

ATLANTIC CANADA STUDIES

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Atlantic Canada Studies is an interdisciplinary major, minor, honours, concentration, and certificate option in the Arts Faculty which has developed out of an increasing demand by students, faculty and the community generally, for a more organized study of this region.

Students who complete a major, minor, honours, concentration, or certificate in Atlantic Canada Studies will have helped to prepare themselves for a fuller and more meaningful participation in the life of Atlantic Canada, and will have acquired a useful background for careers in teaching, law, trade and industry, and the provincial and federal civil services. Their attention is particularly drawn to the advantages, from a career point of view, of taking Atlantic Canada Studies as part of a double major or honours.

Graduate Studies

For detailed information on the Master of Arts in Atlantic Canada Studies (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/programs/atlantic-canada-studies-ma/>), refer to the *Graduate Academic Calendar*.

Admission Requirements for the Certificate in Atlantic Canada Studies

The Certificate in Atlantic Canada Studies requires a formal application for admission and the official approval of the Undergraduate Coordinator for Atlantic Canada Studies. Students applying for admission to the program must have completed thirty (30) credit hours of undergraduate study at an accredited university or must show a demonstrated interest in the field. Students majoring in Atlantic Canada Studies at Saint Mary's University are not eligible for this program.

Students admitted to the program must complete at least eighteen (18) credit hours at Saint Mary's University. The official approval of the Undergraduate Coordinator for Atlantic Canada Studies is required for credit hours completed at another institution to be included in the certificate program.

Programs

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) is a well-established, foundational degree and requires the requirements listed below alongside general graduation requirements (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/faculties/faculty-arts/bachelor-arts/>).

Major in Atlantic Canada Studies

To complete a major in Atlantic Canada Studies, a student must meet the usual University requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree, and in particular, obtain forty-eight (48) credit hours from the courses listed below with a minimum GPA of 2.00 out of 4.3. At least 24 credit hours must be at the 2000 level or above.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ACST 1000	Making Sense of Atlantic Canada	3
Select a minimum of three credit hours in ACST 4000-level courses		3
Select 24 credit hours of Group A courses (p. 2)		24
Select 18 credit hours of Group B courses (p. 2)		18
Total Credit Hours		48

Concentration in Atlantic Canada Studies

To complete a concentration in Atlantic Canada Studies, a student must meet the usual University requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree, and in particular, obtain twenty-four (24) credit hours from the courses listed below with a minimum GPA of 2.00 out of 4.3. At least 18 credit hours must be at the 2000 level or above.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ACST 1000	Making Sense of Atlantic Canada	3
Select a minimum of three credit hours in ACST 4000-level courses		3
Select 18 credit hours of Group A courses (p. 2)		18
Total Credit Hours		24

Honours in Atlantic Canada Studies

To complete an honours program in Atlantic Canada Studies, a student must meet the usual University requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree, and in particular, obtain sixty (60) credit hours from the courses listed below with a minimum GPA of 3.00 out of 4.3. At least 48 credit hours must be at the 2000 level or above.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ACST 1000	Making Sense of Atlantic Canada	3
Select a minimum of three credit hours in ACST 4000-level courses		3
ACST 4500	Honours Seminar	6
Select 24 credit hours of Group A courses (p. 2)		24
Select 21 credit hours of Group B courses (p. 2)		21
Select three additional credit hours of Group A or Group B courses		3
Total Credit Hours		60

Minor in Atlantic Canada Studies

To complete a minor in Atlantic Canada Studies, a student must obtain twenty-four (24) credit hours from the courses listed below with a minimum GPA of 2.00 out of 4.3. At least 12 credit hours must be at the 2000 level and above.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ACST 1000	Making Sense of Atlantic Canada	3
Select 12 credit hours of Group A courses (p. 2)		12
Select nine credit hours of Group B courses (p. 2)		9
Total Credit Hours		24

Certificate in Atlantic Canada Studies

The Certificate in Atlantic Canada Studies is designed to meet the needs of students who wish to develop a more nuanced understanding of the region. It will be attractive for students from within Atlantic Canada

who wish to improve their knowledge of the local culture that shapes and surrounds them. As well, it provides a valuable educational option for international students travelling abroad who may wish to follow an intense, but carefully planned curriculum that combines a variety of different academic opportunities into a one-year program of study. By creating a classroom environment where local and international students share their different perspectives on the region, the certificate stimulates a useful exchange of ideas and fully integrates the study of Atlantic Canada into a broader national and global analytical framework.

By striking this balance between courses that are tightly focused on the study of the region, and supplementary classes designed to provide a broader Canadian context, the certificate provides students with a more nuanced and comprehensive understanding of Atlantic Canada's historical, political, economic and cultural life, as well as the region's natural environment.

To complete the Certificate, students are required to complete the following twenty-four (24) credit hours.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select 15 credit hours of Group A courses (p. 2)		15
Select nine credit hours of Group B courses (p. 2)		9
Total Credit Hours		24

Group A

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Atlantic Canada Studies		
ACST 1000	Making Sense of Atlantic Canada	3
ACST/IRST 1203	Scottish Gaelic - Introductory I	3
ACST/IRST 1204	Scottish Gaelic - Introductory II	3
ACST 1207	Mi'kmaw Language – Introductory I	3
ACST 1208	Mi'kmaw Language – Introductory II	3
ACST 2311	Inheriting Atlantic Canada: The Cultural Past	3
ACST 2313	Researching Atlantic Canada	3
ACST/IRST 2327	Scottish Gaelic-Intermediate I	3
ACST/IRST 2328	Scottish Gaelic - Intermediate II	3
ACST/HIST 2341	Atlantic Provinces History, to Confederation	3
ACST/HIST 2342	Atlantic Provinces History, from Confederation	3
ACST/ENGL 2380	Literature of Atlantic Canada	6
ACST 2400	Health and Social Policy in Atlantic Canada	3
ACST 2826 - ACST 2849	Selected Topics in Atlantic Canada Studies I	
ACST 3305	Atlantic Canada Film and Television	3
ACST 3312	Living in Atlantic Canada	3
ACST 3320	Gender in Atlantic Canada	3
ACST 3321	African Nova Scotian Culture	3
ACST/IRST 3325	The Irish and Atlantic Canada	3
ACST/GEOG 3340	Geography of Nova Scotia (Group D)	3
ACST/HIST 3354	The Foreign Protestants and the Founding of Lunenburg	3
ACST/HIST 3364	Nova Scotia in the Romantic Age, 1768-1836	3
ACST/HIST 3470	The British Black Atlantic	3

ACST 3826 - ACST 3849	Selected Topics in Atlantic Canada Studies II	
ACST 4400	Health, Illness and Disease in Atlantic Canada	3
ACST 4411	Atlantic Canada Seminar I	3
ACST 4500	Honours Seminar	6
ACST 4511	Honours Seminar ACST	3
ACST 4512	Honours Seminar ACST	3
ACST 4543	Indigenous Peoples in Atlantic Canada: Contemporary Issues	3
ACST/HIST 4565	Scottish Migration	3
ACST 4632	Atlantic Canada Ecology and Resources	3
ACST 4633	Reading the Landscapes of Atlantic Canada	3
ACST 4876 - ACST 4899	Directed Readings	
Anthropology		
ANTH 2316	Indigenous Peoples of Canada	3
ANTH 3379	The Archaeology of Acadia	3
ANTH 4466	Researching Halifax Heritage	3
Economics		
ECON 3324	The Atlantic Canadian Economy	3
ECON 3325	Atlantic Canadian Economy Seminar	3
English		
ENGL 2461	Mi'kmaq Storytelling and Literature	3
ENGL 4465	Indigenous Literature Seminar	3
Environmental Science		
ENVS 3310	Field Course in Environmental Science	3
Geography		
GEOG 3340	Geography of Nova Scotia (Group D)	3
GEOG 3454	Bay of Fundy: Environments and Issues (Group D)	6
Geology		
GEOL 1202	Planet Earth: Atlantic Canada Perspective	3
GEOL 1203	Earth History: Atlantic Canada Perspective	3
GEOL 1208	Environmental Geology: Atlantic Canada Perspective	3
History		
HIST 2346	Black Heritage in Maritime Canada	3
HIST 3470	The British Black Atlantic	3
HIST 4501	Public History	6
Political Science		
POLI 3307	Provincial Government and Politics (formerly POLI 2307)	3
Religion		
RELS 4390	Religion and Society in Atlantic Canada	3
Social Justice and Community Studies		
SJCS 2000	Canadian Society and Social Justice	3
SJCS 4370	Multiculturalism: Theory and Practice	3
SJCS 4570	Indigenous-Settler Relations	3

Group B

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Atlantic Canada Studies		
ACST 2471	History of Football	3

ACST 2472	History of Hockey	3
Anthropology		
ANTH 2401	Anthropology of Work	3
ANTH 3329	The Arctic Culture Area	3
ANTH 3378	Landscape Archaeology	3
ANTH 3395	Language Issues in the Arctic	3
ANTH/LING 3396	Language Use and Issues in Canada	3
ANTH 4462	Method and Theory in Historical Archaeology	3
Criminology		
CRIM 4610	Community Practicum Development	3
Economics		
ECON 3307	Money & Banking	3
ECON 3319	Public Finance: Taxation	3
ECON 3322	Canadian Economic Issues	3
ECON 3340	Human Resource Economics	3
ECON 3349	Women and the Economy	3
ECON 3362	Natural Resource Economics	3
ECON 3363	Environmental Economics	3
English		
ENGL 3343	Cultural Studies	3
ENGL 3344	Canadian Literature to 1920	3
ENGL 3345	Canadian Literature After 1920	3
ENGL 3367	Canlit: the 60s and 70s	3
ENGL 3437	Canadian Drama	3
ENGL 3471	Contemporary Canadian Fiction	3
ENGL 3472	Contemporary Canadian Poetry	3
Environmental Studies		
ENVS 4440	Environmental Policy	3
Finance		
FINA 3364	Canadian Securities	3
French		
FREN/LING 4440	Canadian French: Sociolinguistic Perspectives	3
Geography		
GEOG 2310	Geography of Canada (Group D)	3
GEOG 2315	The Oceans (Group D)	3
GEOG 4434	Watershed Management (Group D)	3
GEOG 4449	Tourist Geographies (Group A)	3
History		
HIST 1252	Canada to Confederation	3
HIST 1253	Canada: Confederation to the Present	3
HIST 3100	History of Gender, Feminism and Sexuality in Canada	3
HIST 3403	Canadian Identity and Public Memory	3
HIST 4527	Biography and History	3
HIST/IRST 4566	Irish Migration	3
Management		
MGMT 3386	Industrial Relations	3
Political Science		
POLI 2304	Canadian Politics in the 21st Century	6
POLI 3310	Government and the Media	3
POLI 3315	Canadian Foreign Policy	3
POLI 3450	Gender and Canadian Politics	3

Religion		
RELS 2211	Religious Lives	3
RELS 3354	Indigenous Life and Social Justice	3
RELS 1252	Religious Diversity in Canada	3
Social Justice and Community Studies		
SJCS 3408	Urban Social Justice	3
SJCS 3508	Corporate and State Crime	3