Master of Arts in Political Science

The Department of Political Science at Memorial is committed to research and to its graduate students. Faculty members’ interests touch on all of the major subfields of political science.

The Department has enhanced expertise in:

- Canadian and Provincial Politics
- International Relations and European Politics
- Public Policy and Administration
- Behaviour and Electoral Politics

Progressive Programs

We offer both an internship-based stream and research-focused streams.

- **Internship Stream:** Our innovative internship program requires students to complete a standard course load with an emphasis on course offerings in public policy and public administration. Students then take part in a four-month paid work placement with government or a private agency. This internship gives the candidate practical “hands on” skills in politics and public administration.

- **Thesis/Research Essay Streams:** Students choosing this stream are required to complete a standard course load, including two research design and methods courses intended to help prepare them for in-depth research. The thesis or research essay is normally written following the completion of course work.

- **Part Time Studies:** The MA program may also be completed on a part time basis.

Competitive Financial Support

Not only does Memorial offer one of the lowest tuition rates in Canada, we also offer highly competitive financial packages to support graduate students. Once a candidate is accepted, the Department will offer the candidate a competitive financial package drawn from entrance scholarships, graduate teaching and research assistantships and paid internships. Total support for a single year often exceeds $15,000 for top students.

An Excellent Place to Live and Study

The capital of Newfoundland and Labrador and regarded as the oldest city in North America, St. John’s is home to approximately 200,000 residents. Replete with history, the city is renowned for its thriving arts, entertainment and cultural scene. Located on the rugged coast of the Avalon Peninsula, the easternmost point of the Americas, St. John’s is surrounded by wilderness, fishing communities, and breathtaking scenery. For people who love the outdoors, the area boasts excellent opportunities for hiking, kayaking, whale watching and exploring along the ocean coastline.

With its affordable housing, interesting political culture, vibrant night life - including the infamous “George Street” - and outdoor opportunities, St. John’s has to be one of the world’s ideal university cities...an excellent place to study and live.

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