What can you do with a C/AM degree?

Skills gained in the program are complementary to many other courses of study, including:

- Diplomacy
- Education
- Environmental policy
- History
- International Business
- International Law

Recent Western graduates have found fulfilling careers in:

- Politics
- International Trade
- The Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs
- Directing internet marketing for a Canada-US import/export firm
- Working for Google in their map division

The Peace Arch, dedicated in 1921, was the first such structure in the world. It was built on the western international boundary between Canada and the United States to commemorate the lasting peace between the two countries.

Center for Canadian-American Studies

Founded in 1971, the Center is one of the most well-established Canadian-American Studies programs in the United States. The academic program has something for everyone! It combines environmental studies, political science, history, culture, geography, immigration policy, international relations, and French language.

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Canada House

Western’s homebase for Canadian-American Studies holds a treasure trove of little-known Western history.

For years, the building housed the WWU President’s residence. In 1975, when President Osclamp decided to live off campus, many entities vied for the use of the building, drawn by the abundant natural light and beautiful views of the Salish Sea.

After serving as the faculty club for a few years, the building became known as Canada House, the on-campus hub for the Center for Canadian-American Studies, The Salish Sea Institute, and the Border Policy Research Institute.

Stop by anytime for a visit or to enjoy the amazing views! Quiet study space is available to Canadian-American Studies and Salish Sea Studies students.

WHY CANADIAN-AMERICAN STUDIES?

- The US–Canada economic relationship is important and affects us all
- Studying Canada gives us insight on what the US could look like with different political choices
- WWU has a strong relationship with the Canadian consulate in Seattle
- Studying how Canada handles border issues can help us evaluate our own immigration policies

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CANADIAN-AMERICAN STUDIES
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

TESS REEBER
Pronouns: She/her
Year: Senior
What do you love most about Canada?
Moose.
Why did you choose this major/minor?
Because I am also doing the Salish Sea minor, which is half in Canada and half in the US.

LAURA RASMUSSEN
Pronouns: She/her
Year: Freshman
What do you love most about Canada?
The greenery!
Why did you choose this major/minor?
I am a Canadian Artist from Vancouver, living in the US, and realized I don't know much about both countries.

US-Canada border.
Photo Credit: Sky Bressette (C/AM Alumn)

Dancing with Fiddleheads by Laura Rasmussen. Submitted for Western Reads Canada course, Winter 2022.
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Scholarships

Canadian-American Studies Scholarship
The $750 Canadian-American Studies Scholarship is open to students with a demonstrated interest in majoring or minoring in the field, or those who have completed C/AM 200 and at least one other course of the C/AM general curriculum.

The Killam Fellowship Program
The Killam Fellowship Program provides a cash award of $5,000 per semester ($10,000 for a full academic year), and includes a three day orientation in Ottawa, and a three day spring seminar in Washington.

Elyse C. Alper Scholarship for International Studies
This scholarship provides opportunities for students to study outside the United States at recognized universities and to further promote greater international understanding and goodwill. Typical award amount is $4,800.

To apply or find more information about these scholarships, please visit canam.wwu.edu/scholarships
Study Canada K-12

Study Canada K-12 is a vital part of the Center for Canadian-American Studies here at Western. Its goals are to provide educators with resources to teach about Canada and Canada-US relations. You can connect with the program through film screenings, workshops, and events! Subscribe to their quarterly newsletter at wp.wwu.edu/k12canada/.

The first in-person NCSS Conference since 2019!
This December, Study Canada K-12 will be visiting Philadelphia for the National Council for the Social Studies’ annual conference. They will be providing resources and great pedagogical ideas to attendees.

Mark your calendars for February 25th!
Hailing from Halifax, Nova Scotia, author and illustrator Sydney White will be attending the upcoming 2023 Children’s Literature conference. He has written and illustrated books like Small In the City, I Talk like a River and Town is by the Sea.
Fall 2022 C/AM Events

October 3rd
Screening of Canadian film *Returning Home* at Pickford theatre.

October 12th
Teresa Edwards gave a talk called *Fostering Reconciliation* for Fairhaven college’s World Issues Forum speaker series.

November 9th
A Concert by Canadian composer Bruce Ruddell, *The Healing Heart of the First People of this Land.*

November 17th
Canadian author David Stewart discussed his memoir *True North, Down South.*

Upcoming Winter 2023 C/AM Events

February 25th
Renowned Canadian illustrator Sydney Smith comes to WWU for the Children’s Literature Conference.

The Center will be hosting a Women’s Speaker Series entitled *Why Canada Matters,* with expert speakers on a variety of topics.

C/AM 497E – Western Reads Canada (1cr) will read the book *Scarborough.* Additional events include a film screening and talk by the author.

Stay tuned to C/AM’s [website](http://canam.wwu.edu) and Instagram [@canam.wwu](https://www.instagram.com/canam.wwu) for events and updates!
Canadian Arts & Culture Highlights

Iranian-Canadian artists show solidarity with Mahsa Amini

Toronto-based artist and filmmaker Hajar Moradi helped arrange a demonstration at Queen’s Park just three days after Mahsa Amini’s death, in which women gathered to cut their hair in solidarity.

Vancouver born actor Ryan Reynolds shows interest in buying Ottawa Senators

The Ottawa Senators hockey team has gone up for sale after the passing of its previous owner, Eugene Melnyk. Reynolds, part owner of Welsh soccer club Wrexham, expressed desire in purchasing the team (valued at $525 million last December) on The Tonight Show.

Young indigenous beaders practice skills with new designs

Indigenous Canadian women have been connecting with the ancestral practice of beading but with a modern twist. Often described as self care, the fading art form helps the girls stay connected to their culture.


If you are interested in donating to the program, please go to https://canam.wwu.edu/ and scroll to the bottom of the page where the Donate Now button is located. You can donate any amount to either the Center for Canadian American Studies or to the Canadian-American Studies Scholarship.