

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

Knowing What's Expected

If you are interested in the origins and transformations of Canadian identities and their expressions in a variety of different contexts, including history, politics, art, literature and ethnicity, as well as our future both at home and abroad you will enjoy the options that the Canadian Studies major affords.

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

Knowledge of computer systems and current information sources is also important. Being able to speak and write French would be an asset in some positions.

Transferable Skills

- ❖ Motivation and enthusiasm
- ❖ Team working
- ❖ Flexibility and adaptability
- ❖ Initiative and proactivity
- ❖ interpersonal and communication skills
- ❖ Knowledge of business management and social trends
- ❖ Must be able to communicate ideas clearly

Your Choices

A Canadian Studies Major offers a broad background in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences. As a result, you may pursue occupations in sectors such as communications, culture, law, education religion, social work, and administration.

**Some of these occupations will require further education.

Careers for Canadian Studies Majors

- ❖ Teaching
- ❖ Policy Analysis
- ❖ Journalism
- ❖ Foreign Affairs
- ❖ Library Science
- ❖ Social Activism
- ❖ Cultural Advising
- ❖ Law
- ❖ Public Administration
- ❖ Politics
- ❖ Cultural Arts Co-ordination
- ❖ Public Relations
- ❖ Civil service

Necessary Skills

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

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) and volunteering early, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards 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.

- ❖ McGill Institute for The Study of Canada
www.arts.mcgill.ca/programs/misc/
- ❖ Association Of Canadian Studies www.er.uqam.ca/nobel/c1015/
- ❖ Canadian Library Association
www.cla.ca
- ❖ Nova Scotia Barristers' Society www.nsbs.ns.ca
- ❖ Writer's Federation of Nova Scotia www.writers.ns.ca

Available Reference Materials

What To Do With Your Degree

- ❖ What You Can Do with an Arts Degree
- ❖ Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors

Occupation Information

- ❖ Opportunities in Entertainment Careers
- ❖ Careers for Writers & Others Who Have a Way with Words
- ❖ www.careercruising.com

Directories

- ❖ *Who's Hiring*
- ❖ Canadian Career Directory
- ❖ Associations Canada
- ❖ Business Directory for the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Halifax Directory of Community Services

Job Searching

Job Hunting Websites

- ❖ www.msvu.ca/careerplanning
- ❖ Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) www.csis.gc.ca
- ❖ Nova Scotia Public Service Commission
www.gov.ns.ca/psc/services/employ
- ❖ Government of Canada
<http://jobs.gc.ca>
- ❖ Atlantic Canada Careers
www.acc.net

For More Information Visit:

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