

While the Ontario government does not stipulate a standard for the amount of office space for a graduate student, a commonly-used metric developed by the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) suggests 4 M² per student as a benchmark. Queen's provided on average 3 M² per graduate student in 2007-08, which is ranked sixth in Ontario.

In addition to graduate office space, the University also provides study space on campus both within and outside the library system. While it is difficult to delineate graduate study space from undergraduate, we can report that Queen's is number 2 in Ontario, second only to the University of Toronto (St. George campus) in on-campus study space for students overall.

Finally, in the development of new graduate programs and the periodic assessment of ongoing programs, space requirements for graduate students are reviewed as part of a seven-year cycle by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS). While no specific square footage requirements are provided, appraisers focus on space available specifically earmarked for graduate students and the graduate program in general. On occasions where space is not adequate (as described by either the university or noted by appraisers during their campus visit), information is requested from the university about plans to address the problems.