

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

CARLETON UNIVERSITY

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 coworking 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.

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.

CONTACT US



+1 613-520-2368



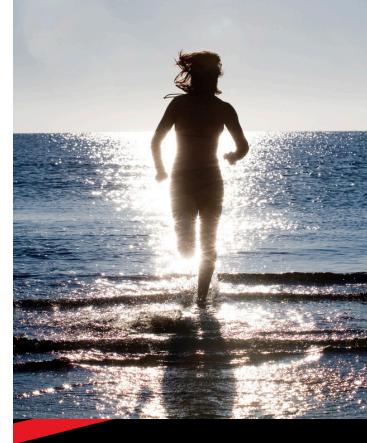
iisgrad@carleton.ca



carleton.ca/iis/master-of-artshuman-rights-social-justice



1315 Dunton Tower, 1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa ON K1S 5B6



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



WHY STUDY HUMAN RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE AT CARLETON?

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

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

PROGRAM DETAILS

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

- 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)

Graduate Advisor: Dr. Paul Mkandawire **Graduate Program**

Administrator: iisgrad@carleton.ca

Apply & Connect

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