Migration and Diaspora Studies

This section presents the requirements for programs in:

- M.A. Migration and Diaspora Studies
- Graduate Diploma in Migration and Diaspora Studies

M.A. Migration and Diaspora Studies (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Coursework pathway

1. 1.0 credit in:
   - MGDS 5001 [0.5] Introduction to Migration and Diaspora Studies
   - MGDS 5003 [0.5] Research Seminar in Migration and Diaspora Studies

2. 0.5 credit in MGDS at the 5000 level. May not include MGDS 5101.

3. 3.5 credits from Migration and Diaspora Studies electives (see below). Up to 1.0 credit in Migration and Diaspora Studies practicum placements (MGDS 5101) may count toward this requirement.

Total Credits: 5.0

Requirements - Research essay pathway

1. 1.0 credit in:
   - MGDS 5001 [0.5] Introduction to Migration and Diaspora Studies
   - MGDS 5003 [0.5] Research Seminar in Migration and Diaspora Studies

2. 0.5 credit in MGDS at the 5000 level. May not include MGDS 5101.

3. 2.5 credits from Migration and Diaspora Studies electives (see below). Up to 1.0 credit in Migration and Diaspora Studies practicum placements (MGDS 5101) may count toward this requirement.

4. 1.0 credit in:
   - MGDS 5908 [1.0] Research Essay

Note: a minimum of 9.0 CGPA is required in the first 3.0 credits of coursework for students to continue in the Research Essay Pathway.

Total Credits: 5.0

Requirements - Thesis pathway

1. 1.0 credit in:
   - MGDS 5001 [0.5] Introduction to Migration and Diaspora Studies
   - MGDS 5003 [0.5] Research Seminar in Migration and Diaspora Studies

2. 0.5 credit in MGDS at the 5000 level. May not include MGDS 5101.

3. 1.5 credits from Migration and Diaspora Studies electives (see below). Up to 1.0 credit in Migration and Diaspora Studies practicum placements (MGDS 5101) may count towards this requirement.

4. 2.0 credits in:
   - MGDS 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis

Note: a minimum of 10.0 CGPA is required in the first 3.0 credits of coursework for students to continue in the Thesis pathway.

Total Credits: 5.0

Graduate Diploma in Migration and Diaspora Studies (2.5 credits)

Requirements (Type 2 and Type 3 Graduate Diploma):

1. 0.5 credit in:
   - MGDS 5001 [0.5] Introduction to Migration and Diaspora Studies

2. 0.5 credit from MGDS at the 5000 level. May not include MGDS 5101.

3. 1.5 credits from Migration and Diaspora Studies Electives (see below). Only 0.5 credit in MGDS 5101 Practicum in Migration and Diaspora Studies may count toward this requirement.

Note: for Type 2 (concurrent) Graduate Diploma students, with approval from both units up to 1.0 credit may be counted toward both the diploma and the degree.

Total Credits: 2.5

Migration and Diaspora Studies Electives List

Anthropology
- ANTH 5109 [0.5] Ethnography, Gender and Globalization

Art History
- ARTH 5112 [0.5] Topics in Historiography, Methodology and Criticism (only with approved topics in Migration and Diaspora Studies)
- ARTH 5115 [0.5] Topics in Modern and Contemporary Art (only with approved topics in Migration and Diaspora Studies)
- ARTH 5117 [0.5] Community/Identity

Canadian Studies
- CDNS 5501 [0.5] Decolonizing Canada: Cultural Politics and Collective Identities
- CDNS 5601 [0.5] Constructing Canada: The Politics of National Identity

Communication Studies
- COMS 5207 [0.5] Communication and Racialization
- COMS 5222 [0.5] Cultural Intersections
- COMS 5214 [0.5] The Local and the Global

Cultural Mediations
- CLMD 6102 [0.5] Issues in Transnationalism

English
- ENGL 5004 [0.5] Studies in Transnational Literatures
- ENGL 5008 [0.5] Studies in African Literature
- ENGL 5009 [0.5] Studies in South Asian Literature
- ENGL 5010 [0.5] Studies in Caribbean Literature

European, Russian and Eurasian Studies
- EURR 5304 [0.5] Europe and International Migration

Film Studies
- FILM 5203 [0.5] Issues in World Cinema
- FILM 5506 [0.5] Topics in Culture, Identity and Representation

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**SOCI 5406 [0.5] Citizenship and Globalization**

Note: With approval of the program director, up to 1.0 credit in courses that are not in Migration and Diaspora Studies but which are relevant to the student's program or research interests may be counted towards the MDS electives requirement.

**Regulations**

See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

**Admission Requirements**

**M.A. Migration and Diaspora Studies**

The normal requirement for admission to the Master's program is an Honours Bachelor's degree (or equivalent), with at least a B+ average.

For admission to the program, applicants should normally possess a four-year undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in a humanities or social sciences discipline 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.

**Accelerated Pathway**

The accelerated pathway in Migration and Diaspora Studies is a flexible and individualized plan of graduate study for students in their final year of a Carleton University undergraduate degree.

Students in their third year of study in a Carleton University undergraduate degree should consult with both the Undergraduate Advisor in their program of study and the Migration and Diaspora Studies Program Director 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. At least 1.0 credit in Migration and Diaspora Studies elective courses (5000-level 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.

**Admission Requirements for Diploma in Migration and Diaspora Studies (Type 2)**

- Enrolment in a Master's or Doctoral degree program at Carleton University.
- Letter of support from the student's supervisor or, if no supervisor has been assigned, a faculty member in the home program.
- A 1-2 page statement of interest from the applicant outlining the reasons for wishing to enrol in the Migration and Diaspora Studies Diploma program.

**Admissions Requirements for Diploma in Migration and Diaspora Studies (Type 3)**

- An Honours Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in a related discipline, with an average of B+ or higher.
University transcripts must be submitted as part of the application.

- A 1-2 page statement of interest from the applicant outlining the reasons for wishing to enrol in the Migration and Diaspora Studies Diploma program.
- An academic letter of recommendation. In addition, students with relevant professional or practical experience may submit a letter from their supervisor/employer.

Co-op Option

The co-op education program provides students in the MA Program in Migration and Diaspora Studies the opportunity to combine work placements with academic study. The practical experiences obtained in the workplace will reflect and extend knowledge and skills learned in the classroom and will help to develop career interests and marketable expertise. All students in the MA Program in Migration and Diaspora Studies have the opportunity to enroll in the co-op education program.

Co-op Admission Requirements

Students interested in admission into the co-op education option in Migration and Diaspora Studies must apply by the end of the first semester of academic study.

To be eligible for admission to the Co-Operative Education program in Migration and Diaspora Studies, students must:

1. be registered in the MA Program in Migration and Diaspora Studies;
2. have successfully completed by the start date of their first work term 2.0 credits of course requirements for the MA in Migration and Diaspora Studies which must include 0.5 credit in MGDS 5001 and an additional 0.5 credit from MGDS at the 5000 level (not including MGDS 5101);
3. be registered as a full-time student in each academic term prior to work term;
4. be eligible to work in Canada (for off-campus work placements).

Meeting the preceding requirements only establishes eligibility for admission to the co-op option - the prevailing job market may limit enrolment in it. Students should also note that hiring priority is given to Canadian citizens for co-op positions under the auspices of the Public Service Commission. Work terms for Migration and Diaspora Studies co-op students exist in a variety of public and private sector fields. Every effort will be made to ensure that there are appropriate work opportunities available, but there are no assurances that a co-op position will be found. Students with a high CGPA, enthusiasm, and potential, however, will have a competitive edge in securing co-op employment. Students will be assisted by the Carleton University Co-op Office to find work term positions.

Registration

Students who are accepted into the Co-op Education Option in Migration and Diaspora Studies must be registered in MGDS 5913 [0.0] Co-operative Work Term in each work term.

Note: This course does not carry academic course credit, but is noted on academic transcripts. Students are permitted to enroll in one 0.5 credit course during each work term.

Graduation

Students must successfully complete two work terms, in addition to the M.A. in Migration and Diaspora Studies requirements, to successfully graduate and receive a co-op designation on their final transcript and diploma.

Appeals

The Co-op Office administers the regulations and procedures applicable to the co-op option, and will report any situation of a student failing to report to a placement or being required to withdraw from the co-op option for any reason to the Migration and Diaspora Studies Program Director for a final decision. Any decision may be appealed through the normal channels of the University.

Students admitted to the Co-operative Education program must successfully complete two work placements each work term lasting four months, to receive a Co-operative Education designation on their academic transcript. Students register in the 0.0 credit Co-operative Education course MGDS 5913 and are permitted to enrol in one additional 0.5 credit course during each work term.

More information on Co-operative Education regulations can be found in Section 14 of the general regulations section of this Graduate Calendar.

Migration and Diaspora Studies (MGDS) Courses

MGDS 5001 [0.5 credit]
Introduction to Migration and Diaspora Studies
Advanced introduction to major themes in and approaches to both migration studies and diaspora studies, drawing on different disciplinary perspectives.
Prerequisite(s): enrolment in the MGDS MA or GDIP program or permission of the department.

MGDS 5002 [0.5 credit]
Key Issues in Migration and Diaspora Studies
Social, cultural, economic and political implications of the movement and transnational settlement of people with a multidisciplinary and multiscalar approach to topics such as citizenship, forced migration, diasporic communities, exile, immigration, global identities and transnationalism.

MGDS 5003 [0.5 credit]
Research Seminar in Migration and Diaspora Studies
Research design and methodology in migration and diaspora studies. Coursework students design a research project to be completed during the term. Research essay and thesis pathway students produce a proposal and work on the initial stages of their research project.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): enrolment in the MGDS MA program or permission of the department.
MGDS 5101 [0.5 credit]
Practicum in Migration and Diaspora Studies
Practicum placement in an organization that works in an area relevant to migration and diaspora studies. Requires written academic assignments. Graded SAT/UNS.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): permission of the department.

MGDS 5900 [0.5 credit]
Special Topics in Migration and Diaspora Studies
Advanced topics in Migration and Diaspora Studies. Topics vary from term to term.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as MGDS 4900, for which additional credit is precluded.

MGDS 5901 [0.5 credit]
Directed Readings in Migration and Diaspora Studies
Directed readings on a specific topic in Migration and Diaspora Studies.
Prerequisite(s): permission of the department.

MGDS 5908 [1.0 credit]
Research Essay
A research essay on a topic relating to Migration and Diaspora Studies. The topic must be approved by the program supervisor.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): permission of the department.

MGDS 5909 [2.0 credits]
M.A. Thesis
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): permission of the department.

MGDS 5913 [0.0 credit]
Co-operative Work Term
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): registration in the Co-operative Education Program option in the M.A.