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French Language Education

Francophone students must contend with a lower quality of post-secondary education than that of anglophone students. On bilingual campuses, many courses for Francophone students use English textbooks and resources and co-op opportunities are not always offered in French. Furthermore, courses taught in French are offered at a lesser rate than English courses, forcing francophone students to choose between taking mandatory courses in English or extending their degrees by an extra semester or even an extra year in order to complete all of their schooling in their language. For francophone international students, many of these barriers are compounded with the already-difficult experience of being an international student.

Quick Facts



622,340 | Ontario has the largest francophone population in Canada outside of Québec.



6/46 | Of the 46 post-secondary institutions in Ontario, only 2 colleges and 4 universities are bilingual.



80,000 | number of French-speaking immigrants in Ontario, who attempt to access French language education.

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The government of Ontario has announced a new French Language University to be opened in Toronto in 2020, however, this is only a small step towards fixing a much larger problem.

Students Respond

Students recognize that the Ontario francophone community is large and diverse, and while the announcement of a new French Language University was well received, bilingual and francophone students in particular fear that this may pull funding from current bilingual institutions in the province. Students continue to advocate for the government to increase the number of available French language institutions across Ontario.

Students Mobilize

For decades, French and bilingual post-secondary education has suffered from chronic underfunding. It is time to push the provincial government to commit to French-language education.

Become a part of these efforts by:

- 1 Pressuring your candidates to allocate new funds to expand options available to Francophone and bilingual students.**
- 2 Pressuring your school's administration to increase and improve support services for international students.**
- 3 Registering to vote in the 2018 provincial election.**