

# Summer 2012 Québec Program

**May 18 – June 8, 2012**



**Ottawa, Parliament Hill**



**Montréal**



**Québec City**

## **Program Dates**

This is a 3-week program running from May 18 – June 8, 2012

**Application Deadline** Monday, November 1, 2011 at 5:00pm. Note that the application requires your advisor's signature.

## **Faculty Directors**

The program will be co-directed by two HWS faculty members: Professor Kanate Dahouda from French and Francophone Studies and Professor Iva Deutchman from Political Science.

Professor Dahouda is very familiar with Québec, where he studied and lived for eight years. He specializes in the study of culture, identity and immigration in Québec. He speaks the two official languages of Canada: French and English.

Professor Deutchman has lived in Australia and has published articles on Australian anti-immigration policies. Her ability to compare the Canadian, Australian and American systems on issues of immigration will be beneficial to the exploration of multiculturalism as practice and policy in Canada.

## **Course Title**

*Multiculturalism in Canada*

## **Course Description**

International migrations are part of a transnational revolution that is reshaping societies and politics around the globe. In countries of massive immigration, such as France, the US, Australia and Canada, ethnic diversity and multicultural differences have been, and continue to be, thorny questions relevant to the debate over nationalism and identity politics. The aim of the course is to explore issues of multiculturalism and learn what we can from the Canadian experience. We intend to visit the cities of Ottawa and Montréal, but will spend the majority of our time in Québec City. The importance of the multiculturalism

issue cannot be overstated. Many countries are - or soon will be - dealing with the challenges of how to incorporate new people as citizens. Often those newcomers speak a different language and come from different cultural backgrounds than the majority of their now current citizens. How will the people in various countries - and how will we in the U.S. - respond to these challenges, for the sake of a multicultural and pluri-ethnic coexistence?

### **Itinerary**

We will begin the program in Ottawa, the capital of Canada, where we will spend a few days. As the capital, Ottawa is the perfect place to experience Canadian culture and politics. Our activities will include a visit to Parliament to meet with staff who work on issues of multiculturalism, as well as a visit to the beautifully designed Canadian Museum of Civilization.

From Ottawa we will travel to Montréal in the Québec province, where we will spend several days. Montréal is a major international city and the business and financial capital of the province of Québec. Charming and elegant, Montréal is home to one of the largest bilingual English/French communities on the planet. It is also a cosmopolitan city that is a destination for many international cultural communities who interact with the French, the English and the People of the First Nation (Native Canadians). Therefore, Montréal is an ideal setting in which to explore (through interviews and background research) the issues of multiculturalism in connection with the questions of bilingualism and immigration. Activities will include a visit to the McCord Museum, the Montréal Museum of Archaeology and History (Pointe-à-Callière), the Notre-Dame basilica and a walking tour of Montréal.

The final two weeks of the program will take place in Québec City. Visiting Québec City is like taking a tour of France in North America. Québec culture is rich and unique (and different from the rest of Canada), and nowhere is this more evident than in Québec City. The city is internationally known for its Summer Festival, Winter Carnival, and the Chateau Frontenac, a hotel which dominates the city skyline. The National Assembly of Québec, the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec (*National Museum of Fine Arts of Québec*), and the Musée de la civilisation (*Museum of Civilization*) are all famous sites. We will visit these cultural spaces in order to explore the history of Québec. We will also investigate how its residents are coping with nationalism and the politics of language in the larger context of Canadian society. While Montréal is considered by many to have a bilingual population, where many of its residents have a working knowledge of both French and English, Québec City and its surrounding region are largely Francophone, meaning that French is the primary spoken language. We will observe and experience the differences that exist linguistically, politically and culturally between the two cities.

### **Teaching Format**

In Ottawa we intend to spend our time in and around Parliament, talking with various specialists about issues of multiculturalism.

In Montréal, we will spend much of the time seeing the city itself. We will visit the McCord Museum and the Montréal Museum of Archaeology and History (as mentioned above), exploring the history of Québec and Canada. We will be meeting with several specialists in the area of multiculturalism and immigration who will share with us their Montréal experiences.

In Québec City, we will be based at Laval University and will have access to their classrooms, computers and faculty. Classes will be held on campus and we will have use of the university library and computers for research. Laval will provide some guest lectures. But the use of classroom lectures, while important, is not the primary educational tool. We also will be exploring the city, seeing various cultural spaces and discussing immigration and nationalism with individuals who can provide us with perspectives on these issues.

### **Housing and Meals**

Students will stay in hostels or hotels in Ottawa and Montréal, and most likely in campus residences at Laval University in Québec City. One group meal per week will be included in the program fees. Students will need to cover the cost of the remainder of the meals not included (see cost estimates below).

### **GPA Requirement**

Students applying for this program should have a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA for courses taken at HWS. In the case of first-year students, a high school transcript should be provided, since the application will be due before the release of grades from the first semester at HWS. *First years should also submit a note of endorsement from their advisor.*

### **Credits**

This course will be worth one HWS general credit. It will count for the major or minor in Political Science, International Relations, American Studies and French and Francophone Studies. If you want credit in another department or program, you should speak to your advisor. There is a space on the application form for your advisor to indicate whether this course will count towards your major/minor/goals.

### **Eligibility**

This program is open to qualified first-years, sophomores, juniors and graduating seniors. In the event that we receive more applicants than we have places, first-years, sophomores, juniors will have priority over graduating seniors who have already fulfilled their graduation requirements.

### **French Language**

While helpful, knowledge of French is not required for acceptance to this program.

### **Medical Insurance**

Students will be required to show proof of health insurance that will cover them abroad for the duration of this program. It must include evacuation and repatriation coverage, although if your policy does not cover this, you can purchase an International Student I.D. card for \$22, which does provide this coverage. If you do not have health insurance that covers you abroad, we can give you information on how to purchase a three-week policy (approximate cost: \$35).

### **Costs**

Program fees will be approximately \$2400 – 2800 for the 3-week program (depending on exchange rates and the number of students who are accepted), which will cover tuition, bus transport to and from Canada, accommodation, one group meal each week, entrance fees, train fares and other local travel within Canada. Students will need to budget approximately \$800\* above and beyond the program costs for the meals not included. This

is based on a cost of \$8 for breakfast, \$12 for lunch and \$20 for dinner. \*You can adjust the meal budget accordingly if you can eat more economically and if you don't plan to eat three full meals a day. Students will also need to budget for books at \$150, medical insurance that covers you abroad at approximately \$35 (if you don't already have this) and a non-refundable administrative fee of \$100 charged for all faculty-led short-term programs.

### **Passports and Visas**

All students will need a passport valid beyond June 8, 2012 to participate in this program. Visas are not required for U.S. citizens. If you are a non U.S. citizen, you should see Sharon Walsh in the CGE about visas as soon as you are accepted.

### **Funding**

In an effort to assist students in financial hardship wishing to participate in a short-term program, there is a limited pool of HWS funding available. If you are accepted to this program, we will invite you to submit a funding application. Funding will be allocated on a need basis and we will contact the financial aid office to verify your need status. We will also contact the Student Affairs office and the Dean's office to access your social/disciplinary records as part of determining your eligibility for funding. We will let you know whether you have been awarded funding *before* the deadline by which you are required to put down a deposit for your place on this program.

### **Questions?**

If you have questions about this program, please contact Sharon Walsh in the Center for Global Education at 315 781-3663 or [walsh@hws.edu](mailto:walsh@hws.edu).