



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, & AUTONOMY

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

PUBLIC POLICY, GOVERNANCE, & 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, & DIASPORA

Dynamics, politics, and experiences of human migration and their intersection with globalization processes.

SUSTAINABILITY, JUSTICE, & GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE

Global perspectives on environmental, economic, political, social and cultural sustainability, justice, and interdependence.

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

“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

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Why choose McMaster?



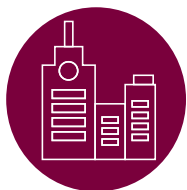
Reputation

One of four Canadian universities ranked in the top 100 world-wide and host site for a United Nations University



Research

Ranked as Canada's top research-intensive universities. We are home to more than 70 Research centres and institutes



City

The fourth largest city in Ontario, Hamilton is a waterfront community situated on the Niagara escarpment



Campus

300 acres of property with 30 acres of campus for over 4000 graduate students and 300 postdoctoral fellows

PROGRAM 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 disciplines, should they wish to move on to a discipline-specific PhD

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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

FUNDING

Financial support for incoming full-time students includes a graduate scholarship ranging from \$3000 to \$5000. In addition, the majority of students will be awarded teaching assistantships that involve 130 or 260 hours of work over the academic year, valued at \$5800 or \$11600.

"The program's core philosophy of intersectionality is essential for engaging the multifaceted issues our societies face. It is perfect for anyone that wishes to develop their research interests in a holistic manner."

Brett Cox, MA (Globalization Studies),
BA (Human Rights and Human Diversity)

"The interdisciplinary nature of this program has deepened my learning experience and provides me the opportunity to explore my research interests from different perspectives."
Natasha Martinez, MA (Globalization Studies) BA (Justice, Political Philosophy & Law), BA (Religious Studies)

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)

KEY DATES

The online application for September 2023 opens on November 15, 2022. **We begin reviewing complete applications on February 15, 2023.** Places are limited. Applications should be submitted as early as possible.

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