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## WHY DO A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE AT DALHOUSIE?

Societies and cultures are always changing, facing new challenges and opportunities. In our own moment of intercultural encounter, technological transformation, and environmental crisis, we need critical thinkers who understand complex issues and can imagine new ways of being in the world. Arts, humanities, and social sciences help us pause and reflect, question and debate, create and engage. They foster civil public discourse and socially just communities, both locally and globally. They have a profound impact on the futures of our societies and of our planet.

## WHY STUDY HERE?

Dalhousie's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences [FASS] offers the most academic choices of any such faculty in Atlantic Canada, combining the opportunities of a big research-intensive university with the friendly atmosphere of a smaller college. With more than 35 flexible programs and hundreds of courses, the breadth of our offerings and the connections that you can make between them are unparalleled in our region.

Here you will study with professors who win awards for both their teaching and research, who can connect you to cutting-edge scholarship, and who will help you ask the crucial questions.

Studying here lets you experience not just Halifax but the world, whether in language courses that expose you to many global cultures or in one of over 90 study abroad and international exchange programs.

Here you can delve into languages, history, creative writing, social sciences, and performing arts, combining them in ways that let you blaze your own path.

## WHAT PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE?

**Major** and **Honours** programs include Canadian Studies; Cinema and Media Studies; Classics; Creative Writing; English; Environment, Sustainability and Society; European Studies; French; Gender and Women's Studies; German; History; International Development Studies; Law, Justice and Society; Music (BA and BMus); Philosophy; Political Science; Religious Studies; Russian Studies; Sociology and Social Anthropology; Spanish and Latin American Studies; and Theatre.

**Minors** are also available in subjects including Arabic Studies; Black and African Diaspora Studies; Chinese Studies; Film Studies; Indigenous Studies; Italian Studies; Health Studies; Law, Justice and Society; Medieval Studies; Middle East Studies; Popular Culture Studies; Security Studies, and many more. Our students can also increase the range of options available by pursuing Majors or Minors offered by the Faculty of Science, or Combined Honours programs and Minors offered by the University of King's College.

We also offer **Certificates** in Computing in Arts and Social Sciences, Indigenous Studies, Art History and Visual Culture, and Intercultural Communication.

First year students are encouraged to enroll in a **First-Year Interest Group (FIG)** – groups facilitated by senior FASS students that get together once a week to discuss shared topics of interest, learn about the university, and meet professors in their fields.

FASS offers a rich collection of **experiential learning** opportunities that will allow you to build on what you are learning in the classroom. So, with all these options, you can build almost any degree you want!

If you need help and advice navigating these choices, go to the FASS webpage and click the link **Get Academic Advice**, or talk to a general advisor in Student Services at [dal.ca/advising](http://dal.ca/advising)

## WHAT CAN I DO AFTER GRADUATION?

We give you skills you can take anywhere: the power to think critically about the world, to express yourself creatively and effectively, and to collaborate well with others.

Some of our graduates go on to professional programs such as law, medicine, and public administration; others go on to graduate degrees; many go straight into careers in such areas as the creative industries, education, government, the military, and NGOs. Among our alumni are community activists, government employees, award-winning recording artists, video game designers, translators, communications and health care professionals, and many more.

## QUESTIONS?

Visit [dal.ca/fass](http://dal.ca/fass) for details on the world of choices we offer.