

# Bachelor of Arts

## BA with a Social Sciences Major - *Intercultural Studies*

### Why concentrate in Intercultural Studies?

Culture shapes identity and meaning; it is what fuels social continuity and change. The whole of our social experience—including ideas, creative expression, relationships, and institutions—constitutes the substance of culture. With an Intercultural Studies concentration, you will explore what happens when people or elements of different cultures meet, collide or conflict. In a world of travel, immigration, and globalization, Intercultural Studies is taking on increased significance and importance.

An Intercultural Studies concentration provides an interdisciplinary approach where you can engage critically and enhance your skills across the social sciences. Studies increase intercultural competencies and sensitivities by asking critical questions about relevant issues and dynamics in the world.

### Program Strengths

The social sciences program at CMU allows students to shape their studies to their areas of interest, taking courses in a variety of disciplines, and making connections between different fields of study. The relationships of mentorships between faculty and students help students achieve academic success, and work towards their academic and career goals.

Opportunities beyond the classroom help students to connect their academic learning to practical experiences. Practicum placements provide a chance for students to gain relevant work experience, and develop their skills to find meaningful career paths.

### Career Paths

- Mental health program director
- Residential life coordinator
- Support worker
- Street outreach facilitator
- Missionary
- Public relations director
- Human resources director
- Policy and procedures analyst
- Public affairs reporter
- Research assistant
- Market researcher
- Residential treatment worker
- Career counsellor
- Social worker
- Home support worker
- Child care worker/manager

### Skills Developed

- Integrating knowledge from a variety of disciplines
- Understanding the dynamics of conflict
- Problem solving
- Awareness of current social issues
- Adaptability
- Flexibility
- Communicating complex ideas
- Working with diverse groups
- Interpersonal and intercultural communication
- Oral and written expression
- Organization
- Time management
- Cross cultural awareness

# Intercultural Studies Programs

CMU offers Intercultural Studies including:

- Intercultural Studies concentration to accompany four-year Social Science major within the Bachelor of Arts
- Intercultural Studies concentration to accompany three-year Social Science major within the Bachelor of Arts
- Intercultural Studies minor which may accompany any major outside the Social Sciences

## CMU Courses in the Intercultural Studies Program

- Interpersonal Communication
- Inter-Cultural Theory and Practice
- Cultural Anthropology
- Human Origins and World Prehistory
- Organizational Behaviour
- International Business
- Communications and Media
- Whose Violence? Which Peace?
- Introduction to Environmental Studies
- Ecological Peacebuilding
- Environment, Society, and Resilience
- Introduction to Physical Geography
- Introduction to Human Geography
- Introduction to World Religions
- Indigenous Peoples of Canada
- Participatory Local Development
- Rural Development
- An Analysis of Development Aid Policy
- Restorative Justice
- History and Strategies of Non-Violence
- Aggression, Violence, and War in a Social-Scientific Perspective
- Democracy and Dissent
- Global Politics
- Peace and Conflict in World Politics
- Human Rights and Dignity
- Social and Political Philosophy
- Politics, Society and Mass Media
- Gender and Politics
- Social Relationships and Behaviour
- Counselling Theories and Techniques
- Abnormal Psychology
- Psychology and Christianity
- Qualitative Inquiry in the Social Sciences
- Introduction to Sociology
- Social Welfare
- Communities and Organizations
- Sociology of Gender
- Ethical Living in a Technological Society

Course descriptions can be found on the CMU website. Contact the admissions department with further questions.

In addition to specific Intercultural studies and social sciences courses, students will take courses in the humanities, sciences, and Biblical and Theological Studies as part of their degree.

A work-integrated learning course is required in every degree at CMU. This practicum can be done as an intensive 12-week placement or a once-a-week placement over 20 weeks during the school year. The work placement can help students explore the field they are majoring in for career possibilities or it can provide a way to expand their experiences in a field they haven't thought about before.