The Carleton Bachelor of Arts

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Message from the Deans

Hello,

One of the first things students notice when they visit the Carleton University campus is its welcoming spirit. In keeping with that spirit, we invite you to explore this guide on behalf of the two Faculties that offer the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree program at Carleton—the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Public Affairs.

The Bachelor of Arts is extremely popular with our students because it offers them a chance to delve into one or more academic disciplines and explore issues from many perspectives. Under the guidance of outstanding teachers and scholars, students develop their thinking, writing and presentation skills and learn to apply research techniques.

But that’s just the beginning! We also offer beyond-the-classroom learning for BA students, including:

- **Professional Work Placements**: co-ops, internships and practicums in partnership with governments, non-governmental organizations, universities, and the private sector
- **International Experiences**: dozens of options to work or study internationally
- **Undergraduate Research Opportunities**: one-on-one collaborations with a professor

This combination of learning and real-world experiences will build a solid foundation for your future. Check out the rest of this guide for an introduction to the BA program and visit admissions.carleton.ca for more details and interviews with current students and alumni.

Lastly, don’t forget to visit our beautiful campus. From our staff, to our faculty, to our student tour guides, we are all here to help you find the right academic program for you.

Sincerely,

Pauline Rankin
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

André Plourde
Dean, Faculty of Public Affairs

The Dominion-Chalmers Centre is located in the heart of Ottawa and provides a multi-purpose downtown performance space for students and faculty.

Carleton students can also take advantage of our location in the nation’s capital by working on Parliament Hill as a House of Commons Page.
The BA career advantage

Turning your BA into the key to a successful career comes down to a simple equation:

area of study
+ practical experience
+ involvement
+ career planning
= your future

Carleton University will help you add it all up

■ Choose an area of study that really interests you. Carleton’s Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Faculty of Public Affairs offer a wide range of majors with flexible program options.

■ For those entering today’s job market, practical experience is a crucial asset. By incorporating work experience into your Bachelor of Arts program, you can gain practical skills, connections, and an understanding of the working world, all of which will benefit you after graduation. For a list of work experience options within the BA, see the chart on page 5.

■ Involvement in co-curricular activities will enhance your degree and can provide long-term personal and professional benefits. Carleton provides many opportunities for involvement in community-service learning activities, and there are more than 200 active clubs and societies on campus in which you can meet like-minded people and pursue a common goal.

■ As you progress through your BA, it is important to engage in career planning. We have many resources for career planning help and inspiration. Carleton’s Career Services provides career workshops and one-on-one advising. carleton.ca/career

The range of employment possibilities for BA graduates is wide, and includes the following fields (some of which require additional education or training):

■ advertising
■ archival work
■ arts administration
■ business
■ communications (internal and external)
■ community development
■ consulting
■ counselling
■ editing
■ education administration
■ entertainment
■ foreign service
■ human resource management
■ journalism
■ law
■ marketing
■ policy analysis
■ public health
■ public relations
■ public service
■ publishing
■ research
■ sales
■ teaching
■ TV and radio
■ writing/technical writing

Our Honours programs can also provide an excellent foundation for those considering graduate studies.

Angela Ingrao is a fourth-year Sociology student who completed an eight-month work term at the Royal Canadian Mint. Angela worked in the Mint’s Human Resources department, in Training and Development. Angela’s job involved pulling reports, analyzing and verifying data, updating training records and helping with other various record-keeping and administrative tasks.

You can enhance your BA and your employability by studying abroad. Studying on exchange can be an enriching, often life-transforming experience where learning extends beyond the classroom walls. Consider one of Carleton's exchange agreements with 175+ partner institutions in more than 35 countries. carleton.ca/myexchange
Carleton University is located in Ottawa, the nation’s capital, which offers opportunities you won’t find anywhere else.

Known primarily as the seat of Canada’s federal government, Ottawa is that and so much more. It is home to over 130 embassies and high commissions from around the world, as well as numerous national organizations and museums. A large percentage of Canada’s major medical, clinical and life sciences research centres are located in the Ottawa area, as well as a technology industry comprised of over 1,900 companies.

Ottawa is also one of the most beautiful capitals in the world, with a great number of neighborhood parks and tranquil green spaces, waterways that wind through the city, and historical and architectural landmarks. The magnificent Gatineau Park, which features 165 km of hiking trails, is located in the National Capital Region.

The best learning environments unite theory and practice. Research shows that experiential learning contributes to student engagement, deeper learning, improved academic outcomes, and enhanced work and life skills.

At Carleton, we strive to provide students with real-life experiences that bring the classroom to the world and the world to the classroom. We emphasize hands-on research, community engagement, work experience and immersive learning.

Many of our BA programs feature co-op or practicum options, allowing students to develop their skills in a workplace environment.

The Carleton experience
To succeed, you must define your goals. Studying at Carleton will allow you to define your career goals and gain the skills and knowledge to achieve them.

A Carleton Bachelor of Arts degree will provide you with transferable skills in writing, organization, communication, research, critical thinking, time-management, problem solving and the ability to synthesize information. Such skills are a great asset in today’s constantly evolving job market. Co-op work, internships and practicum placements, available in many of our programs, allow you to apply these skills in real-world situations.

We encourage all students to take advantage of our on-campus career counselling and career services starting in first year. Together, we can shape a vision of your future.

We all want to make the world a better place—but how? At Carleton, we believe that global prosperity can be achieved by building sustainable communities, and that the link between the global and the local is at the heart of our endeavours as an academic community.

Carleton is known as a Canadian university of choice for international students and for encouraging all students to think globally. On campus, you’ll study with student peers from over 150 different countries. Also, since the education of global citizens requires exposure to international and global experiences, we offer many opportunities for students to study abroad.

Even if you choose not to study abroad, our location in the nation’s capital and your experience on campus can provide you with the resources to build a global perspective.
Carleton’s Bachelor of Arts (BA) programs are designed with the understanding that how you learn is every bit as important as what you learn. We have a wide range of undergraduate programs that aim to inspire, challenge and empower you to participate in and help shape our ever-changing world.

Program of study
At Carleton, you can structure your BA according to what you want to achieve. You can pursue an intensive Honours degree or a General program. You can choose a minor subject to complement your major subject and you can, in certain cases, pursue a concentration or a specialization—a set of courses in your major directed toward an area of expertise. If you are interested in two fields of study, you may be able to pursue them both in a Combined Honours program.

First-year Seminars
Our First-Year Seminars (FYSMs) give you the opportunity to strengthen your critical-thinking skills through discussion and debate with both your professor and your peers. FYSMs consist of small classes of around 30 students, and you can choose from a large selection of seminars. carleton.ca/first-year-seminars

Breadth requirement
At Carleton, we believe that a well-rounded education should expose you to a range of disciplines and viewpoints. That is why most of our Bachelor of Arts programs have a “breadth” requirement. What this means is that BA students must take one credit from three or four broad areas: Culture and Communication; Humanities; Science, Engineering and Design; and Social Sciences. carleton.ca/cuuc

BA degree programs and work experience options
A practicum/internship/placement is a course for academic credit that provides unpaid work experience, allowing students to put their knowledge into practice. Co-op is a co-operative education experience consisting of a paid job with an employer, during which students alternate study terms at Carleton with four, eight, twelve or sixteen month work terms. Co-op is generally available in Honours programs only. Co-op and work experience may not be available in all program types and concentrations, and some restrictions apply. Please consult the calendar at calendar.carleton.ca for more information.

H = Honours; CH = Combined Honours; G = General; m = minor available; f = Mention Français

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African Studies

The Institute of African Studies is an interdisciplinary institute that brings together a wide range of expertise on African history, politics, literatures, cinemas, media, societies, cultures, legal systems and economics. The diversity of subjects taught through the African Studies program gives students a unique opportunity to encounter Africa from all possible angles, and demonstrates that research in Africa flows across borders and touches issues across the globe.

The Carleton advantage

The faculty at Carleton’s African Studies program are globally recognized in research fields that span special African regional foci as well as broader continental experience of globalization, popular culture, and youth culture in Africa; agrarian and extractive industries; African cinema, literatures, and history; postcolonial politics, human rights and social justice in Africa.

In addition to the research excellence of the department, it is dedicated to undergraduate research and is the first African Studies department in North America to initiate an annual undergraduate research conference. Our courses are designed to offer students a glimpse at specific case studies in Africa, while tying them to larger global themes such as colonialism, globalization, transnationalism, and the structures that affect all our lives, such as race, class, and gender. A Bachelor of Arts degree in African Studies provides students with dynamic critical thinking skills and an understanding of the complex interconnections of our world that transcend the African continent.

African Studies has a placement course that allows students to arrange with an organization that works on African issues to do relevant academic work for them and an annual study abroad course that enables students to study a selected topic in African Studies with a Carleton professor in an African country (or countries) in which the professor carries out research.

Sample career paths

- Government
- Non-governmental organizations
- Public or private sector
- Business
- Humanitarian aid work
- Social services
- Policy-making
- Journalism
- Health care
- Education

“Through African Studies, I’ve been offered opportunities to explore topics I’m curious about and develop my skills through field placements and leadership positions, such as hosting an undergraduate conference. The support and encouragement I received from the Institute of African Studies also made the experience more enjoyable.”

Seyi Ishola, Economics and African Studies student
Are you fascinated by language and the many and varied ways people use it? Do you love learning languages? Do you want to know more about how language can be learned, taught, and used most effectively in schools, universities, and workplaces?

In Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies, students identify, investigate and offer solutions to real-life language-related problems. As an interdisciplinary field encompassing work in Applied Linguistics, Writing Studies, Discourse Studies and Sociolinguistics, Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies develops and applies theories to solve everyday problems involving language.

**The Carleton advantage**
Carleton University is one of the leading universities in Canada in the fields of Linguistics, Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies, and Teaching English as a Second Language. Carleton’s School of Linguistics and Language Studies is recognized nationally and internationally for its research into both theoretical and applied linguistics. Faculty members carry out research in a variety of areas, including syntax, phonology, psycholinguistics, historical linguistics, language acquisition, language teaching, curriculum development, language policy, language testing, adult literacy, educational linguistics, the development of writing abilities and the use of language in the workplace.

**Sample career paths**
- Public or private sector
- Non-governmental organizations
- Policy-making
- Writing and communications
- Editing
- Translation
- Education and higher education
- Research
- Language teaching and assessment

“Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies helped develop my academic writing and critical thinking, and I am able to use those skills in my current position as a Research Assistant. Without my professors’ guidance, I would not have had the confidence to go forward into graduate studies, pursue a thesis, and build myself as a researcher.”

Fatima Ady, Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies graduate
Anthropology

Anthropologists study human beings globally and cross-culturally, treating our own way of life as only one among many. In an increasingly cosmopolitan world, where people from different places and backgrounds frequently interact, anthropologists help people understand each other and the things that happen around them.

The Carleton advantage
The faculty in Carleton’s Anthropology program specialize in socio-cultural anthropology, which is the study of contemporary societies and cultures by directly engaging their members through open dialogue, participant-observation and other qualitative methods. While anthropologists have traditionally studied in small-scale, non-Western societies, today we apply our participatory research methods and a combination of humanistic and social scientific perspectives to all kinds of situations. In other words: if people do it, you can study it as an anthropologist.

Our faculty study topics as diverse as sex work, farming, human-animal relations, museums, development, immigration, Tibetan Buddhism, international adoption, language use, and spirit possession—as well the basic structures that shape our lives such as race, class, and gender. Whatever the topic, Anthropology courses are designed to develop students’ ability to write, do social research, analyze ideas, synthesize information, and compassionately interpret the world in which we live.

Anthropology offers Co-operative Education (Co-op) and a field placement option. Students also have an opportunity to complete an independent honours research paper.

Sample career paths
- Government
- Non-governmental organizations
- Public or private sector
- International development
- Health care
- Social services
- Education and higher education
- Museums
- Policy-writing
- Teaching and researching
- Marketing and product development
- Tourism and recreation
- Business

“Through the Anthropology program, I have pursued academic interests both inside the university and abroad. After I decided to conduct fieldwork in Cuba, Carleton faculty and staff provided me with the necessary tools and an exceptional amount of support to follow through with my project. I had the opportunity to grow as a person while learning from supervisors who took the time and interest to contribute to my research.”

Frankie Di Renzo, Anthropology graduate
Art History

Seeing is fundamental to understanding ourselves and the world around us, and human beings have expressed themselves visually for millennia, much before the written word ever appeared. Art History students examine the traditions, institutions, and interpretation of art in all its richness in the global context from prehistory to the present. Students develop the skills to research, analyze, and think critically through imagery and translate their insights into different presentational and experiential forms. Visual literacy and the ability to work across media will only become more valuable in an increasingly visual world.

**The Carleton advantage**

Experiential learning is important to Carleton’s Art History program, and our successful practicum program takes advantage of our location in the nation’s capital to place our students in Ottawa’s cultural institutions. The National Gallery of Canada, the Canadian Museum of History, the Ottawa Art Gallery, the Carleton University Art Gallery, and Library and Archives Canada are just some of the places where our students receive placement opportunities. We also offer a variety of study abroad opportunities, with possibilities to study in Venice and other locations.

**Sample career paths**

- Government
- Public or private sector
- Education and higher education
- Museums and archival work
- Art consultation, restoration and conservation
- Arts journalism

**Sample job titles**

- Art Gallery/Museum Curator
- Education Officer
- Public Relations Professional
- Museum Director
- Art Gallery Project Manager
- Fine Arts Archivist
- Visual Arts Librarian
- Fine Arts Advisor

“My professors are approachable and specialize in a wide range of visual cultures. This makes for fascinating lectures and, in later years, stimulating seminars. In the National Capital Region, there is no shortage of institutions to see art in person. The Art Live workshop has been a highlight for me as we visited a museums around Ottawa and received guided tours from the curators and conservators that make these institutions tick. There are also great collections at the Carleton University Art Gallery right here on campus.”

Jose Bawagan, Art History student
Biology in the 21st century is among the most diverse and exciting of the sciences. Many of the challenges we face as a society, from environmental decline to the demand for new health therapies, involve biological solutions. As a Carleton Biology student you will gain broad experience through core science courses and courses in the arts and social sciences that suit your individual interests and needs. Biology is also offered as a Bachelor of Science (BSc).

The Carleton advantage
The biology department is well-equipped with the latest technology, including a mass spectrometer; fluorescence and light microscopes; cell, tissue and bacterial culture facilities; a wide range of molecular biology equipment; sophisticated electronic sensors for physiological and behavioural studies; and computer laboratories. The Nesbitt Biology Building, which serves as the central hub of the Biology program, houses controlled-environment rooms and growth chambers as well as extensive greenhouses. The National Wildlife Research Centre laboratories are also situated nearby on Carleton’s campus.

Many of our courses feature instructional laboratories and extensive opportunities for hands on work. As a result, our graduates are recognized for their excellence in laboratory and field skills. All Honours students have the opportunity to develop research projects, working alongside a faculty advisor. You will graduate with both a defined area of expertise and valuable experience. At Carleton, field and laboratory experiences are an integral part of our Biology courses. In addition, you will be able to choose optional, intensive field courses where you live on location.

Sample career paths
- Bioinformatics
- Horticulture or wildlife management
- Natural resource management
- Education and higher education
- Research and consulting
- Health care
- Science journalism or writing

“Not only have I been able to work on projects I am truly passionate about, but I have also been able to work directly with an industry partner to solve real world problems. I think the best part about my experience in research so far is the fact that our research team is so diverse, covering various sectors and expertise, which provides me with an appreciation of the value of interdisciplinarity.”

Brittany Sullivan, Biology graduate
Canadian Studies

Carleton’s long-established Canadian Studies program explores a wide range of issues, their impact on Canada’s place on the global stage, their historical and contemporary significance, and their implications for the future. Carleton’s School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies has a long history of advancing cutting-edge interdisciplinary research and teaching on Canada, its colonial history, Indigenous peoples, and the various groups who occupy the country. We tackle the uncomfortable, unreconciled and inconvenient truths of contemporary Canadian life.

The Carleton advantage
Our faculty and students work within and across six thematic areas, including Culture, memory, and place; Heritage Conservation; Nation-building, Nationalisms, and Branding; Critical Settler studies; and Gender and Sexualities.

In their fourth year, students can opt for a practicum that allows them to gain invaluable workplace experience and connections, building on Carleton’s advantageous location in the nation’s capital.

Sample career paths
- Government
- Non-governmental organizations
- Policy-making
- Museums and archival work
- Communications and public relations
- Research and consulting

“In my program of Canadian Studies, I learned and frequently practiced academic skills such as reading, writing, and how to prepare and deliver an oral presentation. I appreciated that the courses were smaller as it allowed me to participate more frequently and get one-on-one help whenever needed.”

Hanna Stewart, Canadian Studies graduate
Childhood and Youth Studies

Childhood and Youth Studies provides students with an interdisciplinary education that prepares them for a range of careers that involve work with and/or for children and youth. Students will acquire the analytic skills necessary to work effectively with children and youth, gain an understanding of the complex contexts of childhood and adolescence throughout history, and develop a commitment to the welfare of children and youth in Canada and across the world.

The Carleton advantage
Our courses are designed to provide a comprehensive, interdisciplinary understanding of the relationship between childhood, youth, and culture, and the economic, social, and political conditions that influence young people’s lives. The program is one of only a small number of programs in Canada that focus specifically on critical childhood and youth studies—one of the most active and rapidly growing fields in academia today. We bring together a diverse group of faculty members from across the world to provide students with different critical perspectives on childhood and youth.

Experiential learning opportunities, including options for practicum and supervised research, provide unique learning experiences.

Sample career paths
- Government
- Non-governmental organizations
- Social services and advocacy
- Education
- Policy-making
- Law

“Carleton’s Childhood and Youth Studies program gave me more than I ever imagined I would receive from a university degree. The tight-knit community among professors and students created a learning environment for each student to succeed by empowering their own particular strengths and interests.”

Alaa Azan, Childhood and Youth Studies student
Understanding crime in our society is the focus of Carleton’s comprehensive Criminology and Criminal Justice program. This multidisciplinary degree program looks at the behavioural and societal factors that contribute to crime, as well as the way crime is handled by the legal system itself.

Our unique multidisciplinary approach provides a strong foundation in a number of criminology’s primary fields, including law and legal studies, psychology, and sociology. Students choose one of these fields as a concentration, but will be trained in all three throughout their degree.

The Carleton advantage

Studying in the nation’s capital offers a strong advantage to our students. Our faculty, instructors, and classroom visitors share their expertise from careers in national and international arenas. Plus, dozens of our students are placed in workplaces as part of our highly successful Field Placement program.

Sample job titles

- Border Patrol Officer
- Community Outreach Worker
- Counselor
- Criminal Records Analyst
- Emergency Programs Officer
- Investigator
- Lawyer
- Police Officer
- Psychologist
- Social Worker

“In third year, I had the chance to speak in front of a judge, as well as meet with lawyers and court administrators as part of my field placement. It definitely prepared me for law school.”

Summer Lewis, Criminology and Criminal Justice graduate

Career paths*

- Government (29%)
- Health Care, Social Support (18%)
- Education (15%)
- Professions, Lawyers (13%)

*Some students in this sample will have also completed other degrees, including at more advanced levels. Individual experiences and outcomes can differ from those represented here. Learn more at: carleton.ca/fpa/career-paths.
Cultivate a passion for reading, the craft of writing, and the art of thinking while gaining valuable work experience for a changing world.

As human beings, we understand ourselves and our world through the stories we tell. In our department, we approach stories as tools for self-reflection and self-understanding, creative thinking and problem-solving. Our department offers a wide range of courses taught by internationally recognized scholars. English students learn to think deeply and write clearly in small, supportive, and inclusive classes taught by award-winning professors. Our students are prepared for living in a complex world by studying the texts that anchor our diverse histories, from Beowulf to Bollywood, Jane Austen to comic books, Shakespeare to Indigenous drama.

**The Carleton advantage**

Our highly successful Co-operative Education (Co-op) program enables students to combine academic study with valuable paid work experience. Studying in the nation’s capital, our Co-op students frequently find employment with the federal government and in Ottawa’s high-tech sector. Our students enjoy access to prominent national institutions, including Library and Archives Canada, the National Gallery, and the National Arts Centre.

Ottawa’s vibrant literary community hosts many events, from prestigious national galas to coffeehouse writer circles. Our students attend International Writers Festival events for free. Students also have the opportunity to study abroad and pursue concentrations and minors in Creative Writing, Professional Writing, Drama Studies, and Digital Humanities.

**Sample career paths**

- Government
- Writing and editing
- Policy-making and law
- Communications and public relations
- Publishing
- Education and higher education

**Sample job titles**

- Communications Officer
- Human Resources Coordinator
- Technical Writer
- Senior Project Manager
- Social Media Specialist
- Librarian

“I chose Carleton’s English program hoping to strengthen my creative writing and gain access to the professional world through the Co-op program—two goals I accomplished with far more success than I had imagined. Most importantly, my program connected me with students and professors who have helped me to develop a deeper passion for literature: for stories I already loved, for stories I learned to love, and for stories that have changed the way I see the world.”

Alicia Haniford, English graduate
Explore environmental change, governance and policy in Canada and globally. Environmental Studies offers unique, interdisciplinary studies that focus on applying knowledge and hands-on learning to pressing environmental problems and issues.

Environmental Studies prepares students to be informed thinkers and skilled problem-solvers contributing to the resolution of the environmental challenges critical to our future. Through a combination of required courses and electives, students gain a solid foundation in environmental studies, while also being able to focus on specific environmental issues, such as resource conservation, environmental justice, urban sustainability or environmental policy. This interdisciplinary and collaborative program allows students to select from a range of courses in the social and natural sciences, including anthropology, biology, earth sciences, economics, geography, geomatics, history, law, philosophy, political science and sociology.

The Carleton advantage

Environmental Studies courses often welcome guest speakers into the classroom to expose students to different perspectives and areas of environmental expertise. Field courses, workplace practicums, experiential learning and hands-on training provide an opportunity to gain valuable research skills and practical experience during the completion of the program.

The program offers access to valuable work experience and a network of employers and organizations in the private, public and non-profit sectors in the environmental field. Students can choose to participate in Co-operative Education (Co-op), which allows them to combine academic study with paid work experience. Students in their fourth year of study can also earn credit toward their degree through a workplace practicum.

Sample career paths

- Government
- Public or private sector
- Non-governmental organizations
- Policy-making
- Tourism and recreation

Sample job titles

- Environmental Consultant
- Environmental Assessment Analyst
- Ecotourism Specialist
- Natural Resources Planners
- Conservation Policy Analysts

“My Co-op work terms have set me up for a meaningful and fulfilling future career. I worked as a Breeding Bird Survey Assistant for the Canadian Wildlife Service, where I was able to apply my research skills and contribute to the scientific community. I also worked with Transport Canada, where I worked with Oceans Protection Plan team.”

Jessica Diguer, Environmental Studies student
European and Russia possess rich histories and cultures. Their economics and politics have left a strong impact on the international order. Yet, they also confront significant present-day challenges.

Explore the history, politics, economics, language and culture of this region, while specializing in your particular area of interest as part of our Bachelor of Arts in European and Russian Studies. The program’s geographic scope is unique in treating Europe, Russia and Eurasia together, highlighting the considerable social, cultural, economic and political ties that span the region.

Students explore key issues including collective memory and national identity, democratization and civil society, environmental and social policy, globalization, international security, market reform and European integration, migration and multiculturalism, and nationalism and ethnic conflict.

The Carleton advantage
European and Russian Studies students learn from professors and instructors who are global experts in their field and work closely with students throughout their degree programs.

Studying in the nation’s capital offers a huge advantage to our students. Ottawa is home to embassies and headquarters of international organizations, as well as Canada’s own diplomatic corps.

Students can also choose to participate in Co-operative Education (Co-op) or an internship.

Sample job titles
- Diplomat
- Financial Professional
- Foreign Service Officer
- Government Advisor
- Journalist
- Project Coordinator
- Strategic Analyst

“European and Russian Studies gave me the opportunity to do two Co-op placements with the federal government and an internship with the Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner. I also participated in the EU Study Tour and went on two exchanges to Russia. It’s been a great experience, and has really helped to strengthen my research and analytical skills.”

Alexander Currey, European and Russian Studies student
Film Studies

Audiovisual media profoundly shapes contemporary life. Training in interpreting and analyzing film and other media is directly relevant to a wide range of careers. Our 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.

Take classes in film theory, the history of world cinema, genres like horror and sci-fi, the cinemas of Asia, Africa, and Scandinavia, video games, gender and sexuality in media, film festivals, animation, documentary, sound studies, film and philosophy, and queer and transgender cinema. We also offer classes in audiovisual practice and screenwriting.

The Carleton advantage
Film Studies at Carleton is one of the oldest and most respected programs in Canada. The faculty are leading experts in the field and our program is student-friendly, with small class sizes and a commitment to mentoring students.

Our practicum offers the opportunity to work for a semester at a local production company, film festival, museum, or archive, such as the Canadian Film Institute, Independent Filmmakers Co-op, SAW Video, Ottawa International Animation Festival, Inside Out Ottawa LGBT Film Festival, and the Digi60 Filmmakers’ Festival.

Sample career paths
- Film, media and multimedia production
- Museums and archival work
- Government
- Education and higher education
- Journalism
- Arts organizations
- Festivals

Sample job titles
- Executive Director
- Producer
- Filmmaker
- Screenwriter
- Video Game Designer
- Film Critic
- Festival Programmer
- Archivist

“Once I discovered Film Studies at Carleton, I immediately realized that I had found my vocational calling. I’ve always loved films and cinema, and today in my position as the Executive Director of a thriving Ottawa-based media-artist-run centre, I feel as if Carleton University’s Film Studies Program has contributed to a perfect opportunity.”

Patrice James, Film Studies graduate
French

Profit from the advantages that bilingualism brings and discover the francophone world from a variety of critical perspectives. The Department of French offers a comprehensive approach to French Studies, geared to the interests and needs of students from all linguistic backgrounds. Students can choose from a wide range of culturally grounded language courses, addressing all proficiency levels, targeting both oral and written communication. They can also engage in the critical study of French linguistics and French literature through a structured sequence of courses spanning introductory classes and special topics.

French programs at Carleton include a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree with a focus on either French linguistics or francophone literatures, a Combined Honours program for students interested in combining their studies in French with another discipline, and a Bachelor of Arts General degree.

The Carleton advantage
French studies at Carleton are enhanced by academic and cultural activities that take place in the classroom and beyond. Our students benefit from writing clinics and speaker series. They run the students’ journal Mot Dit and take part in student conferences. They can join a student organization, Club Francophone, and attend our French movie nights. In addition, Carleton University is ideally situated in the bilingual community of Ottawa-Gatineau, where students can experience the vitality of a French-speaking environment.

Sample career paths
- Government
- Business
- International business
- International affairs
- Law
- Communications and public relations
- Education and higher education

Sample job titles
- Journalist
- Communications Officer
- Language Instructor
- Translator
- Speech Pathologist
- Policy Analyst
- Editor

“As an undergraduate student at Carleton, I had the opportunity to work as a Research Assistant. My work consisted of reading and transcribing French letters from the eighteenth century. For a student pursuing a Combined Honours degree in French and History, this complemented my studies perfectly!”

Jeanette Schramm, French and History graduate
Geography

Geography is about a lot more than just maps. Geographers focus on understanding the complexity of the human-environment interactions that influence our everyday lives, communities, and societies. With its unique emphasis on integrating human and physical environmental interactions through the analysis of spatial patterns and relationships, the study of geography equips students to investigate and understand many of our most pressing planetary issues. Geography prepares students to address issues such as climate change, water resources, environmental degradation, environmental sustainability, territorial conflicts and social inequality.

The BA in Geography provides a solid foundation in geographic knowledge and research skills, while also allowing for the in-depth exploration of specific geographic regions (such as Canada’s north or the global south) and topics of interest (such as local food systems or borders and migration). Students with a particular interest in cities and urbanization can choose to complete an Honours BA in Geography with a concentration in Urban Studies. We also offer a concentration in Physical Geography.

The Carleton advantage

Geography students in their fourth year of study can earn credit toward their degree through a practicum that involves a work placement linked to their areas of interest. Students can also choose to participate in Co-operative Education (Co-op), which allows them to combine academic study with paid work experience in a related geographic field.

The program offers access to valuable work experience and a network of employers and organizations in the private, public and non-profit sectors in a variety of fields related to geography.

Carleton University’s MacOdrum Library also houses extensive resource materials for geographers, including a collection of over 166,000 digital and paper maps.

Sample career paths
- Government
- Public or private sector
- Non-governmental organizations
- Policy-making
- Tourism and recreation

Sample job titles
- Policy and Research Analyst
- City/Regional Planner
- Natural Resources Manager
- Conservation Specialist

“I chose to complete my practicum at Parks Canada because of my passion for nature conservation and tourism. I had a great experience working with the Fire Management Branch and learning about how wildfires in parks are managed, along with the complex communications required for these processes. I am so grateful for this amazing opportunity to grow as a professional.”

Ashley Ford, Geography student

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Geomatics uses the science of geospatial data acquisition, management, manipulation, analysis and visualization to answer geographical questions. Geomatics technologies play a critical role in everyday life, including in technologies such as Uber, Google Maps and autonomous vehicles. Geomatics focuses on disciplines that affect people every day, including fields such as environmental science, resource management and conservation, urban and transportation planning, healthcare, business, and politics. In Geomatics, students focus on the acquisition, management, analysis and display of geographic information.

Students in Geomatics analyze spatial patterns and processes using state-of-the-art tools including Geographic Information Systems, Remote Sensing and GPS. Through this program, students develop expertise in quantitative methods for geographic problem-solving in environmental science and conservation, urban planning, transportation, health, resource assessment and risk analysis.

Geomatics is also offered as a Bachelor of Science (BSc).

The Carleton advantage
Geomatics students learn skills to customize and apply geomatics tools to a wide variety of social and physical environmental problems. Students gain practical experience in the areas of geomatics, cartography, remote sensing and quantitative methods.

Many Geomatics courses welcome guest speakers into the classroom to expose students to different areas of geographic research. Field courses, workplace practicums, experiential learning and hands-on training provide an opportunity to gain valuable skills and practical experience.

Sample career paths
- Public or private sectors
- Non-governmental organizations
- Technology
- Research

Sample job titles
- Database Specialist
- Geomatics Officer
- Geospatial Standards Advisor
- GIS Specialist and Researcher

“After completing my degree, I started working with an environmental consulting firm in Vancouver. Now I apply my knowledge and skills to real-world issues and environmental threats on a daily basis. The experiences and guidance I gained at Carleton were integral to my ability to find a job that suits and excites me.”

Nick Ochoski, Geography and Geomatics graduate
Greek and Roman Studies

Why do we continue to focus on the ancient Greeks and Romans? They are at the very heart of our culture and are a constant, pervasive part of our lives. Their legacy includes democracy, our calendar, athletics, the foundations of our legal concepts, and innumerable words. Mythical and history figures, such as Oedipus, Narcissus, Achilles, Hercules, Alexander, and Cleopatra live on in art, literature, psychology, television and movies.

The Greeks and Romans were pioneers in literature, creating influential works that are still a pleasure to read—gripping epics, tragedies, profound philosophic dialogues, biting satires and passionate love poems. It is not surprising, therefore, that Greek and Roman legacies have been so great and so enduring.

At its broadest, Greek and Roman Studies is the study of all aspects of ancient Greece and Rome, including literature, language, history, philosophy, mythology, religion, social and economic life, technology, art, architecture, and archaeology. The discipline is constantly evolving as new discoveries are made and modern methodological approaches are employed. In recent years, classicists and ancient historians have addressed social, economic and political issues.

The Carleton advantage
Students can learn about Ancient Civilizations while visiting actual ancient sites by enrolling in our Studies Abroad course. Students prepare for their trip with study in the classroom at Carleton before going abroad. They then travel with Carleton professors and fellow students to ancient sites, normally in the Mediterranean, but occasionally further afield in Europe.

At Carleton, the Greek and Roman Studies program offers academic credit for archaeological fieldwork undertaken by students anywhere in the world. Through our Archaeological Field Work course, students can gain archaeological experience in many different contexts and countries. Recently, we have had students working on excavations in Italy, Greece, Belize, Denmark, Cyprus, Bulgaria, England, Canada, and more.

Sample career paths
- Public or private sectors
- Non-governmental organizations
- Social services
- International affairs
- Archaeology
- Museums and archival work
- Law
- Education and higher education
- Library and information sciences

“By studying both Greek and Roman Studies and History, I am able to better understand the lives of those who lived before me. I was even able to complete a month of field work in Macedonia during the summer, which gave me a chance to do archaeology while getting more in touch with the topics that I had read about in class.”

Jonathan Ouellet, Greek and Roman Studies and History graduate
History and Theory of Architecture

This unique program explores how our built environment reflects and influences human ideas, hopes, needs and values throughout history. Students learn to “read” buildings as dynamic documents that interact with all aspects of human life.

The Carleton advantage
As well as offering a rich variety of courses in Western and non-Western traditions, the program organizes regular field trips, invites guest speakers from outside the university, and creates study abroad opportunities in locations such as Venice, Rome, and England.

Our practicum program gives students academic credit for working in organizations including Parks Canada, Heritage Ottawa, the Strutt Foundation, and the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada.

All of this adds up to an exciting education that opens many doors. History and Theory of Architecture is an excellent first step toward careers in heritage conservation, architectural criticism or architectural practice. It fosters intellectual skills that are invaluable in any profession in which critical thinking and communication skills are important. Our unique program also enables you to meet and learn with people who share your passion for architecture.

Sample career paths
- Architecture
- Heritage management
- Education and higher education
- Public or private sector
- Journalism
- Research and consulting
- GIS Specialist and Researcher

“Learning about buildings through academic reading and writing, site visits, and design projects in a variety of cross-disciplinary courses provided me with both critical and creative thinking skills. I also gained hands-on work experience through the Practicum program, where I was tasked with researching and writing for Canada’s History magazine on behalf of the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada. This allowed me to immediately pursue a career after graduating.”

Stephanie Mah, History and Theory of Architecture graduate
History

Studying History allows us to understand the complex forces that have shaped our world. Whether learning about war or revolution, the rise and fall of empires or the birth of modern Canada, the history of alcohol or the roles of young people in past societies and cultures, the study of History enables us to decipher the world around us—and understand our place in it.

The Carleton advantage
At Carleton, we are committed to studying the past in innovative ways. In your courses, you might record a podcast, create a documentary film, digitize a Medieval manuscript, design an interactive online map, interview a veteran, write a briefing note, immerse yourself in a soldier’s diary or intern at a museum. Or maybe you will come up with your own way of telling the story of the past.

In your courses, you will exchange and debate ideas, find and assess evidence, and sharpen your writing, research, and communication skills. Students can also engage with history in the real world through Co-operative Education (Co-op) and practicum placements.

Our mentor network will help you to connect with professional historians working in the nation’s capital. You will interact one-on-one with these professionals and learn about their career journeys to get a head start on life after the degree.

Our diverse courses invite you to approach the past from many different angles. Some focus on the world’s major countries and regions, while others examine topics such as sexuality, the environment, animals, childhood or war and society. Online courses delve into the history of madness, the Caribbean, and the body.

Sample career paths
- Government
- International affairs
- Non-governmental organizations
- Law
- Education and higher education
- Politics
- Publishing

Sample job titles
- Lawyer
- Museum Curator
- Foreign Service Officer
- Policy/Research Analyst
- Heritage Design Consultant
- Archivist
- Librarian

“Carleton’s History program has helped me to become a dynamic student and to gain a variety of experiences that add to my career, academic and personal development. This includes a Co-op placement with the Department of National Defence, as well as a research assistantship investigating the histories of food and identity in diasporic communities. I’ve gained an abundance of transferable skills, including effective communication, critical reasoning and problem-solving.”

Aaliyah Strachan, History and African Studies student
Human Rights and Social Justice

The Human Rights and Social Justice program at Carleton contributes to our understanding, through theory and practice, of people’s struggles to overcome institutional and everyday inequities. The program equips students with legal, political and social strategies for challenging forms of discrimination, subordination and persecution, such as those related to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, political opinion, as well as historical practices of colonialism and exploitation.

The Carleton advantage
The BA in Human Rights and Social Justice at Carleton studies historical and contemporary human rights and social justice issues and their impact on human lives in different contexts. These courses are interdisciplinary, drawing from multiple disciplines from the humanities and social science, but also examine issues through paradigms that transcend individual disciplines. Carleton’s Human Rights and Social Justice program is comprehensive and enables you to study human rights through five dimensions: Critical Principles; Human Rights Laws and Institutions; Political Repression; Social Justice; and Marginalized Groups. Our program has flexible pathways and is offered as a General, Honours, and Combined Honours program. The program is staffed by a team of dedicated faculty renowned for academic expertise, human rights activism, and passion for supporting students.

Sample career paths
- Government
- Public or private sector
- Social services
- Law
- Policy-making
- Education and higher education

“The Human Rights program is led by supportive, passionate professors dedicated to empowering their students. The program is perfect for anyone trying to discover what their passion is in the field of social justice.”

Colleen Putzig, Human Rights and Social Justice student
Indigenous Studies is a growing, globally engaged field of study. Carleton’s Combined Honours BA program presents students with aspects of Indigenous peoples’ ways of knowing and ways of living in the world. Students explore histories, identities, cultural practices and traditions, languages, diplomacies, politics, community dynamics, and ecological ways of knowing.

The Combined Honours degree allows students to choose a second discipline of their choice and offers a wide range of electives from many areas, including Art History, Geography, Human Rights, Law and Canadian Studies.

The Carleton advantage
Coursework in the program covers four thematic areas: Indigenous peoplehood studies; Indigenous ways of knowing and epistemologies; the history of Indigenous-settler relations and colonization; and Indigenous recovery, vitalization, reclamation, and decolonization.

In the fourth year, students have the option of working with elders or a community organization in a Capstone project.

Carleton’s location in Ottawa allows the School to build meaningful relationships with communities and numerous urban and national Indigenous organizations in the region.

Sample career paths
■ Government
■ Non-governmental organizations
■ Social services
■ Band councils
■ Communications and public relations
■ Policy-making
■ Museums and archival work
The Bachelor of Arts in Law is a comprehensive undergraduate degree that considers law from many different perspectives—and prepares you for many different careers.

You’ll learn about the law, and its role in society, from professors with backgrounds in criminology, history, philosophy, political theory, feminist studies, religion, sociology, legal anthropology, political economy, communications and law.

Concentrations are offered in Law, Policy and Government, Business Law and Transnational Law and Human Rights. Co-operative Education (Co-op) is offered for students in the Law, Policy and Government and Business Law concentrations.

The Carleton advantage
Our BA in Law is the oldest and largest undergraduate program in Legal Studies in Canada. With more than 60 courses and 35 full-time faculty members, we are able to offer an extensive program with a wide variety of course offerings from a range of disciplinary perspectives.

Studying in the nation’s capital offers a huge advantage to our students. Our faculty, instructors, and classroom visitors share their expertise from careers in national and international arenas. Plus, you’ll have the opportunity to participate in an internship or Co-op on Parliament Hill, with a law firm, nongovernmental agencies, the federal public service and more.

Sample job titles
- Community Outreach Worker
- Financial Advisor
- High School Teacher
- Immigration Official
- Intelligence Field Officer
- Investigator
- Lawyer/Solicitor
- Law Clerk
- Mediator
- Policy Analyst

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"Being located in Ottawa is a bonus. With Parliament, the Government of Canada, and the Supreme Court of Canada right around the corner, I have access to a set of resources not available anywhere else in the country."

Nicholas Miller, Law graduate
Linguistics is the scientific study of one of the most fundamental aspects of being human: using language to communicate. Linguists explore a range of fascinating ideas, including what it means to know a language; how we process and produce language; language structure; how children acquire language; variation and diversity in languages across the globe; language disorders and delays; and how languages change over time.

Linguistics is also offered as a Bachelor of Science (BSc).

The Carleton advantage
At Carleton, students learn to study language from a dedicated faculty with a diverse set of research interests, including theoretical and experimental approaches and methods.

Students in the BA Honours can choose from two concentrations to tailor their Linguistics degree to their interests: Linguistic Theory, or Psycholinguistics and Communication Disorders. Students in the Psycholinguistics and Communication Disorders concentration have the opportunity to participate in a practicum course that provides clinical experience in speech-language pathology.

Sample career paths
- Education and higher education
- Language teaching
- Speech-language pathology
- Forensic linguistics
- Government
- Policy-making
- Communications and public relations
- Translation

“I chose the Linguistics program at Carleton because of the knowledgeable professors and the opportunities I had to work alongside them. Having these incredible professors, who not only are willing to work closely with you, but genuinely want to see you succeed, creates an amazing learning environment.”

Paula ter Huurne, Linguistics student
The Bachelor of Arts in Music allows students to study a wide range of music from the perspectives of history, culture, music theory and composition.

Carleton’s music program, among the most diverse in the country, offers studies in Western art music (Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, 20th Century and Contemporary) as well as in Canadian and Indigenous music and culture, jazz, popular music and music of the world’s peoples. By working closely with a faculty of respected music scholars, in small class setting, students develop the critical tools to engage the kaleidoscope of music that deeply shapes our everyday lives.

The Carleton advantage
At Carleton, Bachelor of Arts in Music students can access a wealth of academic and cultural resources on and off campus. Our library features the largest collection of Canadian musical scores outside of the Canadian Music Centre, extensive hard copy and digital monograph and journal holdings, the Jacob Siskind Collection (comprising approximately 20,000 LPs, 8,000 CDs, and 3,000 78-rpm records), and the Jacob Siskind Music Resource Centre (reserved for the use of Carleton music students and faculty).

Carleton students have access to world-class research and performance institutions in the nation’s capital including Library and Archives Canada, the Canadian Museum of History, the National Gallery of Canada and the National Arts Centre. In addition, Ottawa is home to Chamber Fest, Music and Beyond, RBC Bluesfest and CityFolk, among dozens of diverse smaller music festivals.

Third and fourth-year students may be eligible for a practicum placement with partner organizations in the community. Music students have earned course credits working in the areas of education, digital restoration and cataloguing, music therapy and social-related work, recording studios, music management and digital promotion, and not-for-profit music industry advocacy. Our students are well-prepared for advanced studies in a range of areas and have gone on to post-graduate studies and careers in musicology, arts management, cultural policy, communications, law, radio, arts journalism, education and museology.

Sample career paths
- Arts management
- Entertainment industry
- Performance
- Musicology
- Festivals
- Library and archival work
- Education and higher education
- Journalism

“Carleton’s Bachelor of Arts in Music provides students with the exceptional skills, knowledge and understanding that is needed for the workforce. Every professor, friend and music note has guided me along the way, and having access to Canada’s largest collection of jazz repertoire always inspires me to go further into my studies.”

Daniel Meecham, Music student
Philosophy develops your ability to assess ideas, think clearly and creatively, and appreciate multiple perspectives on matters of deepest importance. Because of this, the study of philosophy prepares you to engage meaningfully in whatever profession you choose.

The Carleton advantage
Carleton’s innovative Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy offers courses on topics including the history of philosophy, ethics and social/political philosophy, philosophy of mind and language, metaphysics and epistemology. Students will have opportunities to study in small classes, where professors lead lively discussions and give helpful advice on improving your work. In addition, students can complete a specialization in Philosophy, Ethics and Public Affairs.

By studying Philosophy, you will have the opportunity to take a wide range of exciting courses from faculty members who are as passionate about their teaching as they are about their internationally recognized research. You will also be following in the footsteps of many notable public figures who have studied philosophy at Carleton.

Sample career paths
- Education and higher education
- Government
- Nongovernmental organizations
- Policy-making and law
- Health Care
- Ethics
- Social services and advocacy

“Carleton’s Department of Philosophy has many great qualities, including excellent professors who have expertise in a broad range of subjects, and an active and supportive student community that allows learning to continue outside the classroom.”

Jon Courtney, Philosophy graduate
Study Political Science at one of the largest Political Science departments in the country, ideally situated in Canada’s national capital.

Whether you’re interested in North American politics or international relations, we offer eight subject matter concentrations and dozens of courses for you to choose from. In fact, we encourage you to pursue classes in other disciplines as part of a well-rounded education. At the same time, you’ll benefit from fixed class sizes and small seminars.

Concentrations are offered in Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics and Area Studies (Global North), Comparative Politics and Area Studies (Global South), Gender and Politics, International Relations, North American Politics, Political Theory, and Public Affairs and Policy Analysis.

The Carleton advantage

Studying in the nation’s capital offers a huge advantage to our students. Our faculty, instructors, and classroom visitors share their expertise from careers in national and international arenas. Plus, you’ll have the opportunity for Co-operative Education (Co-op) or an internship on Parliament Hill, with nongovernmental agencies, embassies, the public service and more.

Sample job titles

■ Ambassador/Diplomat
■Assistant Deputy Minister
■Director General
■Financial Professional
■Lawyer
■Mediator/Arbitrator
■Member of Parliament
■Municipal Government Official
■Policy Analyst
■Political Campaign Manager

“Political Science taught me the research and problem-solving skills that I need for my current job with the federal government.”

Rumya Nithiananthan, Political Science graduate

Career paths*

- Government (32%)
- Education (15%)
- Services, Consultants (15%)
- Professions, Lawyers (11%)

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Psychology

How do workplace experiences shape people’s well-being? How do people deal with anxiety and stress? What are the differences between happy and unhappy people? What makes a person commit a crime? How can shyness and bullying be reduced? How do people use their knowledge to solve problems? These are the kind of fascinating questions that Psychology students explore each day.

Psychology strives to understand the mechanisms that underlie humans’ thoughts, feelings, and behaviours.

By learning from our award-winning faculty, our students become better prepared to face the challenges that they will encounter in their careers and in everyday life. In the classroom and in laboratories, students discover how to find, critically evaluate and synthesize information. They learn how to analyze data and draw conclusions from them. They learn to communicate their ideas clearly in writing and to live audiences. Most importantly, they understand people’s thinking and actions better.

Psychology is also offered as a Bachelor of Science (BSc).

The Carleton advantage
Students who are passionate about an area of research can pursue one of our six concentrations: Cognitive Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Health Psychology, Organizational Psychology, and Social and Personality Psychology.

Psychology students can also participate in many experiential learning opportunities, including Co-operative Education (Co-op), a practicum in the community, and volunteer research positions in laboratories. Our program not only builds our students’ knowledge of psychology, but it gives them the means to find practical solutions to real-world problems.

Sample career paths
- Government
- Social services
- Clinical psychology
- Counseling
- Business
- Communications and public relations
- Education and higher education
- Research

“Choosing to study Psychology at Carleton was the best decision I ever made and a truly invaluable experience. With its variety of concentrations, special topics seminars, peer mentorship program and hands-on learning experiences with community practicums and co-op options, Carleton’s Psychology program is one-of-a-kind.”

Chelsea Medland, Psychology graduate
Religion

In Carleton’s Religion program, you will learn about major world religions—Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and Indigenous Religions—and develop a critical understanding of how religion plays a key role in modern-day politics and society. The study of religion will nurture your respect for the complexities of other cultures and for the histories that affect contemporary issues. You will explore philosophy, language, anthropology and sociology as part of your studies. Religion touches all aspects of life, and therefore allows students to explore topics like feminism, the environment, music or politics through the lens of religious thought, values and belief.

The Carleton advantage
Our faculty is diverse and interdisciplinary, working on a wide variety of topics from religious responses to death, to Islamic philosophy to religion and violence. A Carleton Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion will prepare you to encounter the world with a deeper understanding of the ethical and political foundations of societies and how religion is implicated in events on both local and global scales.

Students have the opportunity to minor in Christianity, Islamic, or Jewish studies. Students can also participate in a third-year travel course that explores religion in its historical and/or contemporary contexts in a geographic locale that changes from year to year.

Sample career paths
- Conflict resolution
- Counselling
- International development
- Politics
- Religious services
- Social services
- Education and higher education
- Law and policy-making

“Politics, history, philosophy, culture, and society are just some of the topics that cross-connect within this interdisciplinary program. I’ve learned so much about people, cultures, and the world, all in a tremendously supportive environment.”

Colleen Dunn, Religion and Greek and Roman Studies student
Sociology

How are new technologies changing the ways we interact with each other and live our lives? Why are so many jobs becoming short term and how is this situation affecting people’s families, communities, and self-identities? How do we define what is ‘normal’ and what happens to people who don’t fit within these definitions? Why do social problems like poverty, racism, sexism, homophobia, and ageism persist in the modern world? What can we do to address these problems?

Sociology creates knowledge about questions that matter.

Sociology is the systematic study of human society. We connect the personal to bigger forces in society. Sociology explores how families, economic inequalities, sexuality, gender, race, the law, and the state shape us as individuals and, how we as individuals shape these social institutions and structures. The methods and concepts of sociology shed light on the social processes shaping lives, problems, and possibilities in contemporary society.

The Carleton advantage
Carleton’s Sociology program is one of the oldest, strongest and comprehensive in the country. Our one-of-a-kind stream in Social Justice gives you firsthand experience learning from community leaders and partnering with community-based organizations to do research, work on campaigns, public events and documentary films.

Students are trained do hands-on research on topics they care about. Students can also participate in Co-operative Education (Co-op).

Sample career paths
- Government
- Non-governmental organizations
- Social services
- Arts industry
- Business

Sample job titles
- Policy Analyst
- Program Reviewer
- Corporate Sales Manager
- Public Relations Specialist

“Sociology at Carleton presented me with many opportunities, such as becoming a Research Assistant for projects headed by faculty on youth homelessness. I also gained practical work experience with organizations such as the Criminalization and Education Project though the Community Engaged Sociology course. I have been shown tremendous support throughout my studies which, combined with these opportunities, has helped me to discover and begin working towards a future career in a field that I’m extremely passionate about.”

Charlotte Smith, Sociology graduate
Women’s and Gender Studies

Carleton’s Pauline Jewett Institute of Women’s and Gender Studies offers an interdisciplinary program that engages students in critically understanding the key issues of feminist scholarship and their relationship to our lived experience.

Students have the opportunity to engage in activist activities, study gender in courses across disciplines, and do a practicum placement with feminist groups from inside and outside the Carleton community.

Central to our program is the consideration of how gender relates to race, class, ethnicity, age, disability and sexuality. Students explore the practices and processes that impact on women’s, men’s and trans people’s lives in historical, socio-economic, cultural and political contexts. Students are encouraged to think about advocacy and other creative strategies for change through reflecting on current local, national and global movements.

The Carleton advantage
The Women’s and Gender Studies program prioritizes student-learning experiences. Our faculty and staff work to ensure a dynamic and challenging learning environment whether it’s inside the classroom, or at a film festival, an art gallery, the archives, or at one of the many events sponsored by the Institute.

Our courses are designed to complement real questions students have about social justice issues in everyday life. Our Institute is truly interdisciplinary, offering a range of courses to appeal to a diverse range of student interests. Whether it’s trans theory, policy work, cultural representation, sexuality studies, disability theory, or critical race theory, you are guaranteed to find something to be passionate about.

Sample career paths
- Social services and advocacy
- Law and policy-making
- Education and higher education
- Journalism
- Government
- Non-governmental organizations

Sample job titles
- Change Agent
- Social Worker
- Equity Officer
- Lawyer
- Educator

“Studying in the Pauline Jewett Institute of Women’s and Gender Studies sparked a passion that I did not know existed. In this program, I have taken courses focusing on history, intersectionality, activism, gendered violence and more, and my professors and teaching assistants never fail to create a comfortable, engaging, and safe environment for learning.”

Toni Shedlowich, Women’s and Gender Studies graduate
Choosing to begin your university career as an undeclared student is the perfect way to explore all of your options before settling on a major. Take your time to learn about yourself and the academic opportunities before you.

By taking a variety of different courses from different programs, you can get a full sense of what Carleton has to offer, better preparing yourself for the future you want. If you are the kind of student who is interested in multiple fields within the Bachelor of Arts (BA) or want to test the waters of a variety of first-year classes, this is the program for you. Carleton’s BA support team will be there to advise you, suggesting courses that reflect your interests and helping you navigate your first year of study. After a year of exploration and self-discovery, you will be ready to declare a major and on your way to academic success and satisfaction.

The Carleton advantage
The BA Undeclared program offers students a range of supports to ensure they are well-prepared for the next steps after the first year. The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) office can give you options for building a first-year schedule, guide you towards an area of study, and help you connect to the services you need on campus. The Academic Advising Centre (AAC) is also on-call to answer all your questions about declaring a major. They are passionate about helping you understand how your academic skills will translate to the real world and what programs will align with your interests and values.

Careers
Because students are usually only in the undeclared program during their first year, the options for your future career are limitless. Take the time in your first year to explore the career possibilities of a range of BA programs. Carleton’s Academic Advising Centre works in partnership with Carleton’s Career Services and will encourage you to check out the incredible resources offered by Co-op and Career Services.
Add a minor

After you choose courses based on your program’s requirements, you may have room in your schedule to study a variety of electives or to follow a secondary interest.

A minor is a cohesive set of courses, usually consisting of 4.0 credits, that provides a foundation in another area of study. The following programs can be taken as a minor, but are available as major programs as well:

- African Studies
- Anthropology
- Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies
- Art History
- Biology
- Business
- Canadian Studies
- Chemistry
- Communication and Media Studies
- Computer Science
- Earth Sciences
- Economics
- English
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental Studies
- European and Russian Studies
- Film Studies
- Food Science
- French
- Geography
- Geomatics
- Greek and Roman Studies
- History
- History and Theory of Architecture
- Human Rights and Social Justice
- Indigenous Studies
- Law
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Music
- Neuroscience and Mental Health
- Philosophy
- Physical Geography
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Sociology
- Statistics
- Women’s and Gender Studies

The following programs are offered as minors:

**Archeology**

The minor in Archeology allows students from any discipline to pursue a wide variety of approaches to the field of archeology. Courses are drawn from the Greek and Roman Studies program as well as from allied subjects, such as Earth Sciences, Geography, Anthropology and Art History. Students have the option to receive credit for participation in archeological projects worldwide, including the Gabii Project (Italy), run in collaboration with Carleton faculty.

**Arts Management**

Arts and culture has become an important sector of Canadian industry, with ties to tourism, education and government. This minor is designed to equip students with the business and management skills to pursue careers in arts and culture, whether in institutions or as sole practitioners.

**Christianity Studies**

Take a credit in a specified Religion survey course, half a credit in a survey course on ancient Judaism or Greco-Roman Religion, plus 3.0 credits in courses pertaining to the study of Christianity from Religion, or—with the approval of the Religion coordinator—from another discipline.

**Design**

The minor in Design provides an opportunity for students to learn the fundamentals of design and to creatively integrate them into their main field of study. Students will learn about the design of products, systems, services, and experiences with consideration of how they are related to environmental, psycho-social and economic factors, and their contribution towards a better quality of life.

**Digital Humanities**

This minor engages with powerful trends in the discipline of English studies to equip you with the critical thinking and the cultural literacies necessary for harnessing the theoretical and
creative possibilities opened up by computing technologies, networks and digital culture. Explore the ways in which digital technologies are transforming reading, writing and literature and providing new insights into our textual past.

**Disability Studies**
Explore the ethics, politics, history and contemporary cultural dynamics of ‘disability’ from an interdisciplinary perspective. Students will focus on the discourses that create the category of disability in society.

**Drama Studies**
This minor allows non-English majors to make the study of the history and criticism of drama, and, to a lesser extent, dramaturgy, a substantive and separately identified part of their BA programs. Course options include a combination of workshops (in acting and stagecraft and/or writing for stage and screen) and the intensive study of world and historical drama, including Shakespeare.

**Industrial Economics**
Offered through the Department of Economics, this minor is designed for engineering students who wish to learn the aspects of economics that are most relevant to their major.

**Islamic Studies**
Take a half-credit in a specified Religion survey course, plus 3.5 credits in courses pertaining to Islamic studies from Religion or—with the approval of the Religion coordinator—from another discipline.

**Jewish Studies**
Take a half-credit in a specified Religion survey course, plus 3.5 credits in courses with a Jewish theme from Religion or—with the approval of the Religion coordinator—from other disciplines.

**Latin American and Caribbean Studies**
Learn about the diverse politics, cultures and economies of this exciting region through perspectives drawn from disciplines such as Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology, Human Rights, History and Law. One objective of this minor is to provide a community for students interested in Latin American and Caribbean Studies and present students with new possibilities in research and participation in community-building.

**Medieval and Early Modern Studies**
Gain an interdisciplinary understanding of the Middle Ages and the Early Modern period, as experienced not only in European and Byzantine contexts but also in the Islamic world. The MEMS minor offers a pathway for students to explore these periods by linking together many courses offered at Carleton in different departments.

**Modern Languages**
A language minor can enhance both your degree and your career opportunities. Students can pursue a minor in any of these modern languages: American Sign Language, German, Italian, Japanese, Chinese (Mandarin), Russian and Spanish. These minors are offered through the School of Linguistics and Language Studies.

**Professional Writing**
The Professional Writing Minor is unique in the National Capital Region. Our students understand writing as a practice embedded in culture, situate writing in specific contexts, and gain experience writing in the workplace. Writing is one of the most valuable transferable skills in today’s knowledge-based economy, and our students leave prepared for their professional lives in government, NGOs, medical institutions and beyond.

**Sexuality Studies**
This minor offers an interdisciplinary approach to a fast-growing field of study. Examine sexuality in its historical context and through current social, political and cultural practices. Topics include queer and trans theory and politics, marriage and the family, pornography and censorship, reproductive rights and HIV/AIDS activism.

**South Asian Studies**
The Minor in South Asian Studies engages students in the cultures, histories and literature of what is now India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. The courses examine a wide variety of cultural elements unique to South Asian culture such as South Asian religions, philosophies, art, music, film and English literature. In doing so, the minor engages students in one of the world’s most prominent regions and cultures through both historical and contemporary lenses.

**Technology, Society, Environment Studies**
Multidisciplinary in nature, the TSE minor addresses the problems that have been created by the interactions of technology, society and the environment. The courses in this program cover a wide range of topics from technology in ancient societies to contemporary issues in risk, innovation, forecasting, information technology, environmental sustainability, product life cycle analysis, energy use and the philosophy of technology.

**Urban Studies**
Urbanization has become a defining feature of the twenty-first century. Rapidly urbanizing areas pose both challenges and opportunities with regards to sustainability, social justice, equity and human rights. The minor in Urban Studies helps students understand how cities work (or fail to work), and provides the concepts and skills needed to tackle critical questions of metropolitan governance, urban development and quality of life.
# Admission to the Bachelor of Arts

## Ontario admission requirements

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**Legend**

- Co-operative education available

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### Admission Requirements

It is Carleton University policy to consider your best performance in any eligible course in the admissions assessment. Since the number of qualified applicants may be greater than the number of available spaces, cut-off averages and required marks may vary. Visit admissions.carleton.ca/requirements for the current admission requirements.

### How to apply

If you are presently finishing your last year of high school, you must obtain your login information from your guidance office before applying online through the Ontario Universities’ Application Centre (OUAC).

If you are studying outside of Ontario or if you are not currently in school, you can apply directly through OUAC’s online service at www.ouac.on.ca.

For more information on how to apply to Carleton University, visit admissions.carleton.ca/apply.
We are pleased to offer our students one of the most generous scholarship programs in the country. Last year, more than 12,000 scholarships and bursaries totaling over $21.5 million were awarded to undergraduate students. Contact our Awards and Financial Aid Office to get information on all your financial assistance options.

**Entrance Scholarships**
If you have been admitted to Carleton with an admissions average of 80 per cent or better, you will automatically be considered for a renewable entrance scholarship at the time of admission. The admissions average we use is calculated from the grades submitted by your high school in support of your application. Entrance scholarships are offered for fall entry only. You may be offered a renewable entrance scholarship provided you are entering Carleton for the first time from high school or CEGEP and have no previous attendance at post-secondary educational institutions. To be considered for an entrance scholarship, the University’s Admissions Services must receive your complete application for admission and all required grades (either directly or through the Ontario Universities Application Centre) by June 15. Entrance scholarship offers are not assessed or reassessed on final high school grades.

**Prestige Scholarships**
Our highest awards are our prestige scholarships. You will be considered for a prestige scholarship only if you are entering Carleton directly from high school or CEGEP. For all prestige scholarships, you must achieve an admission average of 90 per cent or better. The selection committee will also assess the range of your community or secondary school extracurricular activities. An application is required. Deadline is March 1.

Students may also be eligible for one of our Carleton bursaries, financial need-based awards that do not have to be repaid.

**Bursaries**
A bursary is a monetary award similar to a scholarship in that you are not expected to repay it, but is awarded primarily on financial need rather than academic achievement. A Carleton University Entrance Bursary will provide you with additional funds and will help you meet the direct education costs of your first-year studies. To be considered for an Entrance Bursary, apply online by June 30. [carleton.ca/awards](http://carleton.ca/awards)

**Leadership Entrance Bursary**
High school students who have taken a leadership role in their school’s extracurricular activities and in community service may also be considered for a Leadership Entrance Bursary. An application is required. To learn more, visit the bursary information on the Awards website. [carleton.ca/awards](http://carleton.ca/awards)

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*All renewable at A- standing*
Other degree programs

For a full list of Carleton University’s undergraduate degrees, visit admissions.carleton.ca/programs.

Other degree programs in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Public Affairs include:

• Bachelor of Cognitive Science
• Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies
• Bachelor of Economics
• Bachelor of Global and International Studies
• Bachelor of Humanities
• Bachelor of Journalism
• Bachelor of Journalism and Humanities
• Bachelor of Media Production and Design
• Bachelor of Music
• Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management
• Bachelor of Social Work