

# What can I do with my degree in...Bachelor of Arts, Cultural Studies?

## Knowing what's Expected

Cultural studies is an approach to the arts and popular culture that emphasizes the effects of social differences and the way we respond to them. If you are interested in delving into the cultural evolution of civilization, or you just love discussing the influence of political movements on popular culture, then you will enjoy the options that the Cultural Studies Major affords.

Jobs in the arts require a strong command of language and the ability to think logically and analytically.

Knowledge of computer systems and current information sources is important as is being able to speak and write French.

## Transferable Skills

- ❖ Analysis and interpretation of information and the ability to critically evaluate it
- ❖ Written and spoken communication skills
- ❖ Computer Literacy
- ❖ Team working
- ❖ Problem-solving skills
- ❖ An adaptable and flexible approach from exploring different cultures and interpretations
- ❖ Time management skills

## Your Choices

A Cultural studies Major offers a broad background in the arts, history, humanities, sciences, and social sciences. As a result, you may pursue occupations in sectors such as communications, culture, law, and religion.

\*\*Some of these occupations will require further education.

### Careers for Cultural Studies Majors

- ❖ Teacher/Lecturer
- ❖ Researcher
- ❖ Community Projects coordinator
- ❖ Gallery or Museum Assistant
- ❖ Arts Administrator
- ❖ Government Policy Analyst
- ❖ Library Assistant
- ❖ Journalism
- ❖ Critical Writing
- ❖ Public Relations
- ❖ Tourism
- ❖ Archivist
- ❖ Language Teacher

## Necessary Skills

- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Researching and writing skills
- ❖ Organizing
- ❖ Project Management

## What Employers Want

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests.

By getting involved in on-campus societies (see-[www.mountstudents.ca](http://www.mountstudents.ca)) and volunteering early, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work toward goals.

### Associations

Why join now? Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well-informed.

Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- ❖ Association of Translators and Interpreters of Nova Scotia  
[www.atins.org](http://www.atins.org)
- ❖ Institutes of cultural affairs International  
<http://www.ica-international.org/>
- ❖ Writer's Federation of Nova Scotia  
[www.writers.ns.ca](http://www.writers.ns.ca)
- ❖ Canadian Library Association  
[www.cla.ca](http://www.cla.ca)

## Available Reference Materials

### *What to Do With Your Degree*

- ❖ Opportunities in Entertainment Careers
- ❖ Careers In Culture(binders)
- ❖ What to do with your Cultural Studies Degree

### *Occupation Information*

- ❖ Careers for Writers & Others Who Have a Way with Words
- ❖ Careers for Scholars & other Deep thinkers
- ❖ [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

### *Directories*

- ❖ Who's Hiring
- ❖ Associations Canada
- ❖ Canadian Career Directory
- ❖ Halifax Directory of Community Services

## Job Searching

### *Job Hunting Websites*

- ❖ [www.msvu.ca/careerplanning](http://www.msvu.ca/careerplanning)
- ❖ CCLCS  
<http://www.cclcs.ca/>
- ❖ The Halifax Herald  
[www.jobspress.com](http://www.jobspress.com)
- ❖ Nova Scotia Public Service Commission  
[www.gov.ns.ca/psc/services/employ](http://www.gov.ns.ca/psc/services/employ)
- ❖ Government of Canada  
<http://jobs.gc.ca>
- ❖ Atlantic Canada Jobs & Employment  
[www.atlanticjobs.com](http://www.atlanticjobs.com)
- ❖ Canadian Security Intelligence Service  
[www.csis.gc.ca](http://www.csis.gc.ca)
- ❖ Foreign Service Exam  
[www.foreignserviceexamprep.com](http://www.foreignserviceexamprep.com)

### **For More Information Visit:**

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