

What Can I Do with My Degree In...

## Bachelor of Arts in Canadian Studies?



### Know What's Expected

Canadian Studies explores the origins and transformations of Canadian identities and their expressions in a variety of contexts, including history, politics, art, literature and ethnicity. If you major in Canadian Studies, employers will expect that you can communicate effectively and have the ability to think logically and analytically. 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
- Teamwork skills
- Problem-solving skills
- Time management skills
- Knowledge of current social trends

### 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/CCRP](http://msvu.ca/CCRP) and present this official document to future employers.

### Necessary Skills

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

### Where Can You Work?

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

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

### Possible Job Titles

- Policy Analyst
- Journalist
- Foreign Affairs Officer
- Social Activist
- Cultural Advisor
- Lawyer
- Politician
- Cultural Arts Coordinator
- Public Relations Officer

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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

Visit [msvu.ca/ccrp](http://msvu.ca/ccrp) for more local organizations.

### Online Job Resources

Many organizations will promote their job opportunities online. Visit the Job Search Resources page at [msvu.ca/careerplanning](http://msvu.ca/careerplanning) for links to frequently used job boards.

### 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 Canadian Studies  
[www.acs-aec.ca](http://www.acs-aec.ca)
- Canadian Library Association  
[www.cla.ca](http://www.cla.ca)
- International Council for Canadian Studies  
[www.iccs-ciec.ca](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca)
- McGill Institute for The Study of Canada  
[www.mcgill.ca/misc](http://www.mcgill.ca/misc)
- 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.

Drop by Career Planning Services 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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