



## STUDENT EXPERIENCE & SUPPORT

- Engage with a diverse, international cohort of scholars and practitioners.
- Benefit from mentorship by faculty engaged in decolonial, anti-racist, and community-based research.
- Access Carleton's dynamic research environment, with opportunities for both thesis and essay-based work.
- Enjoy small-group, seminar-style classes that foster critical discussion and collaboration.
- Dedicated graduate lounge and co-working study space with a stunning view of the Rideau Canal and Ottawa River — a perfect place to write, collaborate, and connect with fellow grad students.



## WHY CHOOSE CARLETON

- Join a collaborative, interdisciplinary academic community.
- Deepen your expertise in human rights and social justice scholarship.
- Gain the tools and experience to create meaningful social change.
- Located in Ottawa, Canada's capital, offering unparalleled opportunities for policy and NGO networking.

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MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.)  
HUMAN RIGHTS & SOCIAL  
JUSTICE

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*The next step in your journey toward  
becoming a change-maker.*

# WHY STUDY HUMAN RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE AT CARLETON?

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At Carleton University, the Master of Arts in Human Rights and Social Justice offers a bold and interdisciplinary approach that bridges scholarship, activism, and community-based engagement.

You'll explore critical frameworks emerging from anti-colonial, decolonial, anti-racist, transnational, and community-driven practices — developing both intellectual depth and practical tools for advancing justice.

## Program Highlights

- Interdisciplinary focus: Draw from multiple fields across social sciences, humanities, and policy studies.
- Innovative learning: Engage with cutting-edge theories and real-world case studies.
- Community connections: Collaborate with organizations and networks advancing justice locally and globally.

# CORE FOCUS AREAS

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- Critical human rights and citizenship
- Public and global health
- Social movements and political cultures of solidarity
- Indigenous epistemologies and self-determination
- Socio-environmental justice
- Queer & trans rights and social justice
- Anti-terrorism, anti-security, and anti-policing frameworks

# PROGRAM DETAILS

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## At a Glance

- Degree: Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Duration: 2 years full-time (part-time available)
- Entry Term: Fall
- Application Deadline: February 1
- Pathways: Thesis, Research Essay, or Coursework options

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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- Honours bachelor's degree with a minimum B+ average in human rights, social justice, or a related field
- Applicants from other disciplines may be admitted with additional coursework
- Required application materials:
  - a. Official transcripts (with translation if applicable)
  - b. Two academic references (one non-academic may be accepted in special cases)
  - c. Statement of Intent (1–2 pages) outlining your research interests, potential supervisor(s), and academic goals
  - d. CV/Resume
  - e. Writing Sample
  - f. Proof of English language proficiency (if required)

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## Apply & Connect

International applicants are strongly encouraged to apply well in advance of the deadline to allow sufficient time for immigration and visa processing.