Canadian and Halifax Courses

The following courses all have Halifax, N.S or Canadian themed content. For students interested in learning more about our local community, Canadian literature, history, politics, economy, etc., these courses may be of interest.

Admission to the following courses may depend on successful completion of pre-requisite courses at your home university. For details regarding pre-requisites, as well as to determine whether the following courses will be offered during your selected term of study, please visit the academic timetable: https://dalonline.dal.ca/PROD/fysktime.P_DisplaySchedule

Halifax and the World Pt. 1 (CANA 1102 OR INTD 1102)
This course offers an introduction to both International Development Studies and Canadian Studies by exploring the connections between important global issues and your daily life as a student in Halifax. As you walk across the Dalhousie campus and go about daily life in Halifax, your actions connect you to people around the globe and to history of the city and world as well as to the many works of literature, art, and music that depict these connections. The broader issues of colonialism, race and class relations, historical memory, ethics and justice will be explored through a combination of lectures, guest speakers, discussion groups, field trips, and experiential learning in the city of Halifax. Assignments include written reflections on specific sites in Halifax which students are expected to visit and explore, a public engagement project, and a series of quizzes (there is no final exam).
Course Registration Number/CRN: 14902

Halifax and the World Pt. 2 (CANA 1103 or INTD 1103)
This course builds on part 1 with a continued focus on the connections between important global issues and your daily life as a student in Halifax. In the winter semester, the course will focus on connections between life in Halifax and global development issues in other parts of the world. In particular, the course will highlight the ‘commodity chains’ that connect our daily consumption decisions to other people around the world who are
involved in the life cycle of those commodities - from their production to their disposal. The course will also address ethical connections and challenges that emerge from these connections and the practical ways in which we might respond to those questions. Assignments include written reflections on specific sites in Halifax which students are expected to visit and explore, a public engagement project, and a series of quizzes (there is no final exam).

Course Registration Number/CRN: 24658

The Idea of Canada: An Intro (X/Y course - FULL YEAR) (CANA 2000)
This course employs an interdisciplinary approach to focus on selected themes in Canadian history and society. Beginning with the premise that a nation is fundamentally a “narration”, it asks: what sorts of stories do Canadians tell about themselves? Thus the course is centered on important texts - novels, poems, films, songs, and political documents - that relate formative events in Canadian history and that point to new, sometimes contested, directions for the future. Themes may include, but are not restricted to: First Nation’s history and culture; multiculturalism; wilderness; the north; regional identity; and foreign policy.

Course Registration Number/CRN: 11277

**Credit will only be given for completion of the FULL year course. This course is available to full year exchange students only**

Canadian Literature (CANA 2004 or ENGL 2004)
From early exploration narratives to contemporary fiction, this course will survey a wide range of key texts in the development of Canadian literature in English. It will consider the literary and historical contexts that inform our readings, and identify and interrogate the various myths, images, icons and institutions that structure our ideas of what it means to be Canadian.

Course Registration Number/CRN: 24347

Many Canadas: Canada, 1930 to Present (CANA 2210 or HIST 2210)
This course explores the remaking of Canada, including the shift from imperial to continental and nationalist politics, the rise and transformation
of third-party political movements, and the emergence of new ideas about the rights and responsibilities of the liberal individual subject.
Course Registration Number/CRN: 13103

Canadian Economy: Policy Debates (CANA 2218 or ECON 2218)
Canada’s economy faces many problems: unemployment, productivity, income distribution, environmental protection, trade relations, federal-provincial fiscal relations, maintenance of social prorams, etc. What are the most important economic policy issues that Canada now faces? What is the appropriate policy role for government?
Course Registration Number/CRN: 24351

Atlantic Canada since Confederation (CANA 2272 or HIST 2272)
A survey of the history of Atlantic Canada (the Maritimes and Newfoundland) from the 19860s to the present. Emphasis is placed on how episodes such as the “age of sail”, industrialization, class and gender conflict, war, the struggle for human rights and a chronic effort to play “catch-up” with the rest of the nation have defined this region’s identity.
Course Registration Number/CRN: 24049

Interdisciplinary Approaches to Canadian Themes (CANA 3000)
This multidisciplinary seminar provides students with the opportunity to consider the structure and content of Canadian society from a variety of academic viewpoints, including the philosophical, historical, political, sociological, geographical, legal and literary.
Course Registration Number/CRN: 24201

Issues in the Study of Indigenous Peoples of North America (CANA 3185 or SOSA 3185)
This seminar is concerned with the historical background of the Native-European situation in North America and with issues arising from this background. Students will research issues which are significant to themselves and important to native groups. Topics will vary from year to
year, but will normally include a combination of historical issues such as culture change and contemporary issues such as land claims, self-determination and government policy, and social conditions of natives. Course Registration Number/CRN: 24350

**Modern Canadian Literature (CANA 3231 or ENGL 3231)**
The historical period covered in this course extends from the end of World War I through the decade following World War II, a period which Canada witnessed the formation of a modern literature in English. Varied aesthetic responses to ideas of the modern, the processes and technologies of modernization, and the conditions of social, cultural, economic and political modernity will be addressed.
Course Registration Number/CRN: 14596

**Canadiens, Acadiens, Quebecois (CANA 3245 or HIST 3245)**
Given in English for English-speaking students, this course studies the political identities of Canada’s historic French-speaking communities. Grounded in 17th century settlements, these communities developed distinct and diverse social, economic, cultural, and political traditions. This course follows their development from the 19th century to the present, with particular emphasis on nationalist politics, from the early ‘canadien’ politics to contemporary Acadian nationalism and Quebec sovereigntism.
Course Registration Number/CRN: 24111

**Contemporary Canadian Literature (CANA 3270 or ENGL 3270)**
In this course, a variety of late twentieth-century and recent Canadian fiction and poetry texts will be studied from such perspectives as the following: postcolonial, postmodern, multicultural. The politics of cultural expression will be emphasized, as well as the relationship between ethics and aesthetic approaches to literature.
Course Registration Number/CRN: 24349
Unity and Diversity: The Dynamics of Canadian Federalism (POLI 2210)
Along with parliamentary government and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, federalism is one of the three constitutional pillars of governance in Canada. Federalism has been central to Canada’s political, economic, social, and cultural development. This course examines federalism through three different conceptual angles.
Course Registration Number/CRN: 11021

Intergovernmental Relations (POLI 3220)
This course will examine the territorial division of political and administrative power and the nature of relations between governments which result from such a division of power, including federal-provincial-municipal or “tri-level” relations. Specific topics will include the role of the courts in constitutional interpretations, the instruments of fiscal federalism, administrative relationships and the concept of executive federalism.
Course Registration Number/CRN: 23143

Canadian Political Parties (POLI 3224)
The Canadian party system, viewed as an integral part of the entire political system, presents a number of interesting questions for exploration, such as lower voter turnout, electoral reform, the role of party leaders, and the manner in which parties contribute to Canadian democracy. The particular themes emphasized will vary from year to year.
Course Registration Number/CRN: 11189

Pressure Politics in Canada (POLI 3228)
No course description currently available.
Course Registration Number/CRN: 13426

Local Government in Canada (POLI 3232)
Most Canadians live in cities, yet local government is the weakest unit in our federal system. What accounts for this? After all, local government has often been described as the foundation of democracy. In Canada, local
governments have many unique characteristics, from their constitutional status to the council system and a tradition of non-partisan government. We will explore the character of local government and the issues related to local governance, including regional and metropolitan restructuring and citizen participation, municipal finance, provincial-local relations, and the role of the federal government.

Course Registration Number/CRN: 23150

**Politics of Regionalism (POLI 3235)**
This course surveys the interaction between politics and economics in Canada with emphasis on the question of regional development. It will canvass competing explanations for differences in economic development among Canada’s regions with special emphasis on Maritime economic problems, highlighting both the political sources of regional disparities and continuing efforts to rectify them. Distinctive Western, Quebec and Ontario concerns will also be covered.

Course Registration Number/CRN: 24271

**Canadian Political Thought (POLI 3405)**
This course addresses philosophical issues that play a major role in contemporary Canadian politics. These include minority rights and multiculturalism; nationalism, federalism, and self-determination; and citizenship and the politics of identity.

Course Registration Number/CRN: 14547

**Canadian Foreign Policy (POLI 3569)**
No course description currently available.

Course Registration Number/CRN: 13427

**Defence Policy in Canada (POLI 3576)**
This seminar examines the substance, processes, recurring themes, and major international and domestic determinants of post-World War II Canadian defence policies. It explores several policy milestones and various persistent themes and current issues of Canadian defence.

Course Registration Number/CRN: 2314