

# faculty of arts



## ENGAGING OPPORTUNITIES

Arts student Natasha Verkley  
interns at the PEI Legislature

### ARTS DEGREES OPEN DOORS

Pursuing an arts degree at UPEI allows a student to embrace and engage in a multiplicity of academic disciplines, encompassing modern languages, the humanities, and social sciences. An arts degree at UPEI lays the intellectual foundation for a graduate to excel in all walks of life.

### AN EDUCATION FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

The University of Prince Edward Island has long had a tradition of providing a solid education in the liberal arts. It is committed to rigorous study and inquiry, belief in the value of knowledge, lifelong capacity-building, and the development of the whole person. UPEI's faculty of arts offers wide-ranging and comprehensive programs that include the many genres that make up the "arts." And UPEI's advisors and professors in the faculty of arts are committed to helping you discover the field that most interests you, and to ensuring your time here is exciting and productive.



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*UPEI is beyond anything that I could have expected. Small classes, excellent facilities, and engaged professors show that UPEI is dedicated to student success. Outside the classroom, the campus community completes the University experience. The community is welcoming, diverse, and, most of all, fun. For the student who wishes to succeed academically and socially, UPEI is the place to be.*

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### **Kyle Murnaghan**

*(5th-year arts) has been an NSO leader, and is an arts representative on the Student Union and a recipient of the Macdonald Heaslip Scholarship*

#### **WHAT IS A BACHELOR OF ARTS?**

A bachelor of arts (BA) is a university degree within which a major—a specific area of interest—is studied. Subject areas that fall under the Arts faculty include **social sciences**, which include but are not limited to psychology, anthropology, sociology, political science, women's studies, religious studies, philosophy, economics, and history — and the **humanities** including modern languages (Spanish, German, Italian, and Japanese), English, religious studies, music, and theatre.

#### **WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR A BACHELOR OF ARTS?**

A student must receive credit for 40 courses (42 in some programs), 14 of which will comprise a major, and 7 more of which can comprise an optional minor. Students also have the option of pursuing an honours degree in a number of disciplines. Many students complete a bachelor of arts in four years, taking five courses per term. Others complete degree requirements within six years—choosing to take fewer courses per term.

#### **WHO CAN I TALK TO ABOUT MY COURSES?**

Students are encouraged to meet with staff in the first-year advisement centre in Student Services to discuss their course options, or to consult a faculty member from any of our departments. Faculty are a great resource for information pertaining to their area of expertise.

There's a perception that arts degrees aren't useful in the “real world.” But they are. Today's job market demands creativity, critical writing and speaking skills, and, above all, imagination and flexibility—keys to success and leadership today.

#### **WHEN SHOULD I DECLARE A MAJOR?**

Students have until the end of their second year to declare a major. Some students begin their arts program with a specific area of interest in mind, and others want to explore various subjects. Meeting with an academic advisor or professor can be a great resource for students when selecting a major.

## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Virtually all departments in the faculty of arts have active student societies where students with mutual interests get together. Student societies play an instrumental role in the organization of undergraduate academic conferences at UPEI and other regional universities. Many arts students assume leadership roles in the Student Union while others immerse themselves in the work and fun of the debating society, the United Nations club, or the student newspaper. Numerous opportunities for student exchanges, from Salamanca, Spain to Kagoshima, Japan, are also available. The faculty of arts isn't just about taking courses, it's about a way of life.

## PROGRAMS IN THE FACULTY OF ARTS

Please refer to [upei.ca/registrar](http://upei.ca/registrar) for program details.

	UNIVERSITY PREP	DEGREE	HONOURS	MAJOR	MINOR	CO-OP	SPECIALIZATION	CERTIFICATE	DIPLOMA	MASTER'S	PHD
<b>FACULTY OF ARTS</b>											
<b>Bachelor of Arts</b>		■									
Acadian Studies					■						
Anthropology			■	■	■						
Asian Studies					■						
Canadian Studies				■	■						
Catholic Studies					■						
Christian Studies					■						
Classics					■						
Economics				■	■						
English			■	■	■						
Fine Arts					■						
French				■	■						
German				■	■						
History			■	■	■						
International Development					■						
Island Studies					■						
Music				■							
Philosophy				■	■						
Political Science				■	■	■					
Psychology*			■	■	■						
Public Administration								■	■		
Religious Studies				■	■						
Sociology			■	■	■						
Sociology/Anthropology			■	■							
Spanish				■	■			■			
Theatre Studies					■						
University 100 and 103	■										
University Writing					■						
Women's Studies				■	■						
<b>Bachelor of Music Education</b>		■									
<b>Bachelor of Music</b>		■									
<b>Bachelor of Integrated Studies</b>		■									
<b>Bachelor of Applied Arts in Print Journalism</b>		■									
<b>Master of Arts in Island Studies</b>										■	

\*Trans-disciplinary program; see also faculty of science





### WHAT TYPE OF JOB CAN I GET WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS?

A bachelor of arts provides an excellent foundation from which to pursue a host of vibrant and exciting careers. Some students may choose to further their studies in a graduate school or professional program, or embark upon a law or medical career, while others choose to enter the workforce right away.

- Anthropologist
- Architect
- Armed Forces
- Communications officer
- Media relations
- Diplomat
- Human resource consultant
- Information officer
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Management
- Musician
- Policy analyst
- Politician
- Psychologist
- Public Administration
- Publications
- Researcher
- Social worker
- Statistician
- Teacher or professor
- Trade representative
- Translator/interpreter
- Writer, editor, or publisher

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*Bachelor of arts graduates are critical thinkers, which means they are intellectually, artistically, and ethically engaged with the world around them. They analyze and appreciate how art, ideas, and events fit into our culture, history, and society, and how all these relate to other people and other cultures. Critical thinkers respond creatively and effectively to changing circumstances, and they aspire to understand what we can and should do about the problems facing our world. If ever the world needed critical thinkers, it is now.*

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**Don Desserud**

Dean, Faculty of Arts