

Virtual Canadian Studies (VCS)

What is VCS all about?

- ⇒ it focuses on Canada and Canadian issues in the format of interdisciplinary courses,
- ⇒ it is an opportunity to learn more about Canada through long distance E-learning,
- ⇒ it is an easy access to resources on Canada worldwide,
- ⇒ it provides access to courses by specialists on Canada from different German universities,
- ⇒ it allows participants to earn credit points (from 3 to 7, based on chosen level) that can be used towards programs at home universities (Bachelor, Master etc.) (check with your own university before enrolling),
- ⇒ students will receive a special certificate by the GKS testifying to their course participation,
- ⇒ it is a great experience to get acquainted with new forms of learning and digital Media

Course Format & Requirements

- **Duration:** 14 weeks (full German university term)
- **Language:** English or French
- **Format:** long-distance e-learning, courses are taught on a biweekly basis (double sessions)
- **Course requirements:**
 - Critical reading of the texts provided by the lecturers
 - Written assignments for each session
 - Regular participation in online discussion forum and chats
 - Submission of a final term paper
- **Entry Requirements:**
 - Enrolment in a university program (second-year level or above)
 - Proficiency in English or French
 - Online access
 - Interest in Canada
 - Registration fee 25 €(for additional information see: <http://www.kanada-studien.de/relaunch/typo3/start/fileadmin/resources/Publikationen/Virtuelle%20Re ssourcen/VCS/FAQsWS2008.pdf>)

Contact & Registration

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VCS Geography "Urban Canada"

The aim of this course is to analyse the Canadian urban system from an urban geographic perspective. We will focus on different aspects of the historic as well as recent urban development, on the variety of urban landscapes as well as actual social-geographic problems of Canadian cities.

Selected topics:

- Theoretical aspects of the Canadian urban system
- Socio-economic perspective: The Canadian city as a social place
- Multiculturalism in Canadian cities
- The retail landscape in Canadian cities
- The internal geography of the city: The inner city
- International context: Canadian cities in the global urban order

Next course offering: November 1st, 2008
(Registration deadline: October 10th, 2008)

Instructors:

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VCS Linguistique «Les variétés du français canadien»

L'objectif de ce cours est l'analyse et la description des variétés du français parlées au Canada. Vous allez découvrir que ces variétés se distinguent du français standard par des particularités phonétiques, lexicales, morphosyntaxiques et pragmatiques. Les analyses seront basées sur des enregistrements, des textes authentiques et des articles linguistiques. Nous allons également nous intéresser à l'histoire et au statut de ces variétés, de même qu'aux attitudes de leurs locuteurs. De plus, il sera question des principes et des moyens de la politique linguistique québécoise. Des connaissances préalables des domaines principaux de la linguistique synchronique sont indispensables pour la participation au cours.

Le prochain cours aura lieu:
Le semestre d'été 2009
(Fin d'inscription: à indiquer)

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VCS English Literature

"Introduction to English-Canadian Literature"

The aim of this course is to introduce participants to Canadian literature written in English. We will focus on key authors, important themes and topics, the literary history of the country, and essential theoretical texts.

Topics include:

- The Problematic Notion of National Literary Histories
- Native North American Literature
- The Pioneer Experience / Immigration in Canadian Literature
- Literary Regionalisms
- Postmodern Canada / Postmodern Literature?
- Representations of Gender
- Bi-, Multi- and Transculturalism in Literary Texts

Next course offering:
Probably Summer term 2009
(Registration deadline: March 2009)

Instructors:
N.N:

September 2008