



John Abbott College Certificates

Open to Students in All
Programs

Why enroll in a certificate?

Enables students to describe their worlds, analyze problems and envision change.

Helps you to stand out as a graduate when applying for jobs or university programs – it shows your commitment.

The best reason to do a certificate is because you are curious, excited and interested!

Solutions to global problems grow out of understanding them and finding out what actions can be taken.

Who can apply for a certificate?

- Any registered JAC student in any program can use this option. You can only enroll once you are at JAC.



How does it work?

- Certificates are not programs – they are offered to John Abbott students as a supplement to their existing program of study. Upon completion of a certificate program you will receive a certificate of recognition along with your John Abbott diploma.

What types
of
certificates
are
offered?

- [Environmental Studies](#)
- [Indigenous Studies](#)
- [Peace and Social Justice Studies](#)
- [Women's Studies and Gender Relations \(WSGR\)](#)

What are the requirements?

- Complete six courses from your certificate course list (these are courses you have to take anyway) – there are courses in most programs and general education.
- Complete a written project worth at least 25% of your mark in one of your courses on a subject of your choosing related to the certificate subject.





Environmental Studies

- Past student projects include papers about renewable energy, climate change, eating sustainably, energy audits, artistic creations, environmental ethics, ecofeminism, etc....

Volunteering



In Environmental Studies, 10 hrs of volunteering is required, in order to build community and enable you to feel the satisfaction and camaraderie of taking action!



This can be done on or off campus. Examples: gardening, online research, helping organize green events on campus, etc.

Environmental Studies

- Examples of events....
 - Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup
 - EcoFair
 - Global Climate Change Week
 - Tour of organic farm
 - Film showings with filmmakers on campus
 - Speakers on many topics – divestment, water pollution, carbon tax, women and climate change, legal solutions to environmental problems, etc.



Indigenous Studies

- This certificate allows students to explore:
- Ideas, identities, issues, worldviews, cultural works, and lived experiences of Indigenous Peoples globally
- Relationships between Indigenous and settler Canadians, as we are all Treaty Peoples and all have a role in reconciliation

Indigenous Studies



The Indigenous Studies Certificate brings together College courses which situate Indigenous realities within the local and global context as we move to a resurgent future together!



Over 150 courses are listed as part of the certificate.

Indigenous Studies

- Examples of events....
 - Cultural events including pow-wow dancers, drummers, Inuit games, and more
 - Student-led performances and initiatives
 - Guests speaking to truth and reconciliation, and issues like violence against Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirits
 - Beading and other cultural activities



Peace and Social Justice Studies

- This certificate focuses on issues relating to:
- Issues of war and peace in their social, political, historic, religious and economic contexts;
- Inquiries about social justice – poverty, inequality, lack of human rights, various forms of oppression (racism, ableism, sexism, heterosexism, etc.)
- Explorations of peace in a “positive” sense – interpersonal relations based on respect for the environment and the person, conflict resolution, activism

Peace and Social Justice Studies



The Peace and Social Studies Certificate brings together College courses which inform students about world issues and their impacts on their personal lives. Students are then empowered to take action and organize!



Over 100 courses are listed as part of the certificate.

Peace and Social Justice Studies

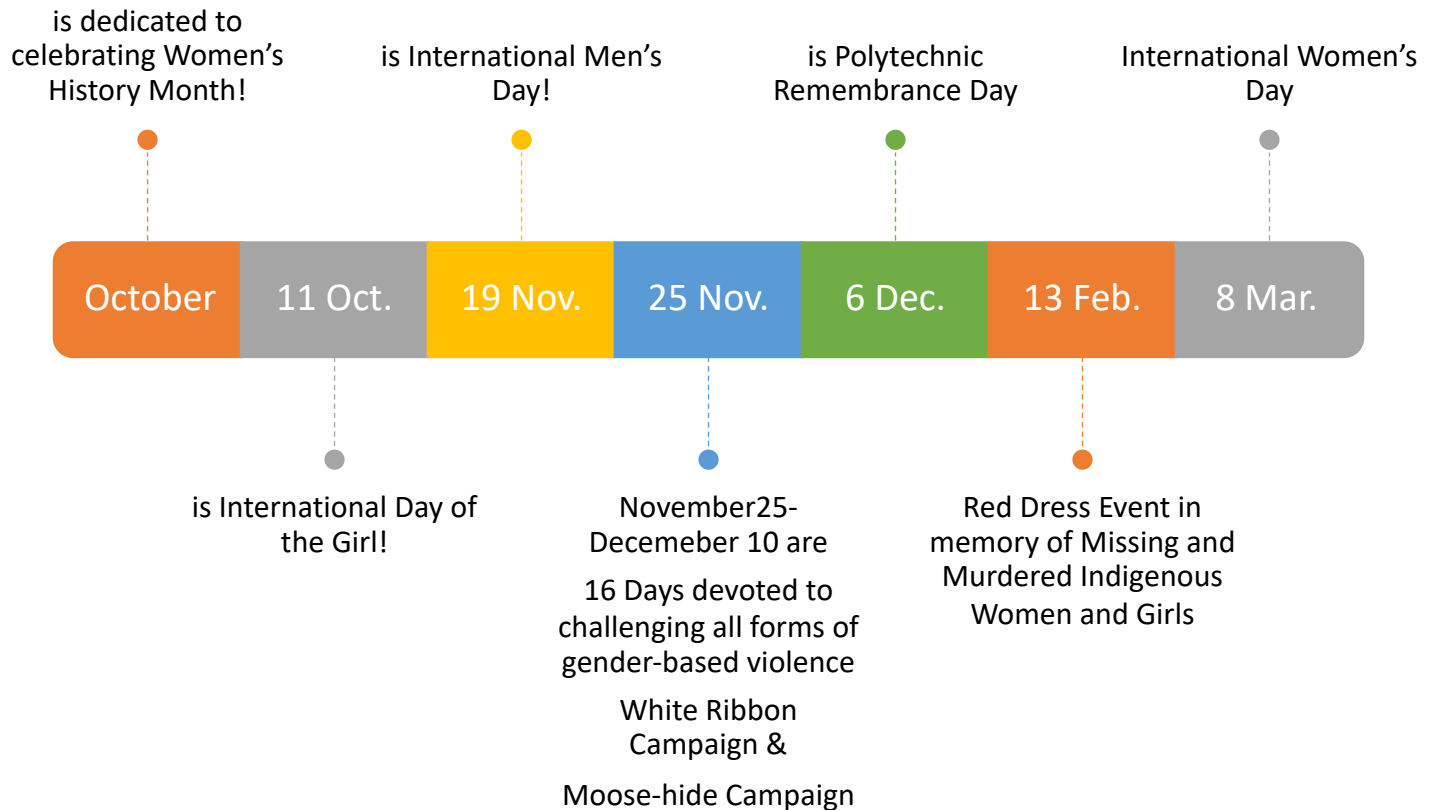
- Examples of events....
 - Social Justice Week
 - Buy Nothing Day
 - Week on Systemic Racism (Fall 2020)
 - Events focusing on genocide, the conflict in Syria, Islamophobia, white supremacy and racism
 - Panels, films, guest speakers, fundraisers, and more!

Women's Studies & Gender Relations

- An interdisciplinary feminist field of study that has evolved from being 'by and about women' to exploring our complex social and cultural identities
- Analyzes intersectional issues of social and economic justice, gender equity and inclusion, systemic racism and sexism, poverty and well-being
- Connects learning and research to community action and real social change!
- Leads to career paths in education, health care, media, law, public relations, international work, political science, conflict resolution, art, medicine, and science
- All are welcome! Feminism is not anti-male—it's against misogyny, homophobia, trans-phobia, racism, predatory capitalism, and all social injustices
- Envisions a world that would be 'beautiful to behold' –a world free from all forms of systemic oppression!

Women's Studies & Gender Relations Certificate:

Annual Events



How do I join?



Any John Abbott student in any program is eligible



Must be currently registered



Simply apply to the coordinator at:

<http://www.johnabbott.qc.ca/academics/certificates/>