

## Bachelor of Arts?



### Know What's Expected

A General Arts degree allows students to develop their research, organizational, writing, planning and administrative skills. Employers will expect that you have strong communication skills, have a general knowledge of computer systems and have the ability to think logically and analytically about situations. French may also be an asset in some positions.

### Transferable Skills

- Analysis and interpretation of information and the ability to critically evaluate it
- Written and spoken communication skills
- Ability to listen, clarify, question, and respond comprehensively
- Knowledge of social trends
- Multidisciplinary teamwork
- Broad knowledge and understand of numerous fields

### What Employers Want to See

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 on-campus (for societies visit [mountstudents.ca](http://mountstudents.ca)) or off-campus early in your degree, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

You can also build your Mount Co-Curricular Record (CCR) with these activities at [msvu.ca/CCR](http://msvu.ca/CCR) and present this official document to future employers.

### Necessary Employment Skills

- Leadership
- Researching and writing skills
- Organization
- Project Management
- Teamwork skills

### Where Can You Work?

A Bachelor of Arts offers a broad background in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences. Graduates from Arts programs may find careers in communications, culture, law, education, religion and social work.

An Arts degree is also a great stepping stone for further education. Visit the Bachelor of Arts—General Studies webpage for more information.

### Possible Job Titles

- Project Manager
- Library Technician
- Translator, Terminologist, or Interpreter
- Writer, Editor, or Journalist
- Lawyer
- Researcher or Consultant
- Policy or Program Officer
- Archivist
- University Research Assistant
- Social Worker or Counsellor

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## Where Can I Volunteer?

Volunteering provides a great opportunity to get involved in your field of study and make some great connections. Here are a few options for you to consider:

- Schools
- Government
- Libraries
- Local Non-Profit Organizations
- Student Societies
- Students Union

## Potential Volunteer Organizations

- Halifax Public Libraries
- Nocturne: Art at Night
- Hal-Con Sci-Fi Fantasy Association
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Visit [msvu.ca/ccr](http://msvu.ca/ccr) for more local organizations.

## Online Job Resources

Many organizations will promote their job opportunities online. Visit the job page at [careerconnects.msvu.ca](http://careerconnects.msvu.ca).

## Professional Associations

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 Canadian Archivists

[www.archivists.ca](http://www.archivists.ca)

- Association of Translators and Interpreters of Nova Scotia

[www.atins.org](http://www.atins.org)

- Canadian Library Association

[www.cla.ca](http://www.cla.ca)

- Modern Language Association

[www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)

- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

[www.nsbs.org](http://www.nsbs.org)

- Writer's Federation of Nova Scotia

[www.writers.ns.ca](http://www.writers.ns.ca)

## MSVU Career Planning Services

At the Mount, we offer a variety of career related services, workshops, resources and opportunities for students. Whether you need help making a career decision, are looking for a job, or are wondering what your can do with your degree, we can help you plan a realistic career path and perform a successful job search.


Visit [Career Connects](#) to book an appointment with a Career Counsellor, schedule a resume critique with a Career Assistant, or just explore our resources!


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