

The Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition (IGHC) is dedicated to interdisciplinary research and teaching on the processes and impacts of globalization in various political, economic, sociocultural, geographical, discursive and temporal contexts. Its key areas include:

Culture, Identity, and Autonomy: Artistic and socio-cultural expressions and contestations of meaning, identity and agency in the context of globalization.

Public Policy, Governance, and Citizenship: The roles of various state- and non-state actors in relation to global public goods (e.g., knowledge production, security, health and human rights).

Immigration, Refugees, and Diaspora: Dynamics, politics, and experiences of human migration and their intersection with globalization processes.

Sustainability, Justice, and Global Interdependence: Global perspectives on environmental, economic, political, social and cultural sustainability, justice, and interdependence.



L. R. Wilson Hall, our home at McMaster.

Alumni Testimonials

"This program taught me how to engage critically with complex global issues. Through my studies, I learned essential skills for a career in research, and developed a commitment to conducting research with social impact."

*Charis Enns, BA (Language), MA (Globalization Studies),
PhD (Global Governance), SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow*

"I joined the IGHC after 12 years teaching at international schools in the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and South East Asia. ... I really enjoyed my time at the IGHC and would recommend it to anyone interested in knowing more about the world from a global perspective."

*Darren Jahn, BA (Music), B.Ed (Education),
MA (Globalization Studies)*

"The course selection complemented each other, equipping me with relevant skills to pursue and advance a career as a public servant and local government politician."

*Kuthula Matshazi, BA (International Development),
MA (Globalization Studies); Director, Policy and Planning,
Department of Education, Government of Nunavut;
City Councillor, City of Iqaluit*

"What has been important for me coming out of the MA program was not only the deeply rich and diverse knowledge, but, even more so, the novel approach to learning embraced by the Institute and its professors."

*Kristian van der Lee, BA (Comparative Literature
& Political Science), MA (Globalization Studies);
Senior Policy Analyst, Service Canada, Ottawa*



MA Program on Globalization Studies

A unique interdisciplinary program at one of the top universities in Canada





Our Current Students

"The IGHC allows students to mix and match courses that work best for their research interests."

Daniel Powell, BA (History)

"The environment at the IGHC fosters learning, wants you to exceed, and its program offers a diversity of issues that can be explored that makes it fun and challenging."

*Kim Tran, BA (International Studies
& Political Science)*

Admission Requirements

An Honours Bachelor Degree (BA, BSc, etc.) with a minimum average of B+ (78%, or the equivalent of a McMaster GPA of 9 out of 12) in the final two years. International experience and globalization-related background are considered assets.

What to submit?

- Online application
- Curriculum vitae
- Academic transcript(s)
- Two academic reference letters
- Statement of Interest (approximately 500 words)
- English language proficiency exam scores (for non-native English speakers)

Program Requirements

- 12-month program
- Six 3-unit (single semester) courses
- 40-page Major Research Paper completed over the summer

Special Features

- Interdisciplinary focus
- A small cohort
- Vibrant intellectual and collegial climate fostered by events during the year
- Flexibility of course selection: students may take some of their courses from other Humanities and Social Sciences disciplines, should they wish to move on to a discipline-specific PhD

Funding

Financial support for incoming full-time students will include a graduate scholarship ranging from \$3000 to \$5000. In addition, most students will be awarded teaching assistantships that involve 130 or 260 hours of work over the academic year, valued \$5559.40 or \$11118.80.

Key Dates

The online application for September 2017 will open on **November 14, 2016**. We begin reviewing applications on **January 15** each year. Places are limited, and applications should be submitted as early as possible.

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