

MASTER OF ARTS in PHILOSOPHY at Saint Mary's University

FACULTY

Robert Ansell

Logic, Ethics, and Social Philosophy

Todd Calder

Ethics, Legal, Political, and Social Philosophy

Shelagh Crooks

Epistemology; Philosophy of Education; Argumentation Theory

Scott Edgar

History of Modern Philosophy, especially Kant and Post-Kantian; History and Philosophy of Science

Lisa Gannet

History and Philosophy of Science, especially Biology

John MacKinnon

Philosophy and/of Literature; Aesthetics; Legal Theory

Mark Mercer

Meta-Ethics; Philosophy of Mind; Epistemology

Emma McClure

Feminism; Ethics; Philosophy of Law, especially Critical Race Theory

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Our MA program combines course work and a thesis, and it also includes training in teaching philosophy. Students are expected to complete the program within 12 months and to work full time at their studies, although a part-time option is also available.

The program is well-suited for students seeking additional training in philosophy for a variety of reasons, including preparation for further study in Philosophy at the doctoral level; intellectual and professional development in preparation for other careers such as law, journalism, or politics; and a deeper understanding of philosophical topics for their own sake.

Accepted students have the opportunity to work closely with faculty members who (collectively) have expertise in a range of areas in the discipline including: ethics, philosophy of law, social and political philosophy, philosophy of science, epistemology, aesthetics, Kant/Post Kantians, and philosophy of education.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Undergraduate degree (or significant coursework) in Philosophy, demonstrating record of success and preparation for graduate study
- Submit undergraduate transcripts, three letters of references, two samples of written work, and statement of philosophical interest
- Deadline for students applying to SSHRC scholarships: **February 1**
- Deadline for students seeking only internal funding: **March 15**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- All accepted applicants receive a combination of Faculty of Graduate Studies Fellowships and Teaching Assistantships, that will cover tuition as well as (some portion of) living expenses
- Also encouraged to apply for external funding (e.g. SSHRC)

CITY & PHILOSOPHICAL COMMUNITY

Halifax is a historic seaport city and centre for arts, culture, and education in the Atlantic Provinces of Canada. With three universities and an art college, Halifax has a particularly active philosophical community. Each week a local, or visiting, scholar presents their current research at a Friday colloquium series—which is held at Dalhousie University and followed by an informal gathering at a local pub. The Marshall Lecture Series at Saint Mary's and the Austin and Hempel Lecture Series at Dalhousie offer additional opportunities to meet prominent philosophers from around the world.

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