“You don’t find yourself when you do an ARTS degree — you create yourself.”

DONOVAN TAPLIN
Communications student
(Bell Island, NL)
WHAT IS THE FACULTY OF ARTS?

The Faculty of Arts is a faculty where you can study what fascinates you while pursuing a program that suits your aspirations both for learning and for meaningful work. It is a faculty where you can immerse yourself in human knowledge and understand how we got to where we are now—and where we might be going. An arts degree will give you a strong foundation of knowledge, along with the critical thinking, research, analytical and communications skills needed to succeed and adapt in a dynamic and rapidly evolving economy.

WHY STUDY ARTS?

Memorial University’s Faculty of Arts has 16 departments that offer courses in the social sciences and humanities. Pursuing a degree in the arts allow you to take your passions, interests, and values, and create viable and wide-ranging career options. You will be able to work in variety of roles and have multiple possibilities in the workforce that are both fulfilling and rewarding. An arts degree is highly flexible and customizable and will enable you to learn about what matters to you and the world you live in, as well as providing a toolkit of practical skills to take into the future. Our diverse environment and award-winning instructors will give you a global outlook on the world that will be a key component of your future success.

What skills will you gain? You can expect to sharpen your critical thinking skills, advance your leadership abilities, become a savvy qualitative and quantitative researcher, strengthen your writing and presentation skills, be equipped to make innovative decisions and solve problems creatively, make connections between global problems and their solutions, and become a well-rounded individual.
WHAT CAN I STUDY?

The Faculty of Arts consists of 16 departments, offering courses in the humanities and social sciences.

**hu * man * i * ties noun**

Branches of knowledge that investigate human beings, their culture and their self-expression. The humanities are disciplines of memory and imagination.

**so * cial sci *ences noun**

A branch of science that deals with the institutions and functioning of human society. The social sciences are empirical disciplines of behavioural, interpersonal, and organizational processes.

**DEPARTMENTS**

Anthropology
Archaeology
Classics
Economics
English Language and Literature
Folklore
French and Spanish
Gender Studies
Geography
German and Russian Language and Literature
History
Linguistics
Philosophy
Political Science
Religious Studies
Sociology
LIST OF MAJORS

ANTHROPOLOGY
Anthropology is the study of the origins of human beings and their culture worldwide. In addition to documenting a particular culture, anthropologists are interested in how and why human cultures change.

FAST FACTS: Our faculty have addressed a wide range of important topics, including: the Northern Ireland Peace Process, the political transformation that has taken place in Spain after the fall of Franco’s fascist regime, the politics of authenticity in Newfoundland’s fishing and tourism industries, historical memory of the Vietnam war, issues of development in Latin America, and social and political struggles over access to ocean spaces and resources.

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www.mun.ca/anthro

ARCHAEOLOGY
Archaeology studies past human culture through the material left behind, including physical objects, bones, plants, building foundations, and landscape such as settlements.

FAST FACTS: Archaeology students at Memorial regularly participate in digs throughout the province. Our department specializes in the North Atlantic world (no surprise there!) and the Canadian Subarctic. Faculty interests range from the study of ancient Native cultures, through the historical archaeology of European expansion, to downed Second World War aircraft.

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CLASSICS
A study of classics is the study of the literary works of ancient Greece and Rome, exposing students to two of the predominant cultures from which western civilizations developed.

FAST FACTS: Classics is also the oldest academic discipline; its traditions stretch back into antiquity itself. Modern western culture grows from these ancient roots, and knowledge of classical antiquity provides students with a broad cultural vocabulary, which helps them to understand western literature, laws and cultural institutions.

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ECONOMICS
Economics is the branch of social science that deals with the analysis and management of production, distribution and consumption of goods and services.

FAST FACTS: Memorial offers applied economics courses in a wide variety of areas, including fishery, petroleum and mining, forestry, environmental, development, international, monetary, public sector, welfare, labour and health economics. Co-op option available.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
This program introduces you to the study of classical and contemporary literature at the university level. You will learn to read critically and interpret texts, and to write in a thoughtful, analytical and responsive way.

FAST FACTS: The study of English focuses on two activities — reading and writing. In some courses, students may concentrate on writing. In others, the emphasis will be on reading and interpretation. But rarely are reading and writing separated. A degree in English is invaluable training in how language works.

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FOLKLORE
Folklore is the study of the oral and written traditions, beliefs, myths, tales and practices of a people. Memorial is the only English-speaking university in Canada to offer comprehensive folklore programs at all levels.

FAST FACTS: Thanks to Newfoundlanders’ unique lifestyles and customs, our province is the perfect place to study folklore.

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FRENCH
French is one of the most useful second languages you can acquire, and is the second most frequently taught language in the world after English.

FAST FACTS: Having a second (or third!) language is a huge asset in an increasingly competitive global marketplace.

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GENDER STUDIES
The gender studies major offers you the opportunity to explore gender in society. It addresses gender and gender relations and practical tools for promoting equality.

FAST FACTS: In addition to being a discipline in itself, gender studies is an important area of study in disciplines such as literary theory, drama studies, film studies, religious studies, performance theory, art history, anthropology, sociology and psychology.

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GEOGRAPHY
Geography is the study of the earth’s surface. It also explores how the world’s cultures influence and are influenced by its topography and climate.

FAST FACTS: Geographers are more than map-makers (though they are that, too). They are planners, researchers, environmentalists, educators and decision makers whose interests focus on some of society’s most pressing questions.

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GERMAN
If you are planning to enter a profession or career that might involve a European context, German is an excellent language to learn. Not only is German the language of many great thinkers, artists and scientists, it also plays a central role in many contemporary economic, political and cultural developments.

FAST FACTS: German is the third most popular language taught worldwide and Germany has the third strongest economy in the world.

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HISTORY
A study of history fosters a critical understanding of the past as relates it to our present-day experience. From the depth of recorded history, this program constructs a timeline of human events that teaches us where we came from and illuminates where we are going.

FAST FACTS: The number of students taking majors or minors in history at Memorial has doubled in the past five years.

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LINGUISTICS
Linguistics is the scientific study of human language, from childhood acquisition of language to the sounds of language and the ways that different social groups use language. Language is so basic to what people do and are that it permeates everything in our experience.

FAST FACTS: Memorial is home to the only linguistics department in Atlantic Canada.

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PHILOSOPHY
As a discipline, philosophy is concerned with the age-old questions of why we are here, how we ought to live, what is knowledge and what are the principles of reason, and ultimately, what is the essential nature, if any, of being human.

FAST FACTS: Philosophy majors develop finely honed analytical skills, problem-solving abilities, and writing skills that make them extremely effective in a variety of professional careers. Beyond the knowledge and skills required for any particular profession, a good philosophical education enhances the capacity to participate responsibly and intelligently in public life.

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POLITICAL SCIENCE
Political science is the systematic study of politics. Political scientists consider not only the structure and operations of government, but also public opinion, political parties and elections, and the ways in which they interact with governments and shape the polices they make. Co-op option available.

FAST FACTS: Memorial is a Canadian leader in offering several co-op programs for political science students.

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“I’m majoring in POLITICAL SCIENCE — I’ve been interested in politics since I was young and it seemed a natural thing to study. I’m interested in how our country is run, affairs of state and how Canada interacts on the international stage.”

GRiffin chezenko
Political science student
(Sydney, NS)
RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Religious studies is the exploration of the expression of religion in human culture. It examines human ideas about the divine, as well as the way religious concepts are expressed in text, rituals and belief systems.

FAST FACTS: Very few things have the impact on human culture that religion does. Our values, our understanding of ourselves as individuals, our understanding of society, our view of nature, even our definition of truth, stem from concepts originally fostered in a religious environment.

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RUSSIAN
A Russian major combines learning the Russian language and developing a specialization in various aspects of Russian culture, literature and contemporary issues, relevant to the importance of Russia as a world power in the 21st century.

FAST FACTS: Russian is one of the five official languages of the United Nations and is the native language of 142 million citizens of the Russian Federation, the world’s largest country.

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www.mun.ca/german

SOCIOLOGY
Sociology aims to understand patterns and diversity of human life from both contemporary and historical perspectives. Sociologists seek to understand how people live, think, feel and believe, comparing their own society with others.

FAST FACTS: Our department is the largest in Atlantic Canada and our faculty regularly engage with communities and social issues right here in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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SPANISH
If you speak Spanish you can communicate with nearly 500 million people in the world. This means you will have greater job opportunities in the labour market.

FAST FACTS: Spanish is part of the Indo-European family of languages, which are spoken by more than a third of the world’s population. Spanish can be classified further as a Romance language, a group that includes French, Portuguese, Italian, Catalan and Romanian.

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INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS MAJORS

A major that includes subject matter from more than one academic department is called an interdisciplinary major. We offer four such programs.

COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES
The study of communications addresses questions such as: Who controls the media and why? What shape does communication take in today’s global world? What are the different media technologies and at whom are they targeted? Communication studies addresses these questions and others as it critically examines the role and development of communication in modern society.

FAST FACTS: The communication studies major has been one of the fastest growing programs at Memorial since being introduced in 2010.

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LAW AND SOCIETY
Law and Society is the study of the place of law in social, political, economic and cultural life and encompasses many diverse disciplines of study, among them anthropology, history, linguistics, philosophy, political science, and sociology. It introduces students to different facets of law and the role of law in society through the ages.

FAST FACTS: Laws in Newfoundland and Labrador developed differently than those in mainland Canada and courts were established here as early as the late 1700s.

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www.mun.ca/interdisciplinary/lawsociety/major

MEDIEVAL STUDIES
The objective of this popular program is the integrated study of the historical and cultural period known also as the Middle Ages. This is defined here as the period between Antiquity and the Modern Age.

FAST FACTS: The influence of this period on our own age is wide ranging, and a study of the Middle Ages can shed light on the origins of contemporary situations such as attitudes towards women, religion, and conflict with and within the Middle East.

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POLICE STUDIES
Police work is a commitment to lifelong learning. Many of the skills now required of police officers (problem solving, critical thinking, comprehending legal jargon, recognizing the underlying social problems that cause crime) can be gained through higher education. The program has been specifically designed to address the demands of police work with many courses being accessible through distance education and online learning. You have the ability to choose your own area of interest to focus on with your major (e.g. sociology or business).

FAST FACTS: This major is most beneficial for experienced police officers and for others working in a policing environment who wish to obtain a university degree. It will also be of great benefit to those who are interested in careers in correctional services and within justice departments.

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These additional major programs are not housed in the Faculty of Arts but you can choose to do a BA in these subjects. Contact the departments directly for further information.

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PSYCHOLOGY
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“I consider myself very fortunate that I was able to pursue an arts degree at Memorial. I think of all the people out there who are interested in traditional culture, music and work and who don’t have an avenue for it in their own backyard and I feel it even more. I remember being in grade 11 and looking at the description of the degree in folklore and thinking they had specially designed it for me. It was through the teachings of everyone in that department that I am who I am today.”

TOM POWER
BA (Folklore/Music, ‘09)

Tom is host of CBC Radio’s Deep Roots and Radio 2 Morning and is the youngest host of a national CBC program since Peter Jennings in the early 1960s. Tom also fronts the popular band “The Dardanelles.”

MINORS

You may choose a minor area of study from any of the majors listed in this brochure (with the exception of Communications Studies and Police Studies), or from the following interdisciplinary arts minors:

ABORIGINAL STUDIES
This interdisciplinary minor program promotes understanding of Native people, in particular those inhabiting Newfoundland and Labrador; their traditions and the historical roots of complex issues. www.mun.ca/interdisciplinary/aboriginal

FILM STUDIES
This interdisciplinary minor program teaches you to think historically, theoretically and analytically about film within the broad context of humanistic studies. You will be prepared to engage in further social and cultural debates about the role of the film and cultural industries in promoting cross-cultural understanding and social equality. www.mun.ca/interdisciplinary/film
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR STUDIES
This interdisciplinary minor program allows students to study Newfoundland and Labrador society and culture through a variety of approaches. www.mun.ca/interdisciplinary/newfoundland

FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
You may choose a minor from the Faculty of Business Administration.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE
You may choose a minor from the Faculty of Science.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC
You may choose a minor from the Faculty of Music.
“Since graduating in 2010, I have held a wide variety of jobs: a study abroad advisor, a writing tutor, a job coach. Currently I’m working full-time at VOCM News as a news anchor, reporter and web editor. I’ve also been working part-time with International Student Advising at MUN, co-ordinating an educational outreach program. Every day, in both positions, I draw upon the writing, researching and editing skills I developed through my arts degree at Memorial, as well as the oral communication and presentation skills I’ve cultivated. There’s no shortage of employment opportunities with the skills and experiences an arts degree can give you.”

ZAREN HEALY WHITE
BA Honours (English and Gender Studies, ’10)
DIPLOMAS

Diploma programs offer students an option to complement their degree with in-depth knowledge and practical experience in a variety of specializations.

APPLIED ETHICS

This diploma helps to prepare students for the ethical challenges of various professions and for work as ethical consultants and analysts. The program offers a basic foundation in ethics for all its students and an opportunity to specialize in specific fields. www.mun.ca/philosophy/applied_ethics

CREATIVE WRITING

Aims to develop students’ skills in writing in a variety of genres conventionally described as “creative,” such as fiction, poetry, drama and creative non-fiction. The overall aim of the program is to help students produce work that merits publication. To this end, the focus of the creative writing courses will be on the composition, critiquing and editing of the students’ own work. www.mun.ca/english/diplomas/creative.php

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCES

The diploma consists of a series of courses in cartography, geographical information systems, and remote sensing. Two instructional field placement courses provide students with opportunities to use their skills and to apply their knowledge to industry-related problems. Students will learn to compile georeferenced databases, design and produce maps, analyze data in geographic information systems, produce digital elevation models, and extract information from aerial photographs and satellite images. www.mun.ca/geog/undergrad/gis

PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

Students in this program will be introduced to the sister arts of theatre and video production. Through practical courses in acting, directing, stage/video craft and production, students will explore the similarities and differences in these two exciting media. Following the completion of course work, students will enrol in a six credit-hour instructional field placement. www.mun.ca/english/diplomas/performance.php

POLICE STUDIES

Open to students who are recruit cadets of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC). The multi-disciplinary curriculum offers recruits a broad understanding of what they will encounter on the job and provide the academic and experiential learning components relevant to future work as police officers. Following the completion of course work, recruits complete a six credit-hour instructional field placement. www.mun.ca/arts/diploma/police/index.php
“Studying the arts is important because it fosters and enables critical thinking in a unique way that not only allows you to gain a deeper understanding of our complex world, but also encourages contributing to society in a meaningful and informed way. A degree in the arts prepares you to be a diverse and dynamic citizen who is able to effectively communicate your ideas while also being able to adapt to a rapidly changing world.”

KAYLA CARROLL
BA ‘13, major in English, minor in Newfoundland Studies (St. Lunaire-Griquet, NL)

Kayla is a multi-scholarship winner and received the 2013 Chancellor’s Undergraduate Award, the Fry Family Foundation Undergraduate Leadership Award, the George M. Story Convocation Medal in Arts and the A. C. Hunter Prize in English at the May 2013 convocation ceremony in St. John’s. She is currently enrolled as an MA student in Memorial’s folklore department.
STUDY ABROAD

HARLOW CAMPUS
Memorial is one of only two universities in Canada to have a campus in England. Harlow (www.mun.ca/harlow/about) is a group of 19th-century buildings 40 minutes (by train) from London. Several Faculty of Arts programs are run out of Harlow every year so you’re bound to find something intriguing.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

• Summer language field school in Heidelberg, Germany
• Summer language program in St. Petersburg, Russia
• Frecker Program in St. Pierre and Miquelon, France
• Third Year in Nice, France
• Summer school in La Coruna, Spain
• Summer field school in Italy

For more details on studying abroad in the Faculty of Arts visit www.mun.ca/arts/services/study_abroad.php

"I’ve spent several semesters studying abroad — nine months in the South of France, three months at the Frecker Institute on St. Pierre and Miquelon, one month in Spain and a semester at the Harlow Campus in England."

JULIETTE RYAN
(St. John’s, NL)
NEED SOME SUPPORT?

Occasionally everyone needs a little help from their friends. The Faculty of Arts has several programs specifically designed to help students get the most from their undergraduate experience.

- ARTSWORKS is an award-winning program designed to help prepare arts students for careers. [www.mun.ca/arts/artsworks](http://www.mun.ca/arts/artsworks)

- FIRST YEAR SUCCESS helps first year students adjust to the expectations of university academics with specially designed learning communities, supplemental instruction and regular academic and career advising sessions. [www.mun.ca/success/index.php](http://www.mun.ca/success/index.php)

- THE WRITING CENTRE is a free facility whose mandate is to help students become better writers and critical thinkers. [www.mun.ca/writingcentre/about](http://www.mun.ca/writingcentre/about)

- THE DIGITAL LEARNING CENTRE facilitates conversation classes to support students in improving speaking skills in the language(s) they are learning. [www.mun.ca/dlc/about](http://www.mun.ca/dlc/about)

- Other services include the Digital Research Centre for Quantitative Fieldwork, the Maritime History Archive, MUNFLA (the Memorial University of Newfoundland Folklore and Language Archive), and academic advisors in each department.

Experiential learning opportunities abound at Memorial—contact [www.mun.ca/cdel/career](http://www.mun.ca/cdel/career) for more information on co-op programs, internships, student employment, career development and volunteering.

“I find that faculty and staff are very knowledgeable, friendly and willing to help. In addition ARTSWorks was a really useful program, one I believe any arts student would benefit from taking.”

ROBERT ROACH
History major and French minor
(St. John’s, NL)
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be admitted as an arts student at Memorial, you must complete senior high school with at least one university-preparatory Grade 12 course in each of English, math, a lab science, a language or social science and in one other subject area with an overall average of 70 per cent.

Students who meet their high school graduation requirements without an eligible course in either math or a lab science (as noted above) will be considered for general admission to a program that does not require completion of these courses. Students who are missing eligible courses in two subject areas should contact the Office of the Registrar. Majors in geography, economics and psychology will require a university-preparatory Grade 12 course in math.

When you are ready to apply, submit a completed Undergraduate Application for Admission/Readmission. You can find this application at www.mun.ca/undergrad/admissions/apply.

General application deadlines:*

FALL – MARCH 1
WINTER – OCTOBER 1
SPRING – FEBRUARY 1

*Applications for admission to the bachelor of arts are considered on a rolling basis. Applying before the deadline is recommended to ensure that all information and services are available to you as you prepare for admission and enrolment.

CAREER CHOICES

The bachelor of arts is an academic degree program. Some degrees teach you what you’re going to do. An arts degree is about who you’re going to become.

Common career areas for arts grads:

- Public service/government (also known as public administration)
- Community development (also known as non-profit sector)
- Research
- Educational services
- Business and industry
- Communications and public relations
- Arts, culture and heritage
COME FOR A VISIT!

Memorial University is a community within a community and we love showing it off! When you experience a campus tour with us, you will feel that sense of community first hand. Whether you’re part of a group or visiting as an individual, our customized tours offer the information you need to find your way around campus. Contact tours@mun.ca.

For information on housing, tuition, fees and scholarships visit www.mun.ca/undergrad/admissions/apply.

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