Students who enroll in the Canadian Studies program at McGill University will acquire a broader and deeper understanding about Canada and the tools to participate in debates and actions that will shape the country’s future.

The Canadian Studies (CANS) program at McGill University is currently a Minor, with Major and Honours programs planned for 2022-23. It is designed to give students the necessary cultural, historical, political, and social contexts to analyze Canada’s challenges and opportunities.

Two main, broad areas of study:

Courses that focus on institutions, leadership, and public affairs
- Understanding Canada
- The politics of social policy in Canada
- Political violence and terrorism
- Shaping public affairs

Courses that put culture, diversity, and inequality in historical perspective
- Black Canadian history
- Indigenous peoples
- The legacies of colonialism
- Canadian cultural contexts and issues
- The role of museums
Attending and participating in high-profile events, meet and learn from government leaders and policy experts.

Explore stimulating courses both at MISC and in a wide range of departments within the Faculty of Arts.

Become better acquainted with this country’s strengths and challenges, its global impact.

Prepare for careers in law, public affairs, arts and cultural industries, business, foreign affairs, politics, journalism, education and research, and more.

"Take advantage of the intellectual life buzzing around MISC: events, book talks, visiting scholars, etc. There’s always a lot going on, and being a CANS student puts it all at your fingertips."

Mackenzie Bleho, Joint Honours in Canadian Studies and French Literature, '19

Articulating knowledge, motivating practice

If to grasp a country we must carefully examine its parts, nowhere is this more apparent than in Canada. Shaping Canada’s life requires a concrete understanding of the country’s history and society, and a perspective on the spaces where social movements meet political institutions.

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