### Canadian Studies

**Program Requirements**

#### M.A. Canadian Studies (4.0 credits)

**Requirements - coursework option (4.0 credits)**

1. **0.5 credit in:**
   - CDNS 5001 [0.5] M.A. Core Seminar: Conceptualizing Canada

2. **1.0 credit from:**
   - CDNS 5101 [0.5] Indigenous Peoples, Canada and the North
   - CDNS 5102 [0.5] Indigenous Politics and Resurgence in Canada
   - CDNS 5201 [0.5] Critical Perspectives on Canadian Feminism
   - CDNS 5202 [0.5] Gendering Canada: Selected Contemporary Debates
   - CDNS 5301 [0.5] Canadian Cultural Studies
   - CDNS 5302 [0.5] Canadian Cultural Policy
   - CDNS 5401 [0.5] Heritage Conservation I: History, Principles, and Concepts
   - CDNS 5402 [0.5] Heritage Conservation II: Theory in Practice
   - CDNS 5501 [0.5] Decolonizing Canada: Cultural Politics and Collective Identities
   - CDNS 5601 [0.5] Constructing Canada: The Politics of National Identity

3. **2.5 credits from the courses listed above, or:**
   - CDNS 5800 [1.0] Internship/Practicum
   - CDNS 5801 [0.5] Internship/Practicum
   - CDNS 5900 [1.0] Directed Studies
   - CDNS 5901 [0.5] Directed Studies
   - Or a course approved by the Graduate Supervisor

**Total Credits** 4.0

**Requirements - research essay option (4.0 credits)**

1. **1.0 credit in M.A. Research Essay**
   - CDNS 5908 [1.0] Research Essay

2. **0.5 credit in:**
   - CDNS 5001 [0.5] M.A. Core Seminar: Conceptualizing Canada

3. **1.0 credit chosen from:**
   - CDNS 5101 [0.5] Indigenous Peoples, Canada and the North
   - CDNS 5102 [0.5] Indigenous Politics and Resurgence in Canada
   - CDNS 5201 [0.5] Critical Perspectives on Canadian Feminism
   - CDNS 5202 [0.5] Gendering Canada: Selected Contemporary Debates
   - CDNS 5301 [0.5] Canadian Cultural Studies
   - CDNS 5302 [0.5] Canadian Cultural Policy
   - CDNS 5401 [0.5] Heritage Conservation I: History, Principles, and Concepts
   - CDNS 5402 [0.5] Heritage Conservation II: Theory in Practice
   - CDNS 5501 [0.5] Decolonizing Canada: Cultural Politics and Collective Identities
   - CDNS 5601 [0.5] Constructing Canada: The Politics of National Identity

3. **0.5 credit from the courses listed above, or:**
   - CDNS 5901 [0.5] Directed Studies
   - Or a course approved by the Graduate Supervisor

**Total Credits** 4.0

**Requirements - thesis option (4.0 credits)**

1. **2.0 credits in M.A. Thesis**
   - CDNS 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis

0.5 credit in:
   - CDNS 5001 [0.5] M.A. Core Seminar: Conceptualizing Canada

2. **1.0 credit chosen from:**
   - CDNS 5101 [0.5] Indigenous Peoples, Canada and the North
   - CDNS 5102 [0.5] Indigenous Politics and Resurgence in Canada
   - CDNS 5201 [0.5] Critical Perspectives on Canadian Feminism
   - CDNS 5202 [0.5] Gendering Canada: Selected Contemporary Debates
   - CDNS 5301 [0.5] Canadian Cultural Studies
   - CDNS 5302 [0.5] Canadian Cultural Policy
   - CDNS 5401 [0.5] Heritage Conservation I: History, Principles, and Concepts
   - CDNS 5402 [0.5] Heritage Conservation II: Theory in Practice
   - CDNS 5501 [0.5] Decolonizing Canada: Cultural Politics and Collective Identities
   - CDNS 5601 [0.5] Constructing Canada: The Politics of National Identity

3. **0.5 credit from the courses listed above, or:**
   - CDNS 5901 [0.5] Directed Studies
   - Or a course approved by the Graduate Supervisor

**Total Credits** 4.0

**Thesis/Research Essay Proposal**

At the time of declaring their option, thesis/research essay students are encouraged to declare a preliminary topic and tentative list of potential supervisors. Thesis/research essay students must submit a research proposal to the School that has been approved by their thesis/research essay supervisor prior to registering in CDNS 5908 [1.0] or CDNS 5909 [2.0].

**NOTE:** Students in the thesis or research essay option are restricted to a maximum of 0.5 credit in a Directed Studies course (CDNS 5901 [0.5]).

### M.A. Canadian Studies with Specialization in Digital Humanities (4.0 credits)

**Requirements - coursework option (4.0 credits)**

1. **0.5 credit in:**
   - CDNS 5001 [0.5] M.A. Core Seminar: Conceptualizing Canada

2. **1.0 credit from:**
   - CDNS 5101 [0.5] Indigenous Peoples, Canada and the North
   - CDNS 5201 [0.5] Critical Perspectives on Canadian Feminism
   - CDNS 5301 [0.5] Canadian Cultural Studies
   - CDNS 5302 [0.5] Canadian Cultural Policy
   - CDNS 5401 [0.5] Heritage Conservation I: History, Principles, and Concepts
   - CDNS 5402 [0.5] Heritage Conservation II: Theory in Practice
   - CDNS 5501 [0.5] Decolonizing Canada: Cultural Politics and Collective Identities

**Total Credits** 4.0
### CDNS 5102 [0.5] Indigenous Politics and Resurgence in Canada
### CDNS 5201 [0.5] Critical Perspectives on Canadian Feminism
### CDNS 5202 [0.5] Gendering Canada: Selected Contemporary Debates
### CDNS 5301 [0.5] Canadian Cultural Studies
### CDNS 5302 [0.5] Canadian Cultural Policy
### CDNS 5401 [0.5] Heritage Conservation I: History, Principles, and Concepts
### CDNS 5501 [0.5] Decolonizing Canada: Cultural Politics and Collective Identities
### CDNS 5601 [0.5] Constructing Canada: The Politics of National Identity

#### 3. 1.0 credit from:

- Courses listed in Item 2 above not already chosen for that item, or:
  - CDNS 5801 [0.5] Internship/Practicum
  - CDNS 5901 [0.5] Directed Studies
  - or a course approved by the Graduate Supervisor

#### 4. 0.5 credit in:

- DIGH 5000 [0.5] Issues in the Digital Humanities

#### 5. 1.0 credit in Digital Humanities (DIGH 5011, DIGH 5012, or approved Digital Humanities electives)

#### 6. 0.0 credit in:

- DIGH 5800 [0.0] Digital Humanities: Professional Development

### Total Credits

4.0

### Requirements - research essay option (4.0 credits)

#### 1. 1.0 credit in:

- CDNS 5908 [1.0] Research Essay

#### 2. 0.5 credit in:

- CDNS 5001 [0.5] M.A. Core Seminar: Conceptualizing Canada

#### 3. 1.0 credit from:

- CDNS 5101 [0.5] Indigenous Peoples, Canada and the North
  - CDNS 5102 [0.5] Indigenous Politics and Resurgence in Canada
  - CDNS 5201 [0.5] Critical Perspectives on Canadian Feminism
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  - CDNS 5501 [0.5] Decolonizing Canada: Cultural Politics and Collective Identities
  - CDNS 5601 [0.5] Constructing Canada: The Politics of National Identity

#### 4. 0.5 credit in:

- DIGH 5000 [0.5] Issues in the Digital Humanities

#### 5. 0.5 credit in Digital Humanities (DIGH 5011, DIGH 5012, or approved Digital Humanities electives)

#### 6. 0.0 credit in:

- DIGH 5800 [0.0] Digital Humanities: Professional Development

### Total Credits

4.0

### Thesis/Research Essay Proposal

At the time of declaring their option, thesis/research essay students are encouraged to declare a preliminary topic and tentative list of potential supervisors. Thesis/research essay students must submit a research proposal to the School that has been approved by their thesis/research essay supervisor prior to registering in CDNS 5908 or CDNS 5909.

### Ph.D. Canadian Studies (10.0 credits)

#### Requirements:

#### 1. 1.0 credit in:

- CDNS 6900 [1.0] Ph.D. Core Seminar: Interdisciplinarity in Canadian Studies: Concepts, Theories and Methods

#### 2. 0.5 credit in DIGH (DIGH 5011, DIGH 5012, or approved Digital Humanities electives)

#### 3. 0.0 credit in:

- DIGH 5800 [0.0] Digital Humanities: Professional Development

### Total Credits

4.0
2. **1.0 credit in** 5000- or 6000-level courses or tutorials (or the equivalent) offered by the School (or approved by the Graduate Supervisor); a GPA of 9.0 or better must be obtained in these courses for students to be allowed to proceed to the comprehensive examinations. 1.0

3. **1.0 credit in** the successful completion of two 0.5-credit written comprehensive examinations. Students will be examined in two areas of research. (See note) 1.0

4. Language requirement: satisfactory demonstration of an understanding of a language other than English. Although French is the preferred second language, students may be permitted to substitute an Aboriginal language indigenous to Canada or another language if it is demonstrably relevant to their research interests.

5. A public defence, in English, of a written thesis proposal. Following the completion of their comprehensives, students will be expected to defend a proposal of the research and analysis they plan to undertake in completing their Ph.D. thesis. The thesis proposal defence should normally occur within six months after completion of a student's comprehensive examinations and within the first 27 months of registration in the program. The thesis committee will be composed of three faculty members, always including one from each university. 5.0

6. **7.0 credits in** a Thesis, which must be successfully defended in English at an oral examination. 7.0

Total Credits 10.0

**Note - Comprehensive Examinations:** Full-time students are expected to complete their comprehensive examinations within 24 months of their initial registration in the Ph.D. program. Part-time Ph.D. students should finish their comprehensive examinations within 36 months of completing course work. Both full-time and part-time students should complete their comprehensive examinations before defending their dissertation proposal. Candidates are required to take an oral examination after each written examination.

**Regulations**

The minimum requirements for the master's program are outlined in the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

The School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies specifies that all candidates must select one of the following three program patterns:

- 4.0 credits of coursework
- 3.0 credits plus a 1.0 credit research essay
- 2.0 credits plus a 2.0 credit thesis

Students must declare their option as coursework, thesis, or research essay no later than the end of the second term of registration for students enrolled full-time, and no later than the end of the fifth term of registration for students enrolled part-time. For students beginning their program in September the deadline is the following April 30, and for students starting in January the deadline is the following August 31.

**Academic Standing**

Doctoral candidates must successfully complete 10.0 credits. Candidates with deficiencies in certain areas may be admitted to the Ph.D. program, but normally will be required to complete additional work.
Admission
Applicants to the M.A. Canadian Studies are required to hold a B.A. Honours (or the equivalent), with at least high honours standing.

Accelerated Pathway
The accelerated pathway in the M.A. in Canadian Studies is a flexible and individualized plan of graduate study for students in their final year of a Carleton M.A. in Canadian Studies.

Students in their third-year of study in the B.A. Honours Canadian Studies degree should consult with both the Undergraduate Supervisor and the Graduate Supervisor to determine if the accelerated pathway is appropriate for them and to confirm their selection of courses for their final year of undergraduate studies.

Accelerated Pathway Requirements
1. CDNS courses at the 5000-level with a grade of B+ or higher
2. Minimum overall CGPA of A-

Students may receive advanced standing with transfer of credit of up to 1.0 credit which can reduce their time to completion.

Qualifying Year
Applicants who do not qualify for direct admission to the master's program may, in exceptional cases, be admitted to a qualifying-year program. However, admission to the qualifying-year program does not imply automatic admission to the master's program. At the end of the qualifying-year program the student will be required to apply for entry into the master's program, at which time the School will determine the student's eligibility to enter the program.

Proficiency in English
Proficiency in English is necessary to pursue graduate studies at Carleton University. All applicants whose first language is not English must satisfy this requirement by presenting a TOEFL score of 600 or higher.

Language Requirement
The School requires a reading knowledge of French. This is a program requirement and not an admission requirement. This requirement may be satisfied in the following ways:

• Successful completion of FINS 3105 or its equivalent (with a grade of B- or better).
• Successful completion of a French language examination.
• Alternatively, a student may fulfill this requirement with a demonstrated knowledge of an Aboriginal language.
• The School conducts the French language examinations in September and January. Students choosing the first option should note that examination results in these courses form part of their record, although they are additional to the course requirements for the degree.

Admission
Admission to the Ph.D. Canadian Studies requires a master's degree (or equivalent), with at least high honours standing in Canadian Studies or one of the disciplines represented in the School. Applicants should note, however, that meeting the admission requirement does not guarantee admission to the program.

The Ph.D. program in Canadian Studies normally will be undertaken on a full-time basis. In cases of exceptional merit, the School will accept a few candidates for the degree on a part-time basis.

Language Requirement
All doctoral students are required to pass the Ph.D. program's language test. The language test entails the translation into English of a French text (or a text in another approved language such as an Aboriginal language indigenous to Canada or another language if it is demonstrably relevant to their research interest). The language test is two hours long, and students are permitted to use a dictionary. Grades for the language test are Pass or Fail.

Students who have taken a language test as a requirement for their M.A. cannot use it to meet the Ph.D. language requirement. In order to establish equal treatment of all students, all doctoral candidates will be required to pass the Ph.D. language test.