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Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) at Carleton University is an engaged, flourishing community of professors and students who have a passion for learning, researching and exchanging ideas.

While there are close to 7,000 students in FASS, we try to facilitate an intimate, supportive learning environment that promotes independent thought, critical and ethical analysis and academic excellence to all of our students. Our goal is to train our graduate students to become leaders in their respective fields.

For more information, go to our website: carleton.ca/fass

Interdisciplinary Programs

Carleton is known for its collaborative graduate programs, which bring together experts and students from a wide variety of disciplines who approach critical issues from many different perspectives.
Ottawa Advantage

One of Carleton’s greatest assets is its location in the nation’s capital. Ottawa is home to most federal government departments, as well as influential non-governmental organizations. It boasts a vibrant business sector and has one of Canada’s largest concentrations of high-tech industries. Many other institutions and companies are also headquartered here. This “capital advantage” provides numerous opportunities for work placements, experiential learning and career opportunities.

Innovative Research

Our professors are experts in their fields. They conduct cutting-edge research in world-class facilities that helps change peoples’ lives.
Professional Development at Carleton

The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs offers a range of professional development resources to help you establish your career narrative. These include workshops, career planning tools, one-on-one support and consultation and opportunities to learn from the experiences of Carleton alumni. You can also develop new transferable skills through our skill-focused workshops and professional writing modules. We strive to create a culture of professional development that you can take part in while pursuing all your writing, research and career goals. More information is available at: carleton.ca/gradpd

Meet your Professional Development Team: David Lafferty and Karim Abuawad

Career Possibilities

Our graduate programs not only offer excellent research and practical applications related to your field of interest — they also prepare you for rewarding careers in the real world by providing you with the skills that are highly desirable in today’s fast-paced, technology-driven society.
Hands-on Experience

At Carleton, we offer several opportunities to our students to gain real-world experience that complements their classroom learning. Check opportunities offered by your programs of interest.
COLLABORATIVE SPECIALIZATION IN
African Studies

Canada’s only postgraduate program in African Studies.

The Specialization in African Studies is designed especially for Carleton University master’s students in participating programs in the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences, Public Affairs and the Sprott School of Business who wish to enrich their training by developing expertise in African Studies through interdisciplinary dialogue.

Depending on options offered by your home degree, students can pursue three pathways: thesis, research essay or coursework.

Conditional upon availability, students can do a placement in one of the many governmental, non-governmental, community or private sector organizations that focus on African issues. Students also have the opportunity to go to an African country through Carleton’s African Studies Abroad course, placement and internship opportunities, faculty research and other linkages to different parts of the continent.

Participating Programs
Anthropology, Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies, Business Administration (MBA), Communication, Economics, English, Film Studies, French and Francophone Studies, Geography (MA only), History, International Affairs, Journalism, Legal Studies, Music and Culture, Political Economy, Political Science, Sociology, Women’s and Gender Studies.

Career Options
Alumni are pursuing successful careers as policy analysts, international development practitioners, business developers, researchers, community organizers and similar occupations in which they draw on their expertise.

Application Deadline
The due date for applications varies according to the deadline of each participating program. Applicants wishing to apply for this specialization must indicate this in their application to their participating program (home degree).

Admission Requirements
Applicants must:
- Hold an honours bachelor’s degree or equivalent.
- Be admitted to one of the participating master’s programs.

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The world in which we live is characterized by a multiplication of perspectives. In everyday situations, people from different cultural backgrounds meet, interact, communicate or misunderstand each other. As the study of cultural difference and diversity, anthropology is at the forefront of efforts to understand these contemporary social realities and the processes that shape them.

Carleton is an excellent place to study this exciting discipline. Our anthropologists conduct cutting-edge research on a wide variety of topics, in many regions of the world. Students can take additional advantage of the benefits offered by a joint department. With 39 full-time faculty, 26 sociologists (and 13 anthropologists), the department is one of the largest and most prestigious of its kind in Canada.

The master’s (MA) program in Anthropology focuses on socio-cultural anthropology and promotes the exploration of cultural practices and social conditions in diverse contexts throughout the world.

Graduate students can also gain academic credit by pursuing a placement with a community organization. This allows them to link practical work with their area of research interest, while gaining real-world experience.

Specializations in African Studies, Climate Change, Digital Humanities, as well as in Latin American and Caribbean Studies are also available at the master’s level. The PhD program focuses on “engaged anthropology”, which emphasizes methodological, social and practical engagements with the world. This unique program encourages students to move efficiently to the fieldwork stage and provides strong support for the thesis-writing process.

PhD students are normally expected to carry out extensive fieldwork away from their academic milieu, immersing themselves at length in the situations and practices they will eventually document in their dissertations. In pursuing their fieldwork, students are encouraged to engage non-academic publics by extending their ethnographic research into apprenticeship, advocacy and policy-related activities. This training in engaged anthropological theory and practice will provide students with skills and capacities that will make them well qualified for meaningful careers both inside and outside of academia.

A specialization in Political Economy is also available at the PhD level.

All members of our departmental community cherish the collegial atmosphere that has grown over the years.

Fall Application Deadline
February 1, in order to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements
MA: An honour’s bachelor’s degree, or equivalent, in anthropology or a closely related discipline, with an average of B+ or higher. Previous professional experience may also be considered.

PhD: A master’s degree, or equivalent, in anthropology, with a minimum average of A- and with no grade below a B. Applicants with some academic deficiencies may be admitted to the PhD program, but will usually be required to complete additional coursework.

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Gain a deeper understanding of our contemporary world with a graduate degree in anthropology!
GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN
Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies

Our graduate programs are unique in North America.

Human society cannot exist without language. Both the PhD and MA programs in Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies, housed in the School of Linguistics and Languages Studies (SLaLS) at Carleton University, emphasize the central role that language plays in educational, workplace and other social contexts.

Students can draw on one or both of the fields of applied linguistics and discourse studies to suit their own study and research goals. Our comprehensive graduate programs are unique in North America as these two fields are typically housed in different departments or faculties at other universities.

Both the PhD and MA programs are grounded in research and address practical and theoretical language-related issues relevant to language learners, educators, researchers, policy-makers and communication professionals. Both programs emphasize hands-on research involving close collaboration between students and faculty members.

At the master's level, we also offer a professional ESL teacher certification option as well as specializations in African Studies and Digital Humanities.

The PhD program focuses on the following areas: second and foreign language teaching and learning, including Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL); the nature, learning and teaching of written discourse and literacies; the analysis of written, oral and multimodal discourse; and sociolinguistics.

Degrees Offered
MA, PhD

Career Options
Many of our graduates have accepted academic positions and/or continued their studies in education, literacy, rhetoric, discourse analysis, sociolinguistics and other fields at distinguished universities in Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Oman, South Korea, the UK, the USA and other countries. They teach in schools, colleges, universities and community programs all over the world. They also work as researchers, learning specialists, policy advisers and ESL instructors, and as writing coaches in government, educational institutions, corporations and non-profit organizations.

“...My graduate studies in SLaLS gave me a solid, multidisciplinary foundation in theory, research, and academic writing, and the wonderful faculty, staff, and students gave me the confidence to put them to good use in my career as an educator.”
— Christina Doré, MA 2014, PhD 2021

Fall Application Deadline
MA: February 1
PhD: January 20
Domestic applications will be considered after the deadline depending on space and funding

Admission Requirements
MA: A BA honours degree in a discipline involving the analysis of language or the study of language use or learning, or a three-year BA degree in a relevant discipline combined with a BEd or CTESL. A minimum of B+ in related courses and a B overall in academic work are required. Relevant professional experience may also enhance a candidate’s application to the MA program.

PhD: A master’s degree in applied linguistics, composition and rhetoric, discourse studies, teaching English as a second language, writing studies, or an acceptable equivalent field, with at least an A- average. Applicants whose academic preparation has deficiencies in certain areas may be admitted to the PhD program with the requirement that they take additional courses.

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MASTER OF ARTS IN
Art & Architectural History

Our program allows you to access a wealth of local cultural resources and expertise.

The MA in Art & Architectural History at Carleton is unrivalled in its ability to combine classroom work with on-site training at national museums and related institutions.

The MA program offers a unique breadth and depth of research expertise and teaching in the history of art and architecture of various cultures and regions of the world. Our faculty are committed mentors and have a strong investment in inter-disciplinarity and transcultural comparison.

Students hone skills in critical analysis and interpretation of both visual and material culture as well as the discourses that shape the history of art and architecture. With access to rich resources in the archives and museums of the National Capital Region, students engage firsthand with primary sources and professionals at these institutions and often make contributions to the field.

We also offer a specialization in Digital Humanities. In addition, many of our students enroll in the Graduate Diploma in Curatorial Studies.

Degrees Offered
MA

Career Options
The practicum program places students on-site in a variety of local institutions to prepare them for future careers in the cultural sector. Typical places of employment include the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa Art Gallery, Canadian Museum of History, Library and Archives Canada and Parks Canada.

Fall Application Deadline
February 5, in order to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements
An honours bachelor's degree, or the equivalent, in art history or a related discipline, with at least a B+ standing. Related disciplines may include anthropology, history and Canadian studies. Applicants without a background in art or architectural history may be required to take up to a maximum of 2.0 credits in certain designated courses from the undergraduate art history program. In addition, all students are required to demonstrate a reading knowledge of French (or another language to be approved by the program's graduate supervisor).

“...I continue to rely on lessons learned in my practicum, in my collections research, and in seminars, in the 10 years since I graduated. Our alumni network is comprised of leaders in museums, galleries, libraries and research centres around the world."

— Kathryn Desplanque, PhD
Carleton University MA, 2009-2011
Banting Postdoctoral Fellow, Carleton University, 2019-2021
Assistant Professor of 18th and 19th Century European Art, UNC Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 2021-

Photo: Graduate student Anna Paluch
Artwork: Claude Jirar, “Soleil I” (1972), Collection of the Canada Council Art Bank
COLLABORATIVE SPECIALIZATION IN
Climate Change

The climate crisis is the most pressing issue of our time, and our ability to address it will be a defining challenge for society. Bringing together the humanities, sciences, engineering, business, and public policy, Carleton’s new Collaborative Specialization in Climate Change brings a distinctive interdisciplinary and collaborative approach to this crisis.

This unique specialization draws on Carleton’s many internationally recognized climate change researchers and on its commitment to interdisciplinary studies. Working directly with professors and students across all five faculties, students will receive both a firm foundation in interdisciplinary approaches to climate change and have opportunities for experiential learning and conducting case studies of climate change in their areas of interest.

Participating Programs
MBA and MSc in Management
MA in English, Anthropology, Sociology and Communication
MASc in Aerospace Engineering, Materials Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering and Environmental Engineering
MEng in Electrical & Computer Engineering, Environmental Engineering and Sustainable Energy.

Career Options
Students will graduate with a deeper appreciation of how other disciplines, outside their own, think about climate change and how they can work together in the quest for a sustainable and equitable future. The multidisciplinary skills gained from this specialization will be highly valued across various career paths (such as industry, business, non governmental organizations (NGOs), government, communication and media, and academia).

Degrees Offered
Students will earn their degree in one of the academic disciplines with a specialization in Climate Change. Degrees include: MA, MASc, MBA, MEng, and an MSc.

Application Process
Applicants do not apply directly to the specialization. Instead, they apply to the participating programs and, in that application, they can express their interest in the specialization.

Fall Application Deadline
Varies according to home program.

Admission Requirements
Applicants must be admitted to one of the participating programs. Requirements vary according to which program a student chooses.

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN
Cognitive Science

Carleton offers Canada’s first Master of Cognitive Science program.

Are you interested in how people or computers think?

Cognitive scientists study cognition, perception and emotion from many perspectives, including the exploration of abstract concepts, detailed empirical research on language and cognition, the study of brain mechanisms and computer modeling. They are all united in their interest in the mind — and the brain.

Carleton offers a fully integrated cognitive science program. Our graduate programs bring together research from experimental psychology, theoretical and computational linguistics, artificial intelligence, philosophy of mind, and other related areas, to address questions about learning, knowing and thinking.

Students can specialize in one of three programs: a Master of Cognitive Science with equal emphasis on research and coursework (MCogSc — thesis stream), a Master of Cognitive Science with a stronger emphasis on coursework (MCogSc — project stream), or a PhD in Cognitive Science with an emphasis on advanced coursework and research.

We also offer a master’s degree with a specialization in Data Science or a specialization in Digital Humanities.

Our graduate students are researching exciting, interdisciplinary projects about topics such as artificial intelligence techniques to make computers imagine visual scenes in the same way that people do, understanding how humans comprehend and process language and investigating children’s developing cognitive skills, including their ability to deal with representations and numbers.

Degrees Offered

MCogSc, MCogSc with Specialization in Data Science, MCogSc with Specialization in Digital Humanities, PhD.

Career Options

Our graduates are employed in academic institutions and in the public and private sectors, contributing to innovation in fields such as human-computer interaction, information technology, educational policy and technology, and applications for identification and treatment of cognitive pathologies. High quality students completing a master’s may be qualified to pursue a PhD.

Fall Application Deadline

February 1, in order to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements

MCogSc: An honours degree, or equivalent, with an average of A- in the last two years.

PhD: A master’s degree or equivalent in cognitive science or a related discipline, with an average of A- in the last two years.

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Carleton University Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs
PHD IN

Cultural Mediations

A place for critical and creative minds.

Cultural Mediations is the study of cultural forms that mediate our understanding of the world.

Selecting from four streams — Literary Studies, Musical Culture, Technology and Culture, and Visual Culture — students have the freedom to blend these and pursue research projects that call for interdisciplinary and cross-cultural perspectives. We provide a collegial and creative environment with access to an accomplished and eclectic academic community, enabling students to pursue projects that might not otherwise find a home.

This unique program is housed in the Institute for Comparative Studies in Literature, Art and Culture, a haven for intellectually rebellious researchers and a home for those who seek independence as well as a sense of belonging. ICSLAC is a vibrant teaching and learning environment where research transcends conventional boundaries and where interdisciplinary ideas and new dimensions of thought open up. It’s a place where we proudly nurture research projects that might be impossible elsewhere.

Our PhD program in Cultural Mediations, with its unconventional nature and small and welcoming scale, gives students an edge in the academic context while also preparing them for other career paths.

Degrees Offered
PhD

Career Options
Our innovative PhD program attracts those headed for careers in academia, government and the public sector, as well as practising artists, filmmakers and curators.

Fall Application Deadline
February 1, to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements
A Master of Arts, or a recognized equivalent, in a discipline appropriate to the interdisciplinary strengths of the program. Appropriate disciplines might include English or French literature, art history, film studies, musicology/ethnomusicology, comparative literature, Canadian studies, communication, geography, history, philosophy, sociology or gender studies. A minimum grade point average of A- is normally required of coursework completed at the master’s level.

“A place for critical and creative minds.”

I worked with a group of faculty and students from a range of departments, making it an exciting place for a rich exchange of ideas and information about sources and approaches — a real breakdown of academic silos in a very open and exciting environment.

— Anne De Stecher (PhD/13), Assistant Professor, University of Colorado, Boulder

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GRADUATE DIPLOMAS IN
Curatorial Studies

Carleton’s Graduate Diplomas in Curatorial Studies offer students both the disciplinary expertise and applied skills sought by cultural institutions today. Our interdisciplinary program spans the arts, social sciences and sciences, exposing students to a wide range of museological and curatorial issues and environments. Through our strong relationships with museums, galleries and festivals in the National Capital Region, students receive hands-on, discipline-specific training and exposure to professional best practices. As Maclean’s reported in its 2018 College and University issue, the program is preparing students for the “museums of the future”.

Our program offers two Graduate Diplomas in Curatorial Studies to domestic and international students. The Type 2 Diploma is designed for students seeking practical skills in addition to an MA or PhD at Carleton, and will provide a combination of academic training and professional skills unique in Canada. The stand-alone Type 3 Diploma is designed for practitioners who wish to upgrade their knowledge and skills, and students who wish to supplement their academic qualifications with practical training. Both diplomas include a two-semester practicum component.

Carleton University is located in the heart of Canada’s National Capital Region, with a large concentration of galleries, museums, and heritage and arts organizations. Significant components of the program are delivered in collaboration with professionals from these institutions, both on campus at the Carleton University Art Gallery, and in the field. These opportunities afford our students both real-world experience and excellent employment networks.

Degrees Offered
Graduate Diplomas

Career Options
Students who complete a Graduate Diploma in Curatorial Studies are well-placed to pursue careers in art galleries and museums of anthropology, history, nature, science, war, etc. as well as in dance, film or music programming, government, heritage conservation, auction houses and commercial galleries. These sectors, which are rapidly expanding worldwide, are seeking knowledgeable, well-trained curators able to balance theory and practice. Many Carleton alumni have gone on to successful curatorial careers and constitute an influential network in the field.

Application Deadline
Complete applications received by March 15 will be assessed by mid-April. Applications can be submitted after March 15 up until August 1, but they will only be assessed if space remains in the program. During this time frame, please contact curatorial@carleton.ca to confirm availability.

Admission Requirements
An honours bachelor’s degree, or the equivalent, in a related discipline, with a B+ standing. Students pursuing a Type 2 Diploma must also fulfill the admission requirements of their degree program. Professionals interested in the Type 3 Diploma who do not satisfy this degree requirement must demonstrate relevant professional excellence. The applicability of previous coursework and/or professional experience will be determined on an individual basis.

carleton.ca/icslac/curatorial-studies
COLLABORATIVE SPECIALIZATION IN

Data Science

Join our hub of data science experts and shape the future.

Carleton’s Collaborative Specialization in Data Science is geared at graduate students and high-tech professionals who are interested in understanding how to analyze and use ‘big data’ sets collected by governments, NGOs and industry for purposes ranging from generating personal recommendations for online shopping to improving the efficiency of health care delivery or predicting national security threats.

Students will earn their degree from a participating master’s program with a specialization in Data Science (or an MBA concentration in Business Analytics) through research, project work or coursework that addresses a data science challenge.

More than 130 researchers are working on ‘big data’ projects at Carleton ranging from artificial intelligence and sensor data analytics to improving health care delivery.

Depending on availability, students may also gain real-world experience through internships.

Participating Programs

Biology (thesis), Biomedical Engineering (thesis), Business (concentration), Cognitive Science (research project, thesis), Communication, Computer Science (thesis), Economics (thesis or coursework), Electrical and Computer Engineering, Geography (MSc and MA), Health Sciences, History (research essay), Information Technology (Digital Media), International Affairs (MA), Physics (thesis), Psychology, Public Policy & Administration (MA).

Career Options

Over the next five years in North America, it is predicted that there will be more than four million jobs involving data science. Working with its partners and Ottawa’s tech sector, Carleton is poised to become a national hub for data science research and training, educating a highly skilled workforce for local, national and international communities, and creating the next generation of IT leaders.

Application Deadline

The deadline dates for applications vary according to the deadline of each participating program. Those wishing to apply for the Collaborative Specialization in Data Science must indicate their intent when applying to their participating program (home degree).

Admission Requirements

Applicants must be admitted to one of the participating master’s programs. Requirements vary according to which program a student chooses.
COLLABORATIVE SPECIALIZATION IN
Digital Humanities

Exploring the cutting edge of humanities research.

Carleton University’s Collaborative Specialization in Digital Humanities offers more breadth in this growing field than any other Canadian program. It gives students the opportunity to explore ways in which digital technologies are changing how we understand art, film, music, literature and popular culture; how we develop new forms of collective memory; and how we create global communities and intercultural dialogue.

Students will learn to think critically by undertaking original research involving the latest theories, methods and technologies, while collaborating with other students and faculty across Carleton and with community partners. Students tackle research questions, such as: How are digital publishing, social media and surveillance altering personal and communal identities? Can 3D modelling produce new understandings of ancient texts? How do video games differ from other forms of popular culture? Can scholarship in the humanities and social sciences reach new audiences through mobile networks and devices?

A practicum component allows students to work closely with public- and private-sector partners who rely heavily on digital media, including partners in the media production, entertainment, library and archives, museum, digital gaming, travel and tourism, advertising and technical writing sectors.

Participating Programs


Degrees Offered

MA with a specialization in Digital Humanities

Career Options

Adding a specialization in Digital Humanities to any of our collaborating master’s programs will enhance the degree’s applicability and employability.

The National Capital Region alone is home to hundreds of game developers, media production facilities, social media companies and digital start-ups, as well as Library and Archives Canada and a host of museums, all of which are undertaking large digital projects that will require expertise in this field.

Application Deadline

Those applying for a master’s degree in one of the participating programs should indicate their intent to apply for the Specialization in Digital Humanities by checking the box on their application and completing the Statement of Intent describing their interest. Application deadlines vary for each participating program.

Admission Requirements

Requirements vary for each collaborating program. For more information about how to apply, please contact: digitalhumanities@carleton.ca

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN
English

Our students are our number one priority.

The Department of English Language and Literature has a strong reputation for its stimulating approach to literature and its high level of support for graduate students.

Our MA and PhD programs address questions about:

- What people understand by the idea of literature in different times and places and why it matters
- Who should have access to literature, either as readers or writers
- The power of literature to forge communities and become a force for change
- How these issues are influenced by broader legal, technological, political and social contexts

Our MA program offers three streams: thesis, research essay or coursework. Our PhD program develops our students’ research agendas and nourishes their work within the theoretical, critical and historical study of the production of literature.

Graduate students can learn from our faculty researchers who are renowned for their expertise in many diverse areas of literature. For more details, you can explore the Bookshelf and Faculty Research Profiles on our departmental website.

At the master’s level, we also offer specializations in African Studies, Climate Change and Digital Humanities.

Degrees Offered
MA, PhD

Career Options
Our degrees provide a competitive edge in the job market, whether in business, government or the non-profit sector — in areas as diverse as publishing, human resources, communications, public relations and marketing. Students will also have an academic advantage when applying for professional qualifications and training in teaching, journalism, law and library sciences.

Ottawa has a lively and long-established literary tradition and is the home to government departments, foreign embassies, many non-governmental associations, research institutes, numerous arts organizations and Library and Archives Canada. Our students benefit both research-wise and career-wise from the wealth of resources offered by these institutions.

For those students admitted to our collaborative specializations in African Studies or Digital Humanities, Ottawa offers a remarkable number of relevant resources and placement opportunities.

Fall Application Deadline
February 1, in order to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements
MA: A four-year Bachelor of Arts, or equivalent, in English, with at least a B+ average.
PhD: A master’s degree in English, or equivalent, with at least an A- average. Depending on their background, applicants may be asked to complete coursework in addition to the PhD program requirements.

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Graduate Programs in Ethics and Public Affairs

Our premise is that the exercise of power must be justifiable.

Students in the Ethics and Public Affairs (EPAF) programs gain unique expertise in analyzing the ethical strengths and weaknesses of options for solving public issues.

Carleton offers a PhD and two graduate diplomas for current students and qualified professionals. What makes all three of these programs unique is that they combine ethical analysis with social science. EPAF students are taught and supervised collaboratively by philosophers who research public issues along with social science and public policy specialists interested in the values underlying those issues. The guiding framework is public reason — the idea that the exercise of power must be justifiable to the people over whom it is exercised.

All of the programs start with a pair of intensive seminars, each of which addresses a particular public issue in the context of public reason, weighing the value-based and evidence-based concerns and considerations that apply.

The PhD program is supported by a network of professionals who will offer mentorship on developing professional contacts and making research accessible to professional audiences. Practicum courses will allow students to gain valuable work experience in government and civil society or as consultants.

Possible research topics are as varied as the expertise of Carleton faculty, including gender and other social inequalities, multiculturalism, the environment, health, international development, global inequality, human rights, good governance, and more. In this way, the EPAF programs transcend the subject-matter restrictions of other ethics programs, such as environmental ethics, bioethics and business ethics.

Degrees Offered
PhD, Graduate Diplomas

Career Options
EPAF students will be supported and encouraged to develop conference presentations, publications and networks — both professional and academic — which will help them in their job search when they graduate. Alumni will be prepared to compete for academic jobs or for policy-related jobs in government and civil society, or as consultants. Many departments and ministries now include ethics offices that oversee ethics programs. These people identify ethical risks, develop strategies and implement plans to foster a respectful workplace.

Fall Application Deadline
January 15, for first-round consideration to the PhD program; July 1 if funding and space remain.

January 15, for the Graduate Diplomas; July 1 if space remains.

Admission Requirements
PhD: Either a master’s degree in a relevant field and an A average in relevant honours or graduate courses both in (a) analytical ethics or political philosophy and in (b) social science or interdisciplinary studies; or a master’s degree in a relevant field and successful performance in an EPAF graduate diploma program with an A average.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA: An average of A- or above in honours or graduate courses, with evidence of proficiency in both (a) analytical ethics or political philosophy, and (b) social science or interdisciplinary studies including social science.

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MASTER OF ARTS IN
Film Studies

Our Film Studies program is one of the largest and most respected in Canada.

This globally-focused and interdisciplinary program teaches critical, theoretical and historical approaches to cinema and emerging media. Students learn to think analytically and express themselves clearly, while developing specialized knowledge about history, aesthetics and film as a social and cultural practice. Faculty expertise includes world cinema (e.g. the cinemas of Asia, Africa, Europe, Canada and the United States), film theory and philosophy, film history, Indigenous film and media, documentary film and media, video games and new media, sexuality and gender, and sound studies.

Our MA has three streams. All students are admitted to the coursework-only stream and may, during their first semester, apply to do a major research paper or a thesis.

Specializations in African Studies and Digital Humanities are also available, as is a Graduate Diploma in Curatorial Studies.

Our distinguished and internationally recognized faculty are engaged in innovative research with numerous books, articles, grants and awards to their credit. Our program offers a very collegial, supportive and student-friendly atmosphere conducive to success, and is committed to student mentorship. Our program offers a very collegial, supportive and student-friendly atmosphere conducive to success, and is committed to student mentorship.

Ottawa offers unparalleled access to research materials and opportunities for internships. These include Library and Archives Canada, Canadian Film Institute, National Gallery of Canada, Canada Science and Technology Museum, Canadian Museum of History and the Ottawa Art Gallery. There are also numerous film festivals, filmmaker co-ops, and production companies where students can intern.

Degrees Offered
MA

Career Options
Our graduates have pursued further studies (PhD and MFA) in Canada and the United States, as well as successful careers as professors, filmmakers, film critics, organizers and directors of film festival and art councils, archivists, cinema owners, cultural administrators, researchers, consultants and teachers.

Fall Application Deadline
February 1. Later applications will be considered contingent on space and funding availability.

Admission Requirements
An honours bachelor’s degree, or equivalent, in film studies or a related discipline such as communication, art history, music, literature, Canadian studies, women’s and gender studies or history. Typically, an average of B+ or higher is required for admission.

Doing a Master’s degree in Film Studies at Carleton was an excellent and invaluable opportunity for me to grow both academically and professionally. Being able to learn from a supportive faculty with such a diverse range of research interests and experience allowed me to not only explore the areas of study I was interested in, but to discover ideas and concepts that were new and exciting. The program’s field trip to the Toronto Film Festival was a particular highlight and a great way to start off the program.

— Alana Skwarok (MA/18)

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MASTER OF ARTS IN French & Francophone Studies

Une expérience immersive dans une institution anglophone.

Le Département de français de l’Université Carleton offre à ses étudiants une atmosphère intime et collégiale, condition idéale à la poursuite d’études de maîtrise. Son corps professoral est composé de chercheurs dynamiques, sensibles au comparatisme, publiant dans leur discipline respective et participant à des colloques internationaux. Il va sans dire que nous encourageons les travaux multidisciplinaires et les approches novatrices des littératures francophones et de la linguistique française. Dans ce contexte, être étudiant ou étudiante à la maîtrise au Département de français, ce n’est pas uniquement être étudiant, mais c’est aussi prendre part à la vie intellectuelle du département.

L’expertise des professeurs du département recouvre divers domaines de la linguistique et de la littérature, notamment : la sociolinguistique de la variation historique et actuelle du français, la phonétique et phonologie historique et actuelle du français, la linguistique appliquée du français, le français des Amériques, les langues en contact, la description du français canadien, les littératures québécoise, africaine, caribéenne, maghrébine et française et le patrimoine lettré de la Nouvelle-France.

Degrees Offered
MA

Career Options
The MA in French and Francophone Studies fully prepares students who wish to transition to doctoral studies: graduates from our program regularly go on to pursue PhDs at major Canadian universities. Beyond academia, the MA provides a competitive advantage when applying to professional programs such as law and education. Our MA graduates pursue a wide variety of careers, including in government and nongovernmental organizations, media and editing, business and international affairs, to name only a few.

Application Deadline
February 1, to be eligible for funding

En outre, les membres du département sont engagés dans les activités scientifiques du Centre pour l’analyse culturelle transnationale.
À cela s’ajoute la proximité du Québec (6 km) et les nombreux attrats culturels et politiques de la capitale nationale, qui sauront fournir un cadre de vie et de vie intellectuelle stimulant aux étudiants à la maîtrise.

Admission Requirements
An honours bachelor’s degree in French, or its equivalent, with a minimum B+ average. As our program delivery and all departmental communications are in French, you need to demonstrate an excellent command of French, as well as meet Carleton’s English-language requirements.

There are two program options to choose from:

Thesis (two-year): 2.0 credits coursework and a thesis (2 credits)
Research Paper: 3.0 credits coursework and a research paper (1 credit). May be possible to complete in less than two full years.

Specializations available in:
African Studies
Digital Humanities

« Être à la maîtrise au Département de français à Carleton m’a aidé à perfectionner ma méthodologie de travail en plus d’améliorer mes méthodes d’analyse, de recherche et de rédaction. »
— Lubuya Tshiswaka, (MA/16)

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Mentorship

Shelley Brown

Alexis Shotwell
Looking for Support During Your Grad Studies?

Carleton prides itself on being a close-knit community that offers caring support to its students. Each year, seven faculty members receive a Faculty Graduate Mentoring Award for going above and beyond in assisting their students. This year, two professors from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences were chosen.

Meet Shelley Brown

Psychology Prof. Shelley Brown’s current research looks at understanding female offenders. She works out of the Gender and Crime Lab. Here are comments some of her award nominators made about her: “Shelley was a fantastic mentor who provided me with guidance when I needed it, freedom to be creative where appropriate, and constructive feedback that enabled me to produce the best research I possibly could.” “I have no doubt that I would not be where I am today had Shelley not been my mentor and supervisor.” “Students seem to find statistics courses much more stressful than other courses, so students undoubtedly appreciated Shelley’s encouragement, patience and efforts to make the course clear and fair.”

Meet Alexis Shotwell

Prof. Shotwell is with the Department of Anthropology and Sociology and cross-appointed with the Pauline Jewett Institute of Women’s and Gender Studies and the Department of Philosophy. Her award nominators said: “Whether you’re talking about challenges you have in graduate school, your research project, your personal life or just about your day, Prof. Shotwell is there to listen with open ears and with an open mind.” “She has organized and executed multiple weeks of ‘writing camp,’ whereby graduate students (and faculty), can meet virtually for periods of intensive writing. This activity is above and beyond her responsibilities as a professor at Carleton.” “This year of chaos and anxiety has made especially clear to me how much Alexis cares about graduate students.”
Public History Master’s Student Valerie Wood is working on a book and essay that tell the history of Chinese-Canadian adoption through children’s literature.
Valerie Wood’s research focuses on the history of Chinese adoption to Canada and examines the unique migration journey Chinese adoptees face and the multiple racial and cultural identities they hold. Wood is writing a children’s book *Vee in Between*, illustrated by Cailin Doherty, with an accompanying essay that will delve deeper into themes in the book, such as Chinese transnational adoption, diaspora and immigration as well as evaluating the effectiveness of using children’s literature as a public history tool.

### Vee In Between

*Written by Valerie Wood
Illustrated by Cailin Doherty.*

**Amazing Research**

Graduate students at Carleton conduct outstanding research that focuses on areas such as diversity, sustainability, health and wellness, the new economy, technology and social innovation. To read more about their research, go to: [gradstudents.carleton.ca/category/grad-student-research](http://gradstudents.carleton.ca/category/grad-student-research).
GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN
Geography

Carleton University is where it's at to study Geography.

Imagine...

■ Going to the Arctic to study climate change
■ Researching the environmental implications of informal settlements at Mexico City’s margins
■ Digging into the historical and contemporary geographies of mining on Indigenous lands
■ Exploring resource development debates in coastal Alaska

These are just some of the intriguing research projects that professors and students at Carleton’s Department of Geography and Environmental Studies are investigating. We invite you to join our research team and learn from professors with a wealth of research experience.

We offer a Master of Arts (MA), a Master of Arts with a specialization in African Studies, Data Science or Latin American and Caribbean Studies, a Master of Science (MSc) and a Master of Science with a specialization in Data Science, and a PhD, along with a specialization in Political Economy at the doctoral level.

Our MA program allows our students the opportunity to investigate how elements of place, space and environment interact with one another to explain human activities. Our MSc program offers students opportunities to study environmental processes, patterns and change linked to human impacts on climate, ecosystems and resources. Our PhD program offers advanced studies for students interested in societal and environmental change.

Excellent research laboratory facilities exist for the study of near surface processes, and the physics, chemistry, and thermodynamics of earth materials, as well as for geomatics (remote sensing, GIS and computer cartography). These facilities are supported by highly-qualified, full-time staff in laboratory instrumentation, cartography, and computing. Our library houses an extensive collection of geomatics resources, including imagery, topographic and other geo-spatial data.

Degrees Offered
MA, MSc, PhD

Career Options

Ottawa is rich in resources vital to the geographer, such as the National Library of Canada, the National Archives of Canada, the Canada Centre for Mapping and Earth Observation, Statistics Canada and various other federal government departments. Numerous non-governmental organizations (NGOs) also have their head offices in Ottawa. Research and career possibilities are just down the road.

Our graduate students are pursuing successful careers in a wide range of specializations, including demographics, ecosystem management, environmental sustainability, geomatics, geomorphology, health, marketing, meteorology, land use planning, social work and urban studies. Our graduates have established careers in universities; municipal, provincial and federal government departments, and in the private and non-profit sectors.

Fall Application Deadline

February 1. Later applications will be considered depending on space and funding.

Admission Requirements

MASTER’S: A BA (Honours) or BSc (Honours) in geography or a related discipline, with at least B+ standing.

PhD: A master’s degree, or the equivalent, in geography, or other related disciplines, with at least an A- average. Applicants whose academic preparation has deficiencies in certain areas may be admitted to the program with the requirement that they complete additional coursework.

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN
History and Public History

Our students make histories.

Our location in the nation’s capital offers students unique opportunities for the study of history at the graduate level. Carleton offers several different programs:

- MA in History, with a 1-year research essay or 2-year thesis option
- MA in Public History
- PhD in History
- PhD in History with a concentration in Public History

We offer MA specializations in African Studies, Data Science, Digital Humanities, and Latin American and Caribbean Studies. We also offer a PhD specialization in Political Economy. Please visit calendar.carleton.ca/grad for more information on these programs. All history department graduate students are eligible to apply to the Diploma in Curatorial Studies and the Diploma in Migration and Diaspora Studies.

Our students take their research from the archive to public spaces through their writing, exhibitions, film and digital media. In class projects, colloquia, partnerships and networking events, they communicate a variety of historical methodologies and knowledges.

The strengths of our MA and PhD programs are in Canadian history, public history, gender/women’s history, European history, U.S. history, the history of Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean. PhD candidates may be accepted in other areas depending on the availability of supervision.

Our award-winning faculty offer hands-on, individual supervision in a wide variety of fields. The department’s research interests include transnational thematic areas such as environmental history, state formation, migration and diaspora, the history of food and drink, public memory, digital history, the history of the book and the history of the body. Our students have the unique opportunity to become researchers affiliated with the Carleton Centre for Public History. The annual Underhill Graduate Student Colloquium provides a public forum for the presentation of academic research.

Degrees Offered
MA, PhD

Career Options
Our students find networking, employment and internship opportunities with archives and museums, agencies such as Parks Canada, Canadian Heritage, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, the National Capital Commission and many non-profit organizations, such as the Canadian Medical Association.

Fall Application Deadline
January 15, in order to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements
MA: An honours bachelor’s degree, or the equivalent, with at least a B+ average.
PhD: An MA degree with at least an A- average.

“Carleton’s History Department afforded me tremendous support and opportunities to further develop my skills in historical inquiry and analysis, as well as in other practical fields. When I completed my dissertation and graduated, I was well positioned and equipped to pursue a career as a museum curator.”

— William Knight (PhD/14), Curator, Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation
GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN

Human-Computer Interaction

There is no other program like it in Canada.

The Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) program helps students from a variety of backgrounds make sense out of the rapidly changing world of technology. It focuses on ways computer systems support people at work, at home and at play. What makes this Carleton program distinctive is that it is so unique in its interdisciplinarity, which allows students to tailor their program based on a common core. Students can specialize in one of three programs: a Master of Arts (MA) for emphasis on human factors, a Master of Applied Science (MASc) for emphasis on new media technology and design, or a Master of Computer Science (MCS) for emphasis on software design. Students in all of these programs collaborate across all disciplines.

Our research laboratories are outfitted with the most advanced high-tech equipment. Here, you will be able to collaborate with close to 30 researchers on projects as diverse as:

- HCI for crime simulation
- Interactive video games that can be used for exercise or adapted for occupational therapy
- Interactive facial animation
- Teamwork and situational awareness in complex and extreme circumstances
- Human factors in Cybersecurity

Degrees Offered
MA, MASc, MCS

Career Options
Students graduating from this program can pursue jobs in diverse fields. From designing cockpits for aircraft, to working on video games or designing cell phone interfaces — all the way to exploring e-commerce purchasing — if you can dream it, this degree can help prepare you for a job in that area. No technology is off limits.

Students who have studied HCI at Carleton have found jobs at places like Google, Microsoft, Amazon, RIM, IBM, CNR, Charles Schwab and various federal government departments.

High quality students completing a master’s in HCI may also be qualified to pursue a PhD in their respective fields of study.

Fall Application Deadline
March 1, to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements

**MA:** An honours undergraduate degree, or equivalent, in arts, social sciences, business or related areas with at least a B+ average.

**MASc:** An honours undergraduate degree in engineering, architecture, design or related areas with at least a B+ average.

**MSc:** An honours undergraduate degree in computer science with at least a B+ average.

Applicants with a background in cognitive science will be considered for whichever of the three programs is appropriate to their academic background. Applicants may be asked to complete additional coursework in addition to the program requirements. All applications will be considered by the HCI Graduate Committee.
GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN THE SCHOOL OF
Indigenous and Canadian Studies

The School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies is centred on a shared commitment to engaging with the history, the ongoing legacies and the enduring structures and practices of settler colonial violence in Canada and to fostering new directions for Indigenous thought and critical Canadian Studies. In our departmental interactions as well as in our teaching and our research, we seek to create a welcoming space of listening and of mindful, mutually respectful and generous dialogue.

Students in our MA in Canadian Studies and our PhD program in Canadian Studies (run jointly with Trent University) can take courses in Indigenous studies, critical Canadian studies and heritage conservation. Our Indigenous studies courses teach about traditional and emerging Indigenous ways of knowing, ethical research practices conducted for and with Indigenous communities, the experience of colonialism and the processes of resurgence and reconciliation. Heritage conservation theory and practice courses provide students with an opportunity to critically examine definitions of heritage, why it matters, whom it serves, and who makes decisions as to what is conserved, bridging critical heritage studies and sustainable conservation, with a special emphasis on place and urban settings. Other courses cover settler colonial theory and practice, the politics of race-making, cultural politics and memory, social movements, nationalism and nation-branding in Canada and Quebec, and emergent research methods. In many of our courses, students will have the opportunity to explore non-traditional forms of research.

Our students benefit from the concentration of experts and institutions working on these issues in the nation’s capital. They develop the interdisciplinary and ethical research methods, and innovative ways of thinking, required to pursue intellectually, politically and ethically sophisticated lines of inquiry.

Faculty and Student Research Areas Include:
- Indigenous Studies and the North
- Heritage conservation
- Collective memory and commemoration
- Cultural studies and policy
- Critical nationalism

Degrees Offered
MA, PhD

Career Options
Our students grow to understand issues that are critical to Canada now and in doing so are equipped to grapple with the issues that will face us in the future. Their intellectual adaptability and capacity to navigate real-world ambiguities have led to careers in heritage conservation and planning, Indigenous affairs, cultural policy, education, consulting, and many other sectors.

Fall Application Deadline
February 1, in order to be eligible for funding for both the MA and PhD programs

Admission Requirements
MA: An honours bachelor’s degree, or equivalent, in one of the disciplines represented in the school with an average of B+ or higher. Special consideration may be given to applicants interested in the Indigenous Studies and the North research area who have extensive knowledge of the North or Indigenous peoples.

PhD: A master’s degree, or equivalent, in Canadian studies or a closely related field with a minimum average of A- in courses, including the thesis (where applicable) and with no grade below a B+.

“The School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies provides a supportive and academically rigorous environment in which students are encouraged to explore and pursue a variety of research interests. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of SICS, I was surrounded by accomplished and innovative scholars working in such fields as visual culture, gender studies, Indigenous studies, settler colonial studies, and affect. These fields all inform my current research projects. I feel that I have grown so much as a scholar in SICS, and have recommended the MA and PhD program to many friends and colleagues!”

— Charlotte Hoelke, PhD/19

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COLLABORATIVE SPECIALIZATION IN
Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Students admitted to the Collaborative Masters in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) join an exciting interdisciplinary program and become members of a community of scholars committed to innovative approaches to the study of the region. They have opportunities to exchange ideas with their peers and benefit from the expertise of the approximately 30 faculty members specializing in Latin America and the Caribbean at Carleton University.

Students in this program have an intellectual home to discuss shared interests, participate in debate, as well as produce and share knowledge about the region. As they pursue their intellectual interests and research projects, they will be exposed to sophisticated methodological and theoretical approaches that reveal new insights on various issues related to the region.

The LACS community is organized around 5 research clusters that represent our collective strengths:
- Development, Economics, and Transnationalism
- Culture, Memory, and Narratives
- Human Rights, Citizenship, and Equality
- Foreign Policy, Sovereignty, and International Relations
- Violence, Social Protest, and Conflict

Participating Programs
Anthropology, Geography, History, International Affairs (NPSIA), Political Economy, Political Science, Sociology, and Women’s and Gender Studies.

Career Options
Graduates of our collaborative MA in Latin American and Caribbean Studies may pursue a wide variety of careers including jobs in non-governmental organizations, development agencies, policy institutes, media, education, consulting, business, government, and international affairs.

Admission Requirements
Applicants must be admitted to one of the participating programs. Their course of study at the master’s level must be on a topic related to Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN
Linguistics

Offered by the School of Linguistics and Language Studies, the MA in Linguistics provides students with a grounding in the core areas of theoretical linguistics. It takes a uniquely interdisciplinary approach, both by focusing on the interfaces between subdomains of linguistics, and by bringing in interfaces with allied fields. Most courses are taught by faculty cross-appointed in other units. Furthermore, students will be able to take graduate courses in related areas such as cognitive science, French, language acquisition, language documentation and psycholinguistics.

The graduate diploma (GDip) in Linguistics is unique and will appeal to current Carleton graduate students interested in interfaces between linguistics and related fields. There are increasing employment opportunities in this area of study. It is open to both PhD and Master’s students from disciplines other than Linguistics and will allow them to incorporate the study of linguistics into their primary program. At this time, it is designed primarily for students pursing Carleton degrees in Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies, Cognitive Science, Anthropology, French and English. The program culminates with a Capstone Examination which ensures students have acquired the same level of linguistics knowledge as graduates from the MA.

Both programs rely on Carleton’s renowned and dedicated faculty from different departments (carleton.ca/slals/directory).

Fall Application Deadline
MA: February 1

Domestic applications will be considered after the deadline depending on space and funding.
GDip applications will be considered on a continuing basis

Admission Requirements
MA: BA Honours degree in Linguistics or a related field e.g., applied linguistics, cognitive science, psychology and anthropology. Students must have a minimum GPA of B+ in a relevant field and B overall during the last two years of study.
GDip: Undergraduate or graduate coursework in linguistics or related fields, and concurrent enrolment in a graduate program such as Applied Linguistics & Discourse Studies, Anthropology, Cognitive Science, English or French.

Degrees Offered
MA, Graduate Diploma

Career Options
Career paths include teacher, instructor, professor, researcher, translator, language policy consultant and opportunities with regulatory agencies, national security agencies, Tri-Council Research Agencies. As well, alumni may work in natural language processing, computational linguistics, machine translation, marketing and branding, publishing, language revitalization, language documentation and language rights advocacy.

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PHD IN

Linguistics, Language Documentation and Revitalization

Offered by the School of Linguistics and Language Studies (SLALS), the PhD in Linguistics, Language Documentation and Revitalization focuses on work with Indigenous and minority languages to develop tools to preserve, maintain and revitalize them. It is an interdisciplinary PhD that combines theoretical linguistics investigating structural properties of language and applied linguistics (working with language as part of culture and community). Students will apply their linguistic knowledge in documentation projects involving classifying, annotating and analyzing linguistics data, and/or in creating materials to be used by the linguistic community in maintaining and revitalizing their language.

The SLALS faculty members have expertise in a wide variety of languages, including Inuktitut, Cree, Saami, Nauruan, Kurdish, Mennonite, Plautdietsch and Tsuut'ina. You can find a list of our renowned faculty on this web page: carleton.ca/slals/directory

At the graduate level, we also offer an MA and Graduate Diploma in Linguistics and an MA and PhD in Applied Linguistics & Discourse Studies.

Degree offered

PhD

Career Options

Career paths include teacher, instructor, professor, researcher, translator, language policy consultant and opportunities with regulatory agencies, national security agencies, Tri-Council Research Agencies. As well, alumni may work in natural language processing, computational linguistics, machine translation, marketing and branding, publishing, language revitalization, language documentation and language rights advocacy.

Fall Application Deadline

January 20

Domestic applications may be considered after the deadline depending on space and funding.

Admission Requirements

An MA degree in Linguistics with a minimum GPA of A-.
The Master of Arts in Music and Culture at Carleton University provides students with unique opportunities to explore various musical practices and theories of culture, music and music as culture. The program is grounded in the practices of various musics (classical, popular, non-Western) but conducted from within a wide range of interdisciplinary theoretical approaches, including sociology, post-colonialism, critical theory, feminism, cultural studies and ethnomusicology.

Our internationally recognized faculty has helped to change the understanding of music and culture by taking lessons from other disciplines and by participating in the most diverse fields of musical study, including popular music studies, historical musicology, ethnomusicology and music and media studies. Students benefit from this plurality of critical perspectives on how music and culture mutually inform each other. At the same time, the active research and creative profiles of faculty afford unique possibilities for students to benefit from and collaborate on cutting-edge research projects, some at the recently launched Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre for the Arts.

The MA aims to address the wider educational and cultural needs of Canadian society in a scholarly framework. Doctoral programs and university appointments in music increasingly expect applicants to possess knowledge of issues in music and culture, while cultural agencies need individuals with a deep understanding of music as a form of social and cultural practice. Our students are equipped with this knowledge and strong writing and research skills, which will assist them in their job search when they graduate.

The MA is designed to provide students with a core of knowledge and skills, while enabling flexibility in exploring elective course options. Students have until their second term of study to decide which option they will pursue: thesis, major research essay or coursework-only.

We also offer an MA with a specialization in Digital Humanities and a specialization in African Studies.

 Degrees Offered

MA

Career Options

Graduates from our program have continued on to PhD and other professional studies and full-time work in the public and private sectors. The broad range of social, musical and cultural understandings that are fostered within the program prepare our students for successful careers, academic or otherwise.

Fall Application Deadline

February 1, to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements

Either a BMus or a BA (Honours) in Music with at least a B+ average. Applicants with a BA (Honours) in a related discipline (e.g. communications, sociology, or cultural studies), with a minimum B+ average, will also be considered, providing the applicant can demonstrate a strong background in some form of music. Applicants without the requisite background in music or cultural/theoretical issues may be required first to complete additional courses at the undergraduate level. There are no formal music performance requirements for admission.

“ The MA in Music and Culture offers engaging courses in cultural theory, while providing practical applications for personal research areas. The dedicated faculty helped me hone my research skills towards developing my thesis as a natural outcome from my coursework.”

— Kathy Armstrong (MA/16)

carleton.ca/music
The interdisciplinary Northern Studies graduate program at Carleton emphasizes northern environments and societies, and the policies that are developed to govern them.

There are four pathways for graduate students — MA and MSc degrees and Graduate Diplomas (Type 2 or 3) for current graduate students and working professionals.

All of the programs are designed to give interdisciplinary training and experience in Northern Studies and all students are required to begin their studies with a field course of about one week. This is a residential field course that will take place too far from Ottawa for daily commuting. The introductory field course is a prerequisite for the core courses that are integral to the degrees and diplomas. Students in the degree program are required to take a work placement in Ottawa or the North, a second field course in northern Canada, and a comprehensive examination.

Both master’s programs are three full-time terms (1 year) in length while the diplomas are two terms.

The Northern Studies program is a collaboration of six departments: Geography & Environmental Studies, Sociology and Anthropology, Earth Sciences, Biology, School of Public Policy and Administration and the School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies. This collaboration allows for a variety of faculty research interests, which can be viewed on the Northern Studies website.

**Degrees Offered**
MA, MSc, Graduate Diplomas

**Career Options**
The program aims to assist students and northern professionals who need further academic experience to advance their career ambitions. Career possibilities range from government to private business and non-profit organizations.

**Application Deadlines**
- **February 1** (priority placement)
- **July 15** (final deadline)

**Admissions Requirements**
- **MA, MSc and Graduate Diploma (Type 3):** An honours degree (or four-year degree) with B+ standing. Customarily, applicants will have degrees in the environmental sciences, sociology, anthropology, political science, economics, geography, or a related field. Applicants with degrees in other disciplines, or without an honours degree, must demonstrate equivalent experience that may have prepared them for the program.

- **Graduate Diploma (Type 2):** Enrolment in a master’s or doctoral program; letter of support from your supervisor; and a 500-word letter outlining the reasons you want to enrol in the program.
MASTER OF ARTS IN Philosophy

Carleton’s Department of Philosophy has two broad strengths in contemporary philosophy: philosophy of mind, language and knowledge on the one hand, and moral, social and political philosophy, on the other. Courses and research are also available in history of philosophy.

Students begin tackling graduate-level work in a supportive and collegial proseminar, followed by a research seminar in which they develop plans for a thesis or research essay. An exciting variety of graduate seminars is offered, with new topics added every year. They have included Kant, women and early modern philosophy, the Stoics on emotions, consciousness and agency, justice and equality, development ethics and philosophical naturalism. Students can also explore their research interests in small group or one-to-one graduate tutorials.

Our faculty are highly regarded researchers with numerous grants, awards and citations to their credit. Some prominent research interests in the department are:

- Action theory
- Philosophy of mind, psychology and cognitive science
- Philosophy and Economics
- Reference and indexicality in thought and language
- The epistemology of testimony
- Comparative ethics
- Development and global ethics
- Distributive justice
- Bioethics
- Ancient and early modern philosophy
- 19th and 20th century European philosophy
- Critical theory
- Feminist philosophy
- Postcolonial and decolonial approaches
- Philosophy of life

Other faculty research can be found at: carleton.ca/philosophy/faculty-research-interests

We also offer a collaborative specialization in Digital Humanities.

Prepare to make your philosophical contribution.

Degrees Offered
MA

Career Options
In recent years, about half of our graduates have gone on to PhD studies in Canada, the U.S. and Europe at such prestigious institutions as Oxford, Cornell and Brown. Others have entered a wide variety of occupations in the public and private sectors.

The Philosophy MA can lead to two interdisciplinary PhD programs. The Ethics and Public Affairs (EPAF) program is unique in that it combines ethics and political philosophy with social science and policy analysis. The Institute of Cognitive Science offers an integrated PhD that trains researchers to consider the tools and approaches of related disciplines such as philosophy, psychology, artificial intelligence, linguistics and cognitive neuroscience.

Fall Application Deadline
February 1, in order to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements
An honours bachelor’s degree, or equivalent, in philosophy, with at least a B+ average or higher.

“ What I remember most about the Carleton Philosophy MA program is how supported I was by the faculty — to forge a path that would best advance my research goals. The mentorship I received allowed me to build core competencies as a critical thinker, as an analytical writer and as a confident communicator.”

— Sarah Rosenhek (MA/04), Executive Director of Auberge Shalom pour femmes

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN
Political Economy

Political Economy at Carleton is unique and has an excellent reputation within Canada and internationally.

The Institute of Political Economy applies diverse critical political economy analysis to contemporary Canadian and global issues, including finance and financialization, migration and borders, environmental justice, race and racism, gender and sexuality, colonialism, violence, Indigenous movements, community participation and social transformation.

We offer three research-based degrees that provide students with opportunities to research significant world issues from an interdisciplinary perspective. Students can define their own research topics under the supervision of recognized Carleton experts.

Our master’s placement course allows students to network with government and non-governmental institutions, policy-makers, researchers, and community-based organizations. Furthermore, students gain practical and on-site work experience, which helps them transition to the workplace.

The interdisciplinary nature of the Master of Arts (MA) in Political Economy exposes our students to the core concepts of political economy and helps them develop individual areas of research concentration. Specializations in African Studies, and Latin American and Caribbean Studies, as well as a concentration in Work and Labour are also available.

The collaborative PhD with a specialization in Political Economy is especially designed for Carleton doctoral students in the following participating programs who wish to enrich their PhD degrees by focusing on this subject area: Anthropology, Canadian Studies, Communication, Geography, History, Legal Studies, Political Science, Public Policy and Administration, Sociology and Social Work.

Degrees Offered
MA, PhD (Collaborative)

Career Options
Our graduates are pursuing successful careers in governmental and non-governmental organizations, development agencies, trade unions and policy institutes. Alumni of our master’s program have also gone on to do doctoral work at universities located around the world.

Fall Application Deadline
February 1, to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements
MASTER’S: A four-year bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) with at least a B+ average in a relevant discipline.

PhD: Students who are enrolled in a doctoral program in one of the collaborating units may apply to the Institute of Political Economy for admission to the collaborative PhD program. Admission is determined by a program committee and takes place following admission into a participating PhD program.

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN Psychology

Carleton’s graduate programs in psychology train students to use the scientific method to study mind and behaviour. Both of our graduate programs are distinctive because of their focus on research skills. Our students become experts in finding, reviewing and synthesizing information, in building experiments, in advanced data analysis and in presenting the results of their research to lay people and specialists.

The Master of Arts (MA) program allows students to gain the essential tools to conduct empirical research, while the PhD is strongly research-oriented and emphasizes hands-on training. A specialization in Data Science and a Concentration in Mental Health and Well-Being are available at the MA level and a Concentration in Quantitative Methodology is available at the PhD level.

In addition to exciting opportunities for developing research collaborations within the department and across the university, students can enrol in a range of graduate courses and participate in community practica.

Our faculty and students conduct cutting-edge research in a variety of fields, including cognitive, developmental, forensic, health, organizational, personality and social psychology. Some examples of research questions include:

- Should introverts act more like extraverts?
- Can future violent behaviour be predicted?
- How can virtual reality be used to train pilots?
- How does understanding children’s thinking help teachers and parents?
- How does sports participation impact a child’s self-esteem?
- How can unhealthy behavior be modified?

Degrees Offered
MA, PhD

Career Options
Graduates from the MA program are well prepared to pursue doctoral studies. Graduates from both our MA and PhD programs have found employment as social science researchers in a variety of venues including academia (postdoctoral research positions and tenure-track faculty positions), federal government agencies (Department of National Defence, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, National Research Council, Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and Transport Canada), educational settings (school boards, early childhood agencies), health-related agencies, hospital settings (the Eye Institute at the Ottawa General Hospital, the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario) and private companies such as Telus Health Solutions.

Application Deadline
January 15, to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements
MA: An honours BA or BSc in psychology, or equivalent, with at least an A- in psychology, completion of an honours research thesis, advanced statistics and credit in a breadth of courses in line with the psychology major.

PhD: A master’s degree in psychology, or equivalent, with at least an A- average, and the completion of a research thesis.

Admission to our programs is highly competitive and meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

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MASTER OF ARTS IN
Religion and Public Life

Why do some people consider religion a private concern, while others treat it as a public duty?

To what extent does religion shape attitudes towards economy, politics or environment?

Do truth and reconciliation processes have religious dimensions?

Does religion still determine shared moral values or legal norms?

How or why do faith-based social services exist in modern democratic states?

What is the influence of religion on common beliefs about gender and sexuality?

Are religions particularly prone to communal or interpersonal violence?

How are religious ideas communicated within and between societies or cultures?

Our master’s degree can be completed in one year (12 months). Our interdisciplinary program is innovative, provocative and engaging. You can explore religion and public life in a variety of historical contexts and religious traditions, around the world, from antiquity to the 21st century, and you can study with award-winning, internationally-recognized faculty. To find out more about research being conducted at Carleton, visit our website. Contact us now for an adventure into religion, politics, culture and the ways of the world.

Degrees Offered
MA

Career Options
This degree is designed as a springboard for pursuing or advancing careers in public policy, community and cultural organizations, and public service. Recent graduates have also gone on to further studies in such fields as Anthropology, Biblical Studies, Canadian Studies, Indigenous Studies, Islamic Studies, and Religious Studies, both in Canada and abroad.

Student-centered discovery guided by Religious Studies experts
In this MA, you will develop your own interests in religion and public life, under the supervision of dedicated religious studies professors in Carleton’s College of Humanities. While all faculty members pursue specific research programs (most of them on historical topics related to Buddhism, Chinese Religion, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism), we also share scholarly interests in broader questions of how religion operates in relation to contemporary societies, cultures and politics.

Deadline for Fall Admission
Review of applications for fall admission (regular session) begins March 1. To be guaranteed full consideration for admission and funding, complete applications must be received in advance of that date. Applications received after March 1 may also be considered, subject to availability of space and funds.

Admission Requirements
A BA (Honours), or the equivalent, with a B+ standing or higher in religion, religious studies or a related discipline. Students without a prior Method and Theory course in Religious Studies will have to complete RELI 4741 (Theory and Method).

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN Sociology

How can we understand the social world in this time of profound transformation? Our graduate program has an international reputation for rigorous, socially engaged, critically relevant scholarship about society and our place in it. Sociology faculty have diverse strengths, including in social theory, political economy, governmentality theory, critical race studies, feminist analyses, cultural studies, science and technology studies, studies of citizenship and migration, and criminology.

We bring together interdisciplinary reach with deep commitment to the best of the discipline of Sociology. Graduate students in our program investigate a full range of questions about social life, benefiting from a mutually supportive and intellectually exciting departmental culture.

Our Master of Arts (MA) offers three options: thesis, research essay, or solely coursework. Students can also pursue specializations in African Studies, Climate Change, Digital Humanities, and Latin American and Caribbean Studies. In addition, we offer a concentration in Quantitative Methodology, which can include a co-op option.

Our PhD program supports outstanding independent research, offering particular strengths in social theory, methodology, studies of stratification and power, cultural studies, and applied social research. We also offer a specialization in Political Economy at the doctoral level.

A key feature of all of our graduate programs is that they are student-centred. We feel strongly that students should be able to fashion, for themselves, the experience of graduate study that is going to serve them best.

Degrees Offered
MA, PhD

Career Options
Our alumni pursue research that often leads them to holding influential positions in the non-academic world and key academic positions in the national and international sociological community. Dozens of former PhD students are now professors across Canada and around the world, with very recent sociology graduates gaining tenure-track jobs at the universities of Victoria, Alberta, Manitoba and Ottawa, among others.

Fall Application Deadline
February 1, to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements
MA: A BA (Honours), or the equivalent, with at least a B+ standing in sociology or a closely related field. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact us for advice about whether their grade point average will be competitive. Relevant previous professional experience may be taken into account in determining an applicant’s standing on admission.

PhD: A master’s degree, or the equivalent, in sociology or a closely related field, with a minimum average of A- in courses (including the thesis where applicable), and with no grade below B+.

The faculty are a very active research group, so for graduate students, there are so many opportunities.

— Willow Scobie, PhD/07, Assistant Professor, School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies, University of Ottawa

carleton.ca/socanth
The MA program in the Pauline Jewett Institute of Women’s and Gender Studies, offers expertise in understanding the intersectional complexities of gender, race, sexuality, disability and other categories of social difference. Students have an opportunity to work with dynamic faculty members who place social inequality struggles and strategies for change at the forefront of curriculum and research.

Within a transnational, decolonial and intersectional framework, students will explore issues, theories and methods relating to social justice, violence, human rights, popular culture and digital media, sexualities, disabilities and critical race studies. These will all be examined in cultural, political, economic and social settings. Core learning objectives of the MA program include: transnational and decolonial feminist scholarship, critical research and thinking skills, interdisciplinarity and grounded knowledge.

Specializations in African Studies and Latin American and Caribbean Studies are available.

“A Master of Arts in Women’s and Gender Studies strengthens one’s critical thinking skills and fosters practical skills for applying feminist theory in our communities.”
— Kathleen Kuracina, MA/13

Degrees Offered

Master of Arts

Career Options

Graduates of our program can explore careers in labour relations, community service, law, education and media, as well as in government agencies and the private sector. The transnational feminist focus is particularly important for graduates seeking work in international settings. Many alumni have gone on to pursue higher education in various disciplines.

Fall Application Deadline

February 1 for domestic students, to be eligible for funding.
February 1 for international applicants.

Admission Requirements

Applicants with a four-year BA in Women’s and Gender Studies or a BA in related disciplines, including (but not limited to) anthropology, Indigenous and Canadian Studies, history, philosophy, political science and sociology will be considered for admission to the program. Typically, an average of B+ or higher is required. Applicants without the requisite background may be required to take WGST 5003 (0.5 credits) in addition to their other MA program requirement.

“ The MA program in Women’s and Gender studies is interdisciplinary and open to new ideas. I loved the freedom of being able to write about what I wanted to write about. It allowed me to explore topics that interested me in an academic setting.”
— Brigitta Abboud (MA/17)
We are offering two Graduate Diplomas in Work and Labour. These diplomas will be aligned with a new Concentration within our existing MA in Political Economy.

The Type 2 GDip allows students enrolled in the Institute of Political Economy’s collaborating graduate programs (Master’s or PhD) in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Public Affairs to include a Graduate Diploma in Work and Labour along with their degree.

The Type 3 GDip is a stand-alone program that allows participants to gain credentials for professional or academic purposes. It targets union staff, activists and leaders with a university degree, working in organizations whose focus is on research and advocacy on issues of economic policy, work and labour rights, social welfare, pensions, health care, immigration and settlement, disability and inclusion, child care and support to vulnerable people. It will also welcome a broad range of students wishing to work in unions and work-related organizations.

Experiential Learning

Experiential learning will take place in three ways: (a) cross-learning in the classroom that will bring together members of organized labour, work-related organizations and students; (b) institutional placements that will offer students an opportunity to earn academic credit by engaging in research activities under the supervision of professionals in the workplace; and (c) when students working in organizations whose focus is the provision of labour-related activities engage in reflective research about their own practices under the supervision of a cross-appointed professor from the Institute of Political Economy.

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GRADUATE DIPLOMAS IN

Work and Labour

Degrees Offered
Graduate Diplomas (2 and 3)

Career Options
The Institute will train future labour leaders, analysts, activists and advocates, as well as offer seasoned practitioners educational opportunities to enhance and develop their practice. The knowledge and skills they gain from this program will enable them to understand and actively participate in careers that focus on work and labour issues.

Fall Application Deadline
August 1 (We strongly encourage you to apply before this date)

Admission Requirements
Type 3 GDip: A four-year BA Honours degree or equivalent in a social sciences or humanities discipline or interdisciplinary program relevant to work and labour or a general BA with relevant working experience in labour issues. We also expect some exposure to critical competencies relevant to the diploma.

Type 2 GDip: Must be enrolled in a master’s or PhD program at Carleton University.

MA Concentration: Students interested in the MA in Political Economy can apply to the Concentration in Work and Labour as part of the regular application process for admission to that program.
At Carleton, graduate students work alongside faculty and industry, government and other community leaders who are recognized for their research excellence.

Jessica Sperry, a master’s student with the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies is looking at the changing landscape of Ottawa rooming houses that is leaving many vulnerable people scrambling for affordable housing.

Contact Info
To find out about other graduate student research at Carleton University, go to
gradstudents.carleton.ca/grad-research

For more information about faculty research at Carleton, go to research.carleton.ca
Fees and Financial Assistance
Tuition fees are based on your program, your status as a full- or part-time student and your status as a domestic or international student. Fees are paid to the Student Accounts Receivable department after you have been admitted to Carleton and have registered for classes. For more information visit: carleton.ca/fees

Generous funding is available in the form of teaching assistantships, research assistantships, and/or scholarships based on academic excellence. Applicants who apply after the stated deadline may be considered for admission and funding. Admission deadlines are subject to change. For the most up-to-date deadlines, visit graduate.carleton.ca.

Admission Requirements
While each program has its own minimum requirements, our master's programs typically require a four-year honours bachelor's degree, with a B+ or higher in your major subjects and B- or higher overall. Our PhD programs typically require a master's degree, with a B+ or better in your courses (including your thesis) and no grade below a B. Please note that meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into a graduate program.

Admission Process
In addition to meeting the grade and prerequisite requirements of the program in which you are interested, you will need to submit several required documents with your application. Typically, these include a copy of transcripts from all of the post-secondary institutions you have attended, a Statement of Intent, emails for two or more references (typically academic) and, if applicable, a copy of your English-language test results. Only after you are accepted into one of our programs will you be required to submit official copies of your transcripts and test scores (if applicable). International students who have received an Offer of Admission are required to submit a course-by-course evaluation (WES ICAP) from World Education Services.

Deadlines
Deadlines for applications vary according to the program. Some programs have several deadlines depending on their intake process. Deadlines for the fall term normally occur between December and March, to be guaranteed consideration for admission and funding. Admission deadlines are subject to change. For the most up-to-date deadlines, visit graduate.carleton.ca.

Graduate Calendar
For more information about general regulations for Carleton's graduate school, go to: calendar.carleton.ca/grad/gradregulations

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MASTER’S

Master of Accounting (MAcc)

Master of Applied Business Analytics in Technology Innovation Management (MABA)

Master of Applied Science (MASc)
- Aerospace Engineering*
- Biomedical Engineering*
- Civil Engineering*
- Electrical and Computer Engineering*
- Environmental Engineering*
- Human-Computer Interaction
- Mechanical Engineering*
- Sustainable Energy Engineering and Policy
- Technology Innovation Management

Master of Architecture (MArch)

Master of Architectural Studies (MAS)

Master of Arts (MA)
- Anthropology
- Art and Architectural History
- Canadian Studies
- Communication
- Economics
- English
- European, Russian and Eurasian Studies*
- Film Studies
- French and Francophone Studies
- Geography
- History
- Human-Computer Interaction
- International Affairs*
- International Affairs/Juris Doctor**
- Legal Studies
- Linguistics
- Linguistics (Applied) and Discourse Studies
- Migration and Diaspora Studies
- Music and Culture
- Northern Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Economy
- Political Science*
- Psychology
- Public History
- Religion and Public Life
- Sociology*
- Sustainable Energy*
- Women’s and Gender Studies

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Shanghai

Master of Cognitive Science (M.Cog.Sc.)

Master of Computer Science (MCS)**
- Computer Science
- Human-Computer Interaction

Master of Design (MDes)

Master of Entrepreneurship in Technology Innovation Management

Master of Engineering (MEng)
- Aerospace Engineering*
- Biomedical Engineering*
- Civil Engineering*
- Electrical and Computer Engineering*
- Environmental Engineering*
- Infrastructure Protection and International Security*
- Mechanical Engineering*
- Sustainable Energy Engineering and Policy
- Technology Innovation Management

Master of Information Technology
- Network Technology
- Digital Media

Master of Infrastructure Protection and International Security (MIPIS)*

Master of Journalism (MJ)

Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership (MPNL)

Master of Political Management (MPM)

Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA)**

Master of Science (MSc)
- Biology*
- Chemistry*
- Earth Sciences*
- Geography (Physical Geography)
- Health Sciences
- Health: Science, Technology and Policy
- Management
- Mathematics and Statistics*
- Neuroscience
- Northern Studies
- Physics*

Master of Social Work (MSW)

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD)

- Aerospace Engineering*
- Anthropology
- Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies
- Architecture
- Biology*
- Biomedical Engineering*
- Canadian Studies***
- Chemistry*
- Civil Engineering*
- Cognitive Science
- Communication
- Computer Science*
- Cultural Mediations
- Earth Sciences*
- Economics*
- Electrical and Computer Engineering*
- English
- Environmental Engineering*
- Ethics and Public Affairs
- Geography
- Health Sciences
- History
- Information Technology
- International Affairs
- Legal Studies
- Mathematics and Statistics*
- Mechanical Engineering*
- Neuroscience
- Physics*
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Social Work
- Sociology

GRADUATE DIPLOMAS

- Architectural Conservation
- Curatorial Studies
- Economic Policy
- Ethics and Public Affairs
- European Integration Studies
- Health: Science, Technology and Policy
- Indigenous Policy and Administration
- Infrastructure Protection and International Security (IPIS)
- Linguistics
- Migration and Diaspora Studies
- Northern Studies
- Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership
- Public Policy and Program Evaluation (online)
- Work and Labour

- Co-operative education available
- Joint program between Carleton University and the University of Ottawa
- Program requires application and registration at both Carleton University and the University of Ottawa
- Joint program between Carleton University and Trent University

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