience. Make friends with interesting people who encourage and support you and get to know your neighbours. You’ll be part of a vibrant community shaped by a diverse population that learns, lives and plays together.

Clubs & Groups
Joining a club or group is a great way to enjoy your hobbies, get involved, hone your skills and meet new friends.

Health & Wellness
When you take care of yourself, it’s easier to achieve your goals. Quest has student-centred support services to ensure success in and out of the classroom.

Life on Campus
With convenient access to classrooms, the library, the RecPlex and the dining hall, you can immerse yourself in the Quest lifestyle.

StUDENT EXPERIENCE

The Quest University Students’ Association (QUSA) represents student interests on campus, and is behind many exciting programs and events.

A Few Quest Traditions
Here are a few of Quest’s many student-organized initiatives. Come and launch one of your own!

POWER, RACE & PRIVILEGE SYMPOSIUM
An annual event that aims to foster critical awareness and dialogue about the dynamics of racial oppression and inequality

CABARET
The largest annual show of original student art on campus, incorporating a variety of performance and visual art forms around a central theme

DANCING BEAR MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL
An entire day of live music and art, food carts, a community market and more

SOME STUDENT SERVICES
CAREER SERVICES | COUNSELLING & CARE TEAM | DENTAL | BIKE CO-OP | EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES | CAMPUS CLINIC | REUSE-IT CENTRE | LEARNING COMMONS | INTERNATIONAL SERVICES | HOUSING SERVICES | LUMEN ROOM | RECREATION PROGRAMMING

Quest students legitimately care about the well-being of their peers. There is a sense of community here that I’ve never felt before.”
– Gina Markle ’14

“Being a part of a tight-knit community in a small school has meant that I could really connect with my peers and my Tutors.”
– Varsha Gill ’20

“Not only are we bordered by the mountains and the sea, but the community we have created is one of diversity, adventure, opportunity, and collaboration.”
– Anna Marie Obermeier ’16

“I searched all over the world for something different … and I found Quest. Small classes, the Block Plan, totally interdisciplinary academia. This is it.”
– Dan Ellis ’19

QUEST QUOTABLES

SOME STUDENT SERVICES
Squamish / Skwxwú7mesh
the sea to sky lifestyle

Squamish is full of opportunities to make the experience your own. There’s something for everyone!

Located at the tip of a fjord on the Pacific Ocean and surrounded by temperate rainforest, Squamish is known for its West Coast mountain culture, outdoor recreation and diverse arts scene.

Squamish’s natural beauty attracts photographers, filmmakers and other creative people seeking inspiration. They’ve helped create a lively arts and culture landscape, with artisan cafés and galleries, lounges and pubs with live music, street fairs, festivals and more.

Quest students also have access to some of the best mountain biking, hiking and rock climbing in the world.

Our community was named the best mountain town to visit in North America in the summer by CNN, and landed a spot on The New York Times’ 52 Places to Go list. Quest was also named one of the most beautiful campuses in Canada by Times Higher Education.

We acknowledge that Quest University Canada sits on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work, learn, and live in this blessed territory.
Our alumni are making a difference. Whatever they do and wherever they go, they bring a love of learning, boundless curiosity and a skillset that helps with every endeavour.

Quest alums are thriving in both academia and the professional world. Many go on to further studies, while others embark on careers in a wide range of fields—from marketing, law and teaching, to research, healthcare and art.

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When you study at Quest, you become part of a family that networks, connects and shares opportunities.

The Quest University Canada Alumni Association (QUCAA) represents the interests of Quest graduates worldwide.

Adbusters
Alberta Health Services
Akebia
American Whitewater
Astellas Research Institute of America
BC Housing
BioFields
Canadian Red Cross
Capricorn Biotechnologies
Carnegie Middle East Center
Centre for Rural Health Research
Cerebral Palsy Association of Alberta
Children’s Hospital Colorado
Di-Wave Systems
Deloitte LLP
EcoWorks
Facebook
Format Magazine
FreetFundr
IMRSV Data Labs
Geosync Consultants
Government of Canada
Greater London Authority
International Organization for Migration
New Israel Fund
Nike
Parks Canada
PartnersGlobal
TD Bank Group
Tourism Vancouver Island
Uganda National Academy of Sciences
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Advanced Studies

FROM NEUROSCIENCE TO THEATRE, FROM LAW SCHOOL TO MEDICINE, AND FROM SOCIAL WORK TO POLITICAL SCIENCE, ABOUT 45% OF ALUMS GO ON TO FURTHER STUDIES.

Queen’s University
Yale University
University of Washington
University of British Columbia
Oxford University
Johns Hopkins University
Université de Montréal
King’s College London
University of Toronto
McMaster University
UC Berkeley
Centre de Recherches Interdisciplinaires
Harvard University
Karolinska Institutet
McGill University
London School of Economics
Simon Fraser University
University of St. Andrews
Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Cambridge University
...and more

Employment

QUEST GRADUATES BRING THEIR ONE-OF-A-KIND BACKGROUND TO THE WORKFORCE. HERE ARE SOME EMPLOYERS OUR ALUMS HAVE CHOSEN.

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Cerebral Palsy Association of Alberta
Children’s Hospital Colorado
Di-Wave Systems
Deloitte LLP
EcoWorks
Facebook
Format Magazine
FreetFundr
IMRSV Data Labs
Geosync Consultants
Government of Canada
Greater London Authority
International Organization for Migration
New Israel Fund
Nike
Parks Canada
PartnersGlobal
TD Bank Group
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Admission is based on more than academic performance. We want to know who you are, and why you fit within the Quest community. Are you an avid traveller? Do you volunteer? Are you creative? Do you play an instrument? Tell us why you would make the ideal Quest student.
Leaders in Elite Athletics and Performance (LEAP) Program Scholarship: $5,000 / year

The Leaders in Elite Athletics and Performance (LEAP) program offers generous scholarships to students with extraordinary skill in a sport or performing art. LEAP students and alums include successful recording artists, an Olympic snowboarder, an accomplished aerialist, a world-class fashion model, and an Olympic freeskier along with elite cyclists, sailors, climbers, whitewater rafters and more. The flexibility of the Block Plan is ideal for LEAP students, who may take more than four years to complete their degree.

Tuition & Fees

2020-2021 tuition: $35,875
Room and board: $14,000
*precise costs depend on room selection

Financial Aid

Canadian Academic Performance Scholarship: $10,000 / year
Automatically awarded to any Canadian citizen or permanent resident who achieves an academic average of 80% or greater.

Presidential Scholarship: $2,000 - $8,000 / year
Based on a holistic assessment of the application, including transcript, essay and supplements.

Quest University Bursary: up to $15,000 / year
Based on an assessment of unmet financial need. A separate application to assess financial need is required to be considered for these funds.

David Strangway Award for Excellence: Full Tuition
Eligible students must display a 90% average or above and must provide one academic letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counsellor or other educator.

Quest offers additional scholarships to students who complete specific programs. Please visit questu.ca/scholarships to learn more.
ready to start
#YourQuest?

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