

Northern Studies



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

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

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

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

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

Degrees Offered

MA, MSc, Graduate Diplomas

Career Options

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

Application Deadlines

February 1 (priority placement)
July 15 (final deadline)

Admissions Requirements

- **MA, MSc and Graduate Diploma (Type 3):** An honours degree (or four-year degree) with B+ standing. Customarily, applicants will have degrees in the environmental sciences, sociology, anthropology, political science, economics, geography, or a related field. Applicants with degrees in other disciplines, or without an honours degree, must demonstrate equivalent experience that may have prepared them for the program.
- **Graduate Diploma (Type 2):** Enrolment in a master's or doctoral program; letter of support from your supervisor; and a 500-word letter outlining the reasons you want to enrol in the program.