GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN
Migration and Diaspora Studies

Carleton's Migration and Diaspora Initiative is a national and international leader promoting interdisciplinary dialogue and links between scholars and practitioners.

The innovative interdisciplinary graduate programs in Migration and Diaspora Studies allow you to address such interconnected issues as refugee movements, migration, mobility and diasporas that inform the modern world. The program supports historically-informed and forward-looking approaches to the analysis of cultural and social identities, diversity and integration, exile and memory, forced migration and refugee communities.

The two-year Master of Arts (MA) in Migration and Diaspora Studies offers three pathways: coursework-only, research essay and thesis. A co-operative education option —requiring two terms of full-time paid employment — is available to full-time students in the MA program while full- and part-time students can pursue part-time, usually unpaid, practicum placements for course credit. Both options allow you to combine your academic studies with real-world work experience and will aid you in the transition from your studies to the job market.

Migration and Diaspora Studies also offers a Graduate Diploma in Migration and Diaspora Studies that can be completed in two terms of coursework. This program is offered as a direct entry program to gain additional graduate-level credentials in Migration and Diaspora Studies for professional or academic purposes. Current Carleton graduate students enrolled in another MA or PhD program may choose to combine the Graduate Diploma in Migration and Diaspora Studies with their existing program, adding valuable credentials to supplement their home degree.

Degrees Offered
MA, Graduate Diplomas

Career Options
Located in the heart of Canada’s National Capital Region, Ottawa offers unparalleled access to resources and opportunities for co-ops and experiential opportunities for law school or PhD programs in a variety of disciplines, as well as jobs in public service, cultural institutions and creative industries, migration and humanitarian INGOs, migration and settlement-related agencies, and in public museums and heritage sites. In the private sector, likely employers include non-profit, non-governmental, or community organizations, that deal with issues such as immigrant settlement, refugees and advocacy for migrants.

Application Deadlines
MA: Applications received by February 1 will be reviewed and considered for admissions funding. International applicants must apply by February 1. Domestic applications received after February 1 will only be considered if space still remains.
Graduate Diploma: Priority will be given to applications received by March 1. International applicants must apply by February 1. There is no admissions funding offered for the graduate diploma program.

Admission Requirements
MA: A four-year Bachelor’s degree or equivalent ideally in a humanities, social sciences, or interdisciplinary program. Previous coursework in Migration and Diaspora Studies is an asset. Practical experience working with migrant or diaspora issues will also be taken into consideration.

Graduate Diplomas:
Concurrent (Type 2): Enrollment in a Master’s or Doctoral degree program at Carleton University and an interest in Migration and Diaspora Studies.
Direct-entry (Type 3): A four-year Bachelor’s degree or equivalent. Practical experience working with migrant or diaspora issues will also be taken into consideration.

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