



# Canadian Studies

## Academic Program



Graduate Certificate in Canadian Studies



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“Much more so than in other countries, the border is part of Canada’s genetic makeup: It determines what Canada is and contributes chromosomes to the nation’s identity. As much as the heavy whiteness of the frozen north or the rugged majesty of the western mountains, the border tells Canadians who they are and clearly defines who they are not.”

-Anthony DePalma, “Here: A Biography of the New North American Continent,” New York: Public Affairs, 2001 : 188



## Welcome

Welcome to the Canadian Studies Graduate Certificate Program at the University at Buffalo. The program mobilizes and draws upon a wide range of faculty expertise and interest in Canada.

UB is situated on the Canadian-American border and in part because of this our distinguished faculty have long appreciated the importance of studying Canada. We are among the most active campuses in the entire United States when it comes to research and teaching on Canada. Our close proximity to Canada (both Ontario and Quebec are neighbors of New York state), and our extensive and growing ties to a number of top Canadian universities and organizations, offers our students a unique opportunity to develop an in-depth and first-hand understanding of that country.





## Canadian Studies Certificate at University at Buffalo (UB)

Students are encouraged to apply for our Graduate Certificate in Canadian Studies on its own, or to fulfill its requirements while simultaneously earning a graduate or professional degree at UB.

Canada and the US share the most intimate, extensive, and complex bilateral relationship in the world. Since the passage of the Free Trade Agreement in 1988 (and the NAFTA in 1994), the Canadian and US economies have grown increasingly more integrated. Today more than \$1 billion worth of trade crosses the Canadian-American border every day. Not only are finished goods and raw materials traded with our neighbors to the north, but in the process of making things together we have developed integrated supply chains that operate across the border.







## Participating Schools, Departments & Programs

Students in the Canadian Studies Advanced (Graduate) Certificate Program can draw upon faculty resources across the University in putting together a plan of study that focuses closely on their particular interests and career objectives. Among the academic units having faculty with Canada-related interests are:

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

AMERICAN STUDIES

ANTHROPOLOGY

ARTS MANAGEMENT

ENGLISH

GEOGRAPHY

HISTORY

LINGUISTICS

POLITICAL SCIENCE

ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

SOCIOLOGY

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING

SCHOOL OF LAW



## Who will benefit from the Program?

Managing a relationship as important, complex, and varied as the Canadian-American relationship will require insight, expertise, and understanding of Canada and of the Canadian-American relation. Lawyers, economists, entrepreneurs, tourism industry workers, planners and development officials, educators, and political and governmental officials are among the many groups who will benefit from knowing more about Canada. Graduates of our Advanced Certificate in Canadian Studies Program will be uniquely qualified for a range of challenging careers in this field. Studying the relationship, and learning about Canada, while situated on one of the most important gateways provides a unique opportunity to intimately observe and experience your subject matter.





## Program Requirements

The advanced certificate requires the completion of 15 credit hours of approved coursework and/or internship credit. Two courses—“An Overview of Canadian Studies” – a class that features a number of joint seminar meetings with Canadian Studies students from Brock University in St. Catherine’s, Ontario – and “Canadian-American and Cross-Border Relations” are required of all students.

Additional coursework must be approved in advance by the program director on the basis of an individual application that identifies courses with significant Canadian content in departments in the College of Arts and Sciences (e.g., African-American Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Arts Management Program, Geography, History, Linguistics, Political Science, Sociology) or in other schools (e.g., Architecture and Planning, Graduate School of Education, Law School). In courses offered for fulfillment of the Canadian Studies certificate, it is expected that any required research project would include a significant Canadian component. A maximum of 3 credits of approved Canada-related internship experience may be counted towards completion of the certificate.







## Financial Assistance

The College of Arts and Sciences offers various forms of financial support to highly qualified graduate students pursuing degree programs in the College. The different types of funding support generally available are posted on the websites:

[www.grad.buffalo.edu/costs/scholarships.php](http://www.grad.buffalo.edu/costs/scholarships.php)

[cas.buffalo.edu/students/graduate/grad-support.php](http://cas.buffalo.edu/students/graduate/grad-support.php)

## Apply Online

The quickest and easiest way to apply is through our online application. Applications for the fall semester should be submitted no later than June 15; applications for the spring semester should be completed by October 15. A nonrefundable application fee is required.

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## About the University at Buffalo

The University at Buffalo, sometimes referred to elsewhere as SUNY Buffalo, stands in the first rank among the nation's research-intensive universities. It is one of only 60 members of the prestigious Association of American Universities. It is the largest and most comprehensive university in the 64-campus State University of New York system. UB was originally founded as a private university in 1846. The University enrolls over 28,000 students; roughly one third consists of graduate and professional students. Interaction between UB's twelve professional schools and its College of Arts and Sciences gives our graduate programs a particular richness and depth.





## Life in Buffalo

Buffalo, whose greater metropolitan area has a population of approximately 1.3 million, is a city of extraordinary diversity. There is an unending variety in what you eat, buy, listen to, watch, or play. Buffalo is located along the Canadian border in Western New York, approximately 6 driving hours from New York City, 2 hours from Toronto, Canada, and 3 hours from Cleveland, OH.





The Buffalo—Niagara area offers a host of activities ranging from outdoor activities such as skiing, kayaking, hiking, and fishing to cultural events such as the Allentown Art Festival, Blues Festival, and not surprisingly the Buffalo Chicken Wing Festival. Sports fans have several teams to cheer for including the Buffalo Bills and the Buffalo Sabres. Other attractions in the vicinity include the Finger Lake Region, Buffalo Zoo which is part of the Niagara Olmstead Park System, and of course Niagara Falls. The Amherst area provides a safe living environment and has been voted the safest city in the country. The cost of living in Buffalo is amongst the lowest nationwide, making the graduate student stipends stretch just a little further.





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