GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN CANADIAN STUDIES

The School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies tackles problems that do not fit easily into disciplinary boundaries, including the relationship between settlers and the land they occupy, the trauma of colonialism and the process of reconciliation, the complexities of understanding and preserving heritage, tensions between urban and rural parts of the country, nation-branding and the representation and performance of identity. In particular, we consider the conjoined histories of Indigenous peoples and Canadians as a complex, ambiguous and often violent relationship which continues to impact every resident of this country.

These problems demand creative and innovative research methods and ways of thinking. The goal of our graduate programs is to help students develop the skills necessary to meet them. We offer a master’s program and a PhD program that has been run jointly with Trent University since 2001.

We also offer a specialization in Digital Humanities at the master’s level and a specialization in Political Economy at the PhD level.

We invite you to join us as we aim to remember honestly and move forward respectfully into our shared future.

FACULTY AND STUDENT RESEARCH AREAS INCLUDE:
- Indigenous studies
- Heritage conservation
- Identities, cultures & nationalisms
- Digital humanities
- Quebec studies
- Critical settler studies

DEGREES OFFERED
MA, PhD

CAREER OPTIONS
The knowledge and skills students acquire in the Canadian Studies graduate programs are in demand in organizations and workplaces across Canada and globally. The PhD program produces academic teachers and researchers with specialized expertise in Canadian Studies.

FALL APPLICATION DEADLINE
February 1, in order to be eligible for funding for both the MA and PhD programs

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
MA: An honours bachelor’s degree, or equivalent, in one of the disciplines represented in the school with an average of B+ or higher. Special consideration may be given to applicants interested in the Indigenous Studies and the North research area who have extensive knowledge of the North or Indigenous peoples.

PhD: A master’s degree, or equivalent, in Canadian studies or a closely related field with a minimum average of A- in courses, including the thesis (where applicable) and with no grade below a B+.

I am grateful to have the opportunity to work with faculty and students who provide a diverse array of experiences and knowledges, due to the interdisciplinary nature of The School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies. SICS provides a supportive and academically rigorous environment in which students are encouraged to explore and pursue a variety of research interests. I feel that I have grown so much as a scholar in Indigenous Studies since joining the School, and have recommended the MA and PhD program to many friends and colleagues!

— Charlotte Hoelke, PhD candidate, MA/13

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