What Can I Do with My Degree In... Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Studies?

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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/CCRP and present this official document to future employers.

Necessary 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

Visit 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 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 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.

Drop by Career 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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