

Canadian Studies

An academic minor and interdisciplinary program

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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (including biology)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language
(same language or two years of American Sign Language)
- Academic electives (to equal at least 17 credits)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Did You Know?

The primary goal of this minor is to prepare students with a background that reflects both local and national needs. At the local level, ties between Maine and Canada are long-standing and varied. Although part of New England, the state of Maine is virtually surrounded by the Canadian provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick. Almost half the state's population has ancestral roots in Canada. Close economic connections from energy to tourism and environmental issues frequently demand international cooperation.

Program Description

The Canadian-American Center is one of two National Resource Centers on Canada in the U.S. The Can-Am Center administers one of the largest and most comprehensive Canadian studies programs in the country and is nationally ranked. UMaine students with any major have a unique opportunity for an interdisciplinary study of Canada. With the wide range of courses offered, a student may explore one or more areas of historical and contemporary Canada.

Undergraduate students may earn a minor in Canadian studies by taking 18 credit hours of Canadian courses. The courses must include CAN 101, any two courses that contain 100 percent Canadian content and any three courses that contain 25 percent or more Canadian content. Students may select from more than 80 courses about Canada. Course offerings are particularly strong in anthropology, economics, French, history and political science. In addition, there are course offerings in art, business administration, English, forestry, Franco American studies, geography, geology and Native American studies.

Courses taken at a Canadian university through the Canada Year Program or study abroad may also be included in the minor and applied toward the 18 credits.

Specialized Information

Canadian studies students are encouraged to student teach at a Canadian school, consider Canadian studies internships at the Canadian Parliament (Ottawa) or Canadian Embassy (Washington, D.C.), join the social student group Club Canada, and travel in a fall field trip to Ottawa to attend briefings on Canada/U.S. relations and to visit the National Gallery of Canada and Canadian Museum of Civilization. Undergraduates are encouraged to spend one or two semesters studying at a Canadian university. For the same price as UMaine tuition, they may choose from three English-speaking universities in Quebec and nine in Nova Scotia through the NEBHE Student Exchange Program, or they may study at one of nine French-language universities in those provinces. They may also apply for one of several scholarships for studying at a Canadian university.

Ongoing Research and Awards

All UMaine Canadian studies faculty members are internationally recognized in their discipline, and there are renowned Canadian studies faculty in anthropology, art, business, economics, English, forestry, Franco American studies, French, geography, geology, history, Native American studies and political science.

Career and Graduate Opportunities

Students who plan to find a job in such fields as business or government will benefit from an interdisciplinary understanding of Canada. The U.S. and Canada are each other's largest trade partner and allies that maintain the world's longest undefended border. Education majors can enhance their academic resumé with a minor in Canadian studies and broaden their teaching experience by student teaching at a Canadian school for half of their 12-week requirement.

UMaine Graduate Programs

Master of Arts in History with a concentration in Canadian History, Canadian-American History or Franco American History

Master of Arts in French Studies with a concentration in North American French Studies

Master of Arts in Teaching in French

Master of Science in Quaternary and Climate Studies

Master of Science in Forest Resources

Doctor of Philosophy in History with a concentration in Canadian History, Canadian-American History or Franco American History

Doctor of Philosophy in Forest Resources

About UMaine

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. It currently enrolls 12,000 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. Students are offered 88 bachelor's degree programs, 64 master's degree programs, 25 doctoral programs and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, go online (umaine.edu). Equal opportunity information also is available online (umaine.edu/eo).

How do I apply?

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