

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 Jewish learning and its significant role in literature, history, religion, language, psychology, sociology, politics and popular culture.

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. Included are courses that focus on the history of the Jewish people and Jewish civilization and the significant role that Jews have played in world events, in literature, science and culture. Courses offered include choices in English Literature, Humanities and Languages. 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

"Core" courses are identified as courses with major themes related to Jewish studies for credit in the Jewish Studies Major Program. Students may take certain courses for credit in Jewish Studies without being in the Majors Program if they have the permission of the course instructor to do a special project related to Jewish Studies or, if they write an essay on a theme related to Jewish Studies for credit in the program. All courses in the Jewish Studies Program are regular credit courses within their respective academic disciplines. Course descriptions may be found on Department web sites including English, Modern Languages, Humanities.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Students may apply to the Jewish Studies Program at registration or, during the first and second semester of their studies. Application forms are available from the Jewish Studies Program Coordinator. If you are interested in applying to the Jewish Studies Program, please contact the Jewish Studies coordinator.



Website:
<http://www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/jewishstudies>

Coordinator:
jewishstudies@vanier.college
514-744-7500 local 6034

New at Vanier

Indigenous Studies



The Indigenous Studies Certificate Program (major) allows students in any program to learn about diverse Indigenous cultures, histories, worldviews, and contributions to Canadian society. This benefits Indigenous and non-Indigenous students alike by fostering an enhanced vision of the society in which they live. Through a selection of courses and co-curricular learning activities, the program encourages respect for Indigenous knowledge about humans and their world and engagement with local Indigenous communities and organization. In all our activities, we place Indigenous pedagogies and perspectives at the centre of our learning. Employees working in the program learn these perspectives on an on-going basis in consultation with local Indigenous Elders, educators, and knowledge holders.

The Indigenous Studies program enables students to apply the knowledge and experiences gained in this program to their studies and career paths and inspires them to continue to engage in learning from Indigenous perspectives throughout their lives. This enables a greater sense of responsibility toward supporting Indigenous-led efforts to achieve greater well-being for all communities. It also ensures that graduates are ready to work with Indigenous populations in ways that are respectful and professional.

To earn an Indigenous Studies Certificate, students will complete three core courses, which exclusively focus on an Indigenous topic, and three related courses, which include a significant Indigenous component. These courses are available in a variety of programs as well as in general education courses (English, French, Humanities, and Complementary). Students will also participate in their choice of co-curricular activities on and off campus, such as organized outings and volunteer work. Finally, students will help organize an end-of-program conference, which will feature presentations, in a multitude of formats, by graduating students on how the knowledge they have gained is applicable to their career paths or to their lives in general.

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

First semester students and students with at least one year left in their program may apply to the program by sending an application form to the coordinator. The form is available on the website.



Website:
vaniercollege.qc.ca/indigenous-studies

Coordinator:
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 514.744.7500 local 6073

East European and Slavic Studies

Unique to Vanier

East European and Slavic Studies Students select courses from the following:

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 Beginners' Russian I
 Beginners' Russian II

English
 Romanticism and realism
 Introduction to the Fantastic
 Madness and Obsession

French
 Dialogue interculturel

Humanities
 Paradigm Shift: Understanding Cases of Humanitarian Intervention in the Balkans
 The Ethics of Humanitarian Intervention
 Rebels and Reformers: 1945-1975
 Media, Myth and Propaganda
 Art and Politics

History
 Russian History
 Western Civilization
 20th Century World

Commerce
 The Fundamentals of Business
 Managing International Organizations
 Global Marketing

Related Courses
 Any course could count as an East European and Slavic Studies course with the approval of the program coordinator.



APPLICATION INFORMATION

Students can apply to the East European and 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:
<http://www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/east-european-and-slavic-studies>

Coordinator:
 slavicstudies@vanier.college or
 514.744.7500 local 6041

The East European and Slavic Studies Major introduces 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, Romania, 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.

Trip to Russia: Study abroad program at Saint Petersburg State University

The East European and Slavic Studies Major organizes a study trip to Saint Petersburg, Russia, every year. Students selected for the trip participate in an intensive four-week program of study at the Russian Language and Culture Institute at Saint Petersburg State University.

East European and Slavic Studies Major fosters diversity and inclusion. It is representative of the Canadian society and answers the requirements of Canadian governmental and international organizations of proficiency in strategically important languages like Russian and of knowledge of East European cultures.



How to Obtain an East European and Slavic Studies Major

Students are awarded an East European and Slavic Studies Certificate by completing four courses, of which at least three must be identified as "core" East European and Slavic Studies courses, and one course which can be a "related" course that includes an East European and Slavic Studies project. Participation in the Study Abroad Program at Saint Petersburg State University can replace a "core" or "related" course as a requirement towards an East European and Slavic Studies Major Certificate.

Sustainability Major



Are you interested in the environmental state of our planet? Do you want to do something about it but don't know where to start?

The Sustainability College Major allows students to explore a wide spectrum of environmental, economic and social issues faced by the planet, locally or globally. While studying in their respective program, students get exposed to issues of sustainability through a variety of related courses, events they attend and hands-on experiences they acquire. Sustainability and Environmental studies are amongst the fastest growing university programs and work sectors, and for good reason, given the urgent need for sustainable solutions on every front of human interaction with the environment.

You can complete the Sustainability Major by taking SIX courses from the list of courses that qualify for the major, TWO of which must be outside of your program course list. Such courses are available in many disciplines such as English, French, Humanities, among others. Consult the Sustainability Major website for the list of qualifying courses.

You will also have to attend a minimum of THREE academic activities or events with sustainability content.

Finally, you will need to complete a total of 30 HOURS of volunteer work, averaging 10 hours per semester, in local College or Community projects related to sustainability. Vanier College provides plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer and get involved and to interact with others interested in Sustainability. Among these are Bike Week, Water Week, Earth Week, the Social Science Festival, and Vanier's collective gardens, to name a few. Once enrolled, you will also receive a weekly newsletter presenting relevant information and announcing upcoming events.

Graduating and Majoring in this context will not only enrich your curriculum but also enhance your confidence towards pursuing your Sustainability interest beyond Vanier.



APPLICATION INFORMATION

Students apply to their Major during their first semester or early in their second semester. They must apply by registering on the Sustainability Major web page under "Join". The Coordinator will then get in touch with them.



Website:
<http://www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/sustainability-major>

Coordinator:
sustainabilitymajor@vanier.college or
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Women's & Gender Studies



APPLICATION INFORMATION

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 and Gender Studies.



Website:
www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/womens-gender-studies

Coordinator:
 wgs@vanier.college or
 514.744.7500 local 6045

The Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) Major offers courses and activities that provide a better understanding of gender issues relevant to daily life in the 21st century. Students are given the opportunity to critically analyze how expectations of gender and sexual orientation have evolved over time, how these influence our understanding of what it means to be a woman or a man in the contemporary world, and the impact these beliefs have on gender and sexual equality.

WGS Major students come from every program, both pre-University and Career, and benefit from gaining an essential perspective from which to pursue further studies and careers.

- **Graduates** in Women's and Gender Studies go on to earn degrees in the sciences, health care, law, public policy, international relations, commerce, communications, marketing, the arts and much more.
- **Career students**, such as those in Early Childhood Education, Special Care Counselling, Nursing, Environmental and Wildlife Management and Architectural Technology, gain invaluable insights into a core aspect of the human experience and are able to apply these to enhance their professions' key practices.

Students who enroll in the major concentrate on their chosen field of study, but also access courses from multiple disciplines—such as English, French, Psychology, Communications, Anthropology, Sociology, Geography, and Liberal Arts— that focus on the connections between gender, race, class, and sexuality.

To earn a major, students complete five (5) courses, many of which can come from their complementary and general education courses (English, French and Humanities.) Consult the Women's and Gender Studies website for a full list of courses that qualify for the Major.

The program also runs a Resource room, celebrates International Women's Day with a week-long festival of speakers, films, and events, and sponsors many extra-curricular activities throughout the year.

