



University courses for CIC officers

Does learning ever stop? Can we ever get to a point where we say, "That's it, my head is full, I couldn't learn another thing even if I tried"? Of course not. The Royal Military College (RMC), and more specifically its Division of Continuing Studies (DCS), is the one place where CF members who are interested in formally continuing their learning can do so from the comfort of their own home or office.

Through distributed learning (DL), the DCS offers undergraduate and graduate degrees, as well as undergraduate certificates and Officer Professional Military Education (OPME). The majority of these programs can be taken in French or English, and are open to all CF members.

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programs interest you, they are not free but they are a lot cheaper than what you would pay in any other learning institution—about \$350 for an undergraduate course and from \$710 for a graduate course, books not included.

OPME

OPME is intended to enhance critical thinking skills and develop innovative responses by ensuring that junior officers all possess a common body of knowledge related to the military profession. While Regular Force junior officers must complete this program to be eligible for promotion to major/lieutenant-commander, all other CF members can take these courses to enhance their knowledge of these topics in a military context. There are currently six courses, each covering a specific subject deemed essential for officership: defence

management, military law, military history, civics and politics, leadership and ethics, and the application of military technology to military operations. For more information on the OPME program or to register, visit www.opme.forces.gc.ca.

For more information, or to register, visit the DCS website at www.rmc.ca/academic/continuing. Tuition fees are listed at www.rmc.ca/academic/registrar/allfees_e.html.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Like most Canadian universities, RMC offers bachelor degrees of a conventional three-year (30 one-term courses) length. These degree programs are built around a core of courses to which approved and relevant electives are added. Three fields can be chosen: Military Arts and Science (BMASc), Arts (BA) and Science (BSc).

Bachelor of Military Arts and Science

The BMASc is thoroughly grounded in the elements of the military profession, making it a unique program for the CF. Though it has the same length as a conventional three-year degree, it is actually designed to be earned over an extended period of time, by integrating professional military training (such as OPME courses) with standard and special academic studies, thereby recognizing university-level achievement appropriate to the profession of arms. An Honours program also exists for students who are interested in pursuing graduate studies in this field.

Bachelor of Arts

The BA program is offered as a general BA, or with a minor or a concentration. Concentrations and

minors can be in the following fields: Business Administration, History, Psychology, English, French, Political Science or Economics. Members who begin a general BA or a BA with a minor always have the option of later registering for a concentration.

Bachelor of Science

The BSc program is offered as a general BSc or with a minor. If a minor is chosen, it will be in Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics or Computer Science. Other subject areas considered as science courses include calculus, algebra, algorithms and computing, mechanics, and optics. As with the BA program, a minor can be registered after the BSc has been started.

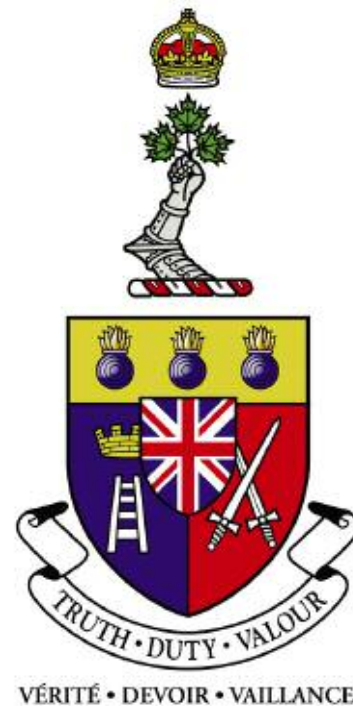
GRADUATE DEGREES

Master of Arts in War Studies

The MA(Ws) program is dedicated to the examination of the phenomenon of war and peace. Members can choose two patterns to be awarded this degree: the course pattern requires five two-term graduate courses, while the thesis pattern requires three two-term graduate courses and a thesis. Completion of a bachelor's degree with honours (four years) in Arts, Science or Engineering is required for admission.

Master of Arts in Defence Management and Policy

The MA(DMP) program addresses issues of the contemporary business and management world. Members can choose three patterns to be awarded this degree: the course pattern requires 12 one-term graduate courses, the project pattern requires 10 one-term graduate courses, while the thesis pattern requires six one-term graduate courses and a thesis. Completion of a bachelor's degree with honours (four years) is required for admission.



UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Certificate in management with applications to defence

This certificate allows individuals to gain a basic understanding of the defence management field, and covers topics such as principles of management, methods, marketing, information systems, accounting, decision-making, and human psychology. In addition, the 10 one-term courses taken for this certificate can be applied to the BA and BMASc degrees offered by DCS.

Certificate in environmental protection

This certificate contributes to the achievement of the “DND Sustainable Development Strategy” by providing personnel with the skills, techniques, and knowledge they need to prevent pollution and conserve our environment. In addition, the nine one-term courses (including a research project) taken for this certificate can be applied to the BA and BMASc degrees offered by DCS. *

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