
College-Wide Majors

These majors are available to students no matter what program they are enrolled in. They can also be taken concurrently with the Social Sciences Majors. A College Major is a combination of at least four courses from three or more disciplines that are linked by a common theme and taken by students over several semesters. College Majors are open to students from most programs offered at Vanier. In addition to specific courses, students also take part in special activities and benefit from guest lectures.

For more information on these majors refer to the websites for each major. If you are interested in applying to one of these options, contact the major coordinator after you have been accepted to Vanier College. You can register for these majors at any time during your first two semesters.

Jewish Studies

The Jewish Studies College Major welcomes all Vanier students who have an interest in learning about Judaism. Courses included in the Jewish Studies College Major are interdisciplinary and focus on the influence of scholarly Jewish learning and its significant role in literature, history, religion, language, psychology, sociology, politics and popular culture. These courses also address Jewish life in Europe pre-WWII and the rise of the modern state of Israel in the post-WWII era.

New courses planned for the Jewish Studies College Major will assess the background of Judaism, its past influence and its future role in the modern world. They will provide the basis for further academic work in Jewish Studies and diverse fields of knowledge.



Jewish Studies Majors Certificate

Students are awarded a Majors Certificate by completing either one of the following course patterns:

(i) Five courses, of which at least three are defined as “Core” Jewish Studies courses, and the remainder as “Related” courses, or approved Jewish Studies Projects in a variety of courses across the curriculum.

(ii) Six courses, of which at least two are defined as “Core” Jewish Studies courses, and the remainder as “Related” courses or approved Jewish Studies Projects. Students may also complete their requirements for a Majors Certificate by arranging for a Tutorial in Jewish Studies.

Courses

All Jewish Studies courses are regular credit courses within their respective academic disciplines. Course descriptions may be found on Department web sites including English, Modern Languages, Humanities, Political Science, Sociology, etc.

Although not every course is offered during an academic year, a sufficient number of required “Core” and “Related” courses is normally available on a rotating basis over a two-year period.

Students in this major contribute their support to the annual Vanier College Symposium on the Holocaust and Genocide sponsored by the Kleinmann Family Foundation.

Website: www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/jewishstudies

Coordinator: jewishstudies@vaniercollege.qc.ca
or 514.744.7500 local 6034



Application

Students can apply to the Slavic Studies Major in any given semester of their studies. They must simply fill an application form and set up an appointment with the Coordinator of the program.

Website:

www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/academics/SlavicStudies.html

Coordinator:

slavicstudies@vaniercollege.qc.ca or
514.744.7500 local 6041

Slavic Studies

The Slavic Studies Major is designed to introduce students to various cultures of Eastern and Central Europe and the Balkans, which includes not only Russia but countries such as Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia and the Ukraine. In this era of continuing transformations in the Slavic world, knowledge of these countries is an advantage to those students interested in journalism, politics, business, government service, languages, literature and the arts. Courses related to the Slavic world are offered in various departments such as Modern Languages, History, English, French and Humanities.

Study Trip to Russia

The Slavic Studies Major, in collaboration with International Education at Vanier, organizes a study trip to Saint-Petersburg, Russia, every year. In order to be eligible for this program, students must be enrolled in the Slavic Studies Major and they must have completed at least two Russian language courses. Students selected for the trip will take part in an intensive five-week program at the Russian Language and Culture Institute at Saint Petersburg State University.

How to Obtain a Slavic Studies Major

Students are awarded a Slavic Studies Certificate by completing four courses, of which at least three must be identified as “core” Slavic Studies courses, and one course which can be a “related” course that includes a Slavic Studies project. Modern Languages students can take up to four Russian language courses, but only two courses will be accounted towards a Slavic Studies Certificate. Participation in the Study Abroad Program at Saint-Petersburg State University can replace a “core” or “related” course as a requirement towards a Slavic Studies Major Certificate.

Slavic Studies Courses

Students select courses from the following:

Russian

Beginners' Russian I

Beginners' Russian II

Intermediate Russian I

Intermediate Russian II

English

Classic Russian Literature

The Russian Soul

French

Culture slave et francophonie

Est-Ouest. Écrivains slaves d'expression française

Humanities

Paradigm Shift: Understanding Cases of Humanitarian

Intervention in the Balkans

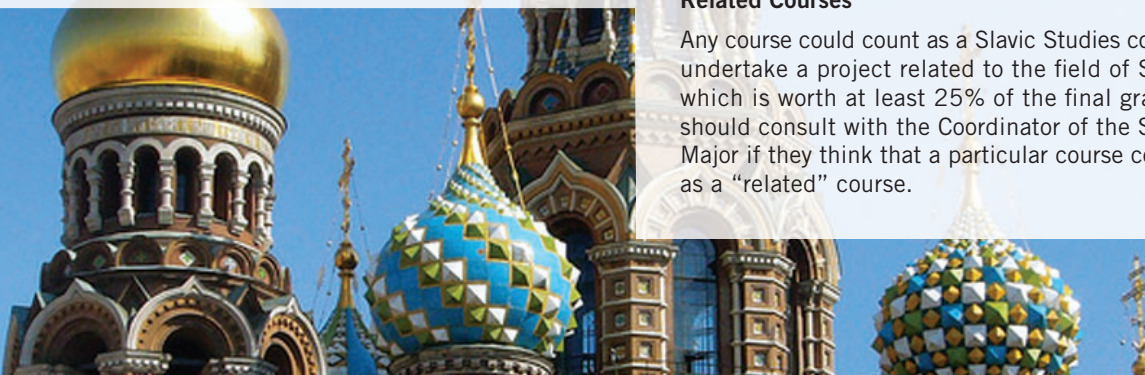
First, Do No Harm: Humanitarian Intervention
in Yugoslavia

History

Russian History

Related Courses

Any course could count as a Slavic Studies course if students undertake a project related to the field of Slavic Studies which is worth at least 25% of the final grade. Students should consult with the Coordinator of the Slavic Studies Major if they think that a particular course could be credited as a “related” course.





Women's Studies

A Women's Studies College Major offers courses and activities designed to provide a better understanding of gender issues relevant to daily life in the 21st century. Female and male students are given the opportunity to critically analyze the position of women in past and present society including their economic, political and social realities; their history and work, myths and realities, minds, and bodies. Future possibilities and alternatives are also explored.

A Women's Studies Major is open to all students from all disciplines. Getting a Women's Studies Major does not involve taking extra classes or switching programs. While selecting the courses you need in order to complete your core program, you will choose five courses that are cross-listed as Women's Studies Courses. Anthropology, Communications, English, French, Geography, History, Humanities, Psychology and Sociology all have courses that qualify as Women's Studies Courses. For a full list of our courses, please consult the brochure on the Women's Studies Website or contact the Coordinator of Women's Studies for a printed copy of the brochure.

In addition to offering courses, the Women's Studies College Major runs events and exhibits during Women's History Month (October), The National Day of Remembrance and Action Against Violence Against Women (December), and a week of speakers, workshops and activities during International Women's Week (March).

The Women's Studies College Major also runs a resource centre in A-573 that is used for meetings, study groups and as an informal drop-in centre for students and teachers seeking material on gender-related issues. All are welcome.



Application

Please note: you must fill in an application with the Women's Studies Coordinator in order to be considered for a Major in Women's Studies.

Website:

www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/majors/womens-studies/

Coordinator:

womenstudies@vaniercollege.qc.ca or
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