INSTITUTE DESCRIPTION

HEI is a community of academics with a shared passion for international affairs and a proud commitment to maintaining the institute’s reputation for excellence throughout Canada and abroad.

HEI’s interdisciplinary vocation brings together students and researchers from diverse backgrounds and disciplines to create a stimulating environment and highly rewarding learning experience.

MISSION

The mission of HEI is to contribute to the advancement of knowledge on international affairs through an interdisciplinary approach and help train experts who can understand, debate, and affect change on the major issues facing the world.

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HEI was founded in 1994 as a multidisciplinary centre for advanced international studies and research. Every year, HEI welcomes approximately 60 new students in its master’s program in International Studies and 5 to 10 in its Ph.D. program. There were 211 students at HEI in 2012-2013.

The institute also offers intensive training programs to various clienteles, including summer schools and a program that has been offered in Haiti since 2011.

HEI has over 60 members—most of whom are Université Laval faculty. There are nine research groups affiliated with HEI, including three Canada Research Chairs established in partnership with the university faculties. Areas of expertise include international security, terrorism, trade, the environment and sustainable development, the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East and the Maghreb. HEI also publishes a scholarly journal, *Études internationales*, and organizes 50-odd scientific events per year.

STATISTICS AT 1 JUNE 2013

66 researchers

25 research assistants

211 students
2012–2013 saw a record number of registrations, with 71 new students in the master’s program and 7 in the Ph.D. program.

HEI has recruited 5 new member researchers since 2011, bringing its team of experts to 66.

Three HEI researchers are among Université Laval’s eight most sought-after professors by the media: Fannie Lafontaine (Law), François Gélineau (Political Science), and Yan Cimon (Management).

Two new summer schools have been established—an international relations school held in 2012 and 2013 in partnership with Sciences Po Bordeaux, and a school on the European Union held in 2013. These programs are in addition to HEI’s existing summer schools on the Americas (9th edition in 2012), terrorism (5th edition in 2013), and the Francophonie in the Americas (3rd edition in 2013).

Études internationales celebrated its 40th birthday in 2010. It is the leading multidisciplinary French-language journal in international studies.

HEI signed new agreements with Universidade federal de Pernambuco in Brazil and the University of Turku in Finland to establish exchange student programs.

In 2012, HEI’s then-president, the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, awarded degrees to 21 Haitian government officials and administrators who completed HEI’s multidisciplinary training program in Port-au-Prince.

In 2013, the Honourable Pierre Pettigrew agreed to take the reins of HEI, bringing with him extensive career experience in strategic and defense issues, development and cooperation, international trade, diplomacy, and foreign policy.

HEI students embody academic excellence, as evidenced by the numerous scholarships they have received. In 2012–2013 alone, students won 4 leadership and sustainable development scholarships, 2 Hydro-Québec scholarships, 2 Raoul-Dandurand scholarships, and 2 Scotiabank international mobility scholarships.

In 2012, HEI established three new Alumni and Friends of HEI admission scholarships for the master’s program, in the amount of $1,000 each.

Heures internationales offers unique and highly competitive graduate programs. With research and academic activities all under one roof, HEI students work in close proximity with researchers.

The job placement rate for our graduates is excellent, with 71% finding work within six months and 75% finding a job within their field. The program readies graduates for brilliant careers in public and private sector organizations active on the international stage.

The research groups and chairs housed at HEI cover major international phenomena from an interdisciplinary perspective, which helps provide a deeper understanding of complex international realities.

Research covers different dimensions in international studies:
- Security, cybersecurity, terrorism, and arms
- The legal and regulatory framework governing trade, sustainable development, and the environment
- The world’s major regions, their integration, and their relations with other regions
- HEI is home to several recognized research groups and chairs
  - Canada Research Chair in Identity Conflicts and Terrorism
  - Canada Research Chair in Environmental Law
  - Canada Research Chair in Sustainable Development Management Standards
- Inter-American Studies Centre
- International Peace and Security Program
- Cercle Europe
- Research and Study Group on Contemporary Asia
- Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Africa and the Middle East
- Chair for Maghreb Studies

The added value of HEI resides in its interdisciplinary approach. To provide a comprehensive understanding of international events, HEI’s graduate programs blend law, economics, political science, and management, among other disciplines.

HEI is recognized for its study abroad and internship opportunities for students who want to gain international experience during their studies.

Financial aid is available in the form of admissions scholarships and ongoing support to encourage academic excellence and student retention.

HEI boasts an active and engaged student association that organizes graduate field trips and social activities, provides support for extracurricular activities, and publishes Regard Critique, a highly respected student newspaper.