Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Studies?



Know What's Expected

Cultural studies explores the effects of social differences and the way we respond to them. If you major in Cultural Studies, employers will expect that you have studied the cultural evolution of civilization and the influence of political movements on popular culture. 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
- Computer Literacy
- Ability to work as a team
- Problem-solving skills
- Time management skills

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) 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 and present this official document to future employers.

Necessary Employment Skills

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

Where Can You Work?

A Cultural studies Major offers a broad background in the arts, history, humanities, sciences, and social sciences. Graduates from Cultural Studies programs may find careers in journalism, communications, the arts, critical writing, museum work, teaching, religion, and law.

A cultural studies degree is also a great stepping stone for further education. Visit the Bachelor of Arts—Cultural Studies webpage for more information.

Possible Job Titles

- Lawyer
- Journalist
- Teacher/Lecturer
- Researcher
- Gallery or Museum Assistant
- Library Assistant
- Communications Specialist
- Archivist

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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
- Art galleries and museums
- Historic Properties
- Libraries
- Student Societies
- Students Union

Potential Volunteer Organizations

- Museum of Natural History
- Art Gallery Nova Scotia
- Pier 21

Visit 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.

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 for Cultural Studies

www.cultstud.org

 Association of Translators and Interpreters of Nova Scotia

www.atins.org

Canadian Artists Society

www.societyofcanadianartists.com

Canadian Library Association

www.cla.ca

• Institutes of cultural affairs International

www.ica-international.org

Writer's Federation of Nova Scotia

www.writers.ns.ca

MSVU Career 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 <u>Career Connects</u> 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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