

CANADIAN STUDIES HONOURS (B.A.) (54 CREDITS)

Offered by: Institute for Study of Canada (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Program credit weight: 54

Program Description

The B.A.; Honours in Canadian Studies is an interdisciplinary program focused on in-depth multidisciplinary perspectives on Canada and its key institutions, with an emphasis on public affairs as it relates to social and cultural issues and debates in the Canadian context, and the responses and actions taken or needed to be taken. The program draws on interdisciplinary perspectives incorporating research and approaches from both the humanities and the social sciences.

Students with a GPA of 3.30 in their program courses and, in keeping with Faculty regulations, a minimum CGPA of 3.00 in general, are eligible to apply to the Honours program. Application deadlines are December 15 and May 15. Forms are available on the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada (MISC) website.

Degree Requirements — B.A. students

To be eligible for a B.A. degree, a student must fulfil all Faculty and program requirements as indicated in Degree Requirements for the Faculty of Arts.

We recommend that students consult an Arts OASIS advisor for degree planning.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Required Courses (18 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
CANS 200	Understanding Canada.	3
CANS 306	Topics in Indigenous Public Affairs .	3
CANS 420	Shaping Public Affairs in Canada.	3
CANS 480	Honours Thesis 1.	3
CANS 481	Honours Thesis 2.	3
QCST 200	Introduction to the Study of Quebec.	3

Complementary Courses (36 credits)

Note: Students may not choose more than 9 credits in disciplines of their other major or minor concentrations.

200 Level

9 credits selected from:

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Course	Title	Credits
ECON 219	Current Economic Problems: Topics.	3
ENGL 228	Canadian Literature 1.	3
ENGL 229	Canadian Literature 2.	3
FREN 252	Littérature québécoise.	3
HIST 202	Survey: Canada to 1867.	3
HIST 203	Survey: Canada since 1867.	3
INDG 200	Introduction to Indigenous Studies.	3
POLI 221	Government of Canada.	3
POLI 222	Political Process and Behaviour in Canada.	3
SOCI 230	Sociology of Ethnic Relations.	3

300 and 400 levels

9-15 credits in interdisciplinary Canadian Studies (CANS) courses chosen from the following list, of which at least 3 credits have to be at the 400 level.

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Course	Title	Credits
CANS 300	Topics in Canadian Studies 1.	3
CANS 301	Topics in Canadian Studies 2.	3
CANS 307	Canada in the World.	3
CANS 308	Sex and Gender in Canada.	3
CANS 310	Canadian Cultures: Context and Issues.	3
CANS 311	Topics in Canadian Public Affairs 1.	3
CANS 312	Topics in Canadian Public Affairs 2.	3
CANS 315	Indigenous Art and Culture.	3
CANS 401	Canadian Studies Seminar 1.	3
CANS 402	Canadian Studies Seminar 2.	3
CANS 404	Canadian Studies Seminar 4.	3
CANS 405	Canadian Studies Seminar 5.	3
CANS 406	Canadian Studies Seminar 6.	3
CANS 408	Individual Reading Course.	3
CANS 412	Canada and Americas Seminar.	3
CANS 413	Canada and Quebec Seminar.	3
CANS 499	Internship - Canadian Studies.	3

12-18 credits chosen from the following list:

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Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 338	Indigenous Studies of Anthropology.	3
ARTH 302	Aspects of Canadian Art.	3
ECON 303	Canadian Economic Policy.	3
ECON 305	Industrial Organization.	3
ECON 308	Governmental Policy Towards Business.	3
ENGL 313	Canadian Drama and Theatre.	3
ENGL 393	Canadian Cinema.	3
FREN 315	Cinéma québécois.	3

HIST 303	History of Quebec.	3
HIST 342	Canada and the World.	3
HIST 343	Women in Post-Confederation Canada.	3
HIST 357	Cultural Diversity in Canada.	3
HIST 363	Canada 1870-1914.	3
HIST 364	Canada 1914-1945.	3
HIST 367	Canada since 1945.	3
LING 325	Canadian English.	3
POLI 336	Le Québec et le Canada.	3
POLI 372	Indigenous Peoples and the Canadian State.	3
POLI 417	Health Care in Canada.	3
POLI 426	Partis politiques et comportements électoraux au Québec.	3
POLI 478	The Canadian Constitution.	3
QCST 300	Quebec Culture and Society.	3
SOCI 375	Suspect Minorities in Canada.	3
SOCI 475	Canadian Ethnic Studies Seminar.	3