



Certificate of Achievement in International Communication

The School of Communication Studies offers students enrolled in any major of the Bachelor of Communication four-year degree, the opportunity to complete coursework to acquire a Certificate of Achievement in International Communication.

You may satisfy the requirements of this *Certificate* while completing your degree, with completed courses counting towards both. In doing so you will use some of your general education course requirements at level two or three, some of your core communication courses, and some or all of the four elective courses in your program major, including:

- at least three courses in a second language
- three courses with an international focus in a range of disciplines, and
- an acceptable international volunteer, study abroad, or work experience.

The School of Communication Studies confers the Certificate of Achievement in International Communication at time of graduation and completing this Certificate within the framework of your degree requires planning beginning in Year One.

Please refer to the following Requirements when planning and tracking your progress toward the Certificate of Achievement in International Communication.

Requirements

International Education Office

One of your first steps in planning your *Certificate* is to explore the various international opportunities Mount Royal offers. Please visit the Office of International Education in person and a link to their website is available through mtroyal.ca

Requirement One

The **core** requirement is participation in **at least one** structured international experience, which may include the following:

- Study Abroad academic semester with a Mount Royal partner institute, or under some other structured scholarship, acceptable to the Faculty of Communication Studies as determined by your Program Chair
- Field School under supervision of a Mount Royal instructor, or through another recognized school such as the University of Calgary
- International Work experience placement supervised by Mount Royal or a substantial volunteer experience under a Government of Canada sponsored program **see note below on internship needs.*

Communication Work Experience Placements

Students in the Bachelor of Communication majors are required to complete one or more non-credit semester-long work experiences (which includes a minimum 12 week fulltime commitment). If done internationally, and with the express consent of the Program Chair, this work experience placement **may** qualify as both a core degree requirement and count towards the *Certificate*. It is a student responsibility to obtain this consent in **advance** of the work experience placement as part of the planning process.

Requirement Two

Language Courses – General Education - cluster 4

Students must complete three language courses, either in one language or in two different languages. You would normally take the first of these courses as your cluster 4, second level general education requirement, and then use level 3 general education or elective course slots, to complete the others.

Requirement Three

One of the following courses which are specific to students in each major

COMM 2680 – Intercultural Communication in Information Design

This course is a **required core** course offered in Year Two of the Information Design major

COMM 3501 – Intercultural Communication

This course is offered as an **option** in Year Three of the Journalism major and must be completed to acquire the Certificate of Achievement in International Communication

COMM 4847 - Intercultural & International Public Relations

This course is a **required core** course offered in Year Four of the Public Relations major

Requirement Four

Three courses from the list below:

Please Note: The courses listed below will all count toward fulfilling your various general education cluster and level requirements and/or your electives. You should familiarize yourself with the structure of the general education courses as part of your planning for the *Certificate*. You will also need to consider whether any prerequisite courses must be completed in order to take one or more of the courses listed.

The list below is expansive but **not exhaustive**, and with permission of your Program Chair, you may substitute a course of your choosing. To do so you must be able to articulate a position that the preferred course has a solid international content component equal to the learning outcomes of those listed. You must receive this permission from your Program Chair **in advance** of taking the course.

General Education Options for the Certificate

Cluster One

NTSC 2201 – Environmentally Sustainable and Healthy Societies (level 2)

ANTH 2111 – Biological Anthropology of South Asia (level 3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 1101 or 1102 or consent of the department

Cluster Two

CHIN 2217 – Chinese Civilization (formerly CHIN 3317, taught in English) (level 3)

JPNS 2209 – Japanese Culture (taught in English) (level 2)

LAST 1101 – Introduction to Contemporary Latin American Cultures (level 2)

RELS 1101 – World Religions: Western (level 2) RELS 1103 – World Religions: Eastern (level 2)

RELS 2243 – Religion and Social Morality (level 3)

ROST (Romance Studies) 1101 – Topics in Romance Culture (level 2)

ROST 4401 – Mediterranean Cultural Discovery (level 3)

Recommended Preparation: Romance Studies 1101

Cluster Three

ANTH 1103 – Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (level 2)

ANTH 2218 - Culture and Society in Contemporary India (formerly ANTH 3318) (level 3)

Prerequisite: Anthropology 1103 or consent of the department

ANTH 2229 – Anthropology of “Race” (formerly ANTH 3329) (level 2)

CNST (Canadian Studies) 2233 - Canada in Comparative and International Perspective (level 3)

ENGL (English) 2291-Post Colonial Literature I *OR* ENGL 2292 Post Colonial Literature II (level 3)

Prerequisites: English 1101 or GNED 1401 or 1402, and one of ENGL 1131, 1135, 1137, 1141

GEOG (Geography) 2213 – World Regional Geography (level 2)

HIST 1103 - An Introduction to History: Europe Since 1500 (level 2)

HIST 1111 - South Asia and the Indian Ocean: 2500BCE – Present (level 2)

HIST 2255 - Immigration, Ethnicity, and Race in the United States (level 2)

HIST 2263 - Conflict and Society in the Twentieth Century (level 2)

HIST 3365 - World War II (level 3)

HIST 3373 - World War I (level 3)

INBU (International Business) 3301 – Global Business Environment (level 3)

PLSC (Political Science) 1183 – Issues and Trends in World Politics (level 2)

Prerequisite: Political Science 1101 or 1183

PLSC 3485 – The Politics of the International Economic Order (level 3)

Prerequisite: Political Science 2287

SLGY (Sociology) 2265 – Social Stratification and Inequality (level 3)

Prerequisite: SLGY 1101

SLWK (Social Work) 3331 – International Community Development – (level 3)

Cluster Four

****Please Note: your required language courses are in cluster 4 and may satisfy all or most of your cluster 4 needs, general education levels two and three needs, and/or electives.**

When do I receive the *Certificate of Achievement*?

You receive the *Certificate of Achievement in International Communication* at Fall Convocation in the year you graduate.

How do I apply to receive the *Certificate of Achievement*?

To receive your *Certificate* you must apply to your **Program Chair** on or before **October 1st** in the year you graduate and you must submit the following items:

1. A letter addressed to your Program Chair requesting the *Certificate of Achievement in International Communication* and confirming that you have completed all requirements and which includes:

- A copy of your mymruGradU8 record showing completed courses and grades achieved
- A copy of the checklist below of the courses you took to complete the requirements
- A current mailing address to facilitate receipt of your *Certificate*

Requirements Checklist: <i>Certificate of Achievement in International Communication</i>	Course Number	Date Completed
Requirement One (minimum of one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Semester Abroad • Field School • International Work Experience Placement 		
Requirement Two (minimum of three language courses) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language course • Language course • Language course 		
Requirement Three (minimum of one and program specific) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMM 2680 • COMM 350I • COMM 4847 		
Requirement Four (minimum of three international focused GNED, Cluster 1,2,3,4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GNED course/cluster • GNED course/cluster • GNED course/cluster 		

Upon receipt of the above noted items, your Program Chair will review your application package and advise the Dean of the School of Communication Studies, whether or not you qualify to receive the *Certificate of Achievement in International Communication* upon graduation.

If you qualify, a formal *Certificate* will be prepared and mailed to you following the Fall Convocation in the year in which you graduate.