

LEISURE STUDIES



MAKING AN IMPACT: PERSPECTIVES IN LEISURE

The Master of Arts in Leisure Studies is a thesis-based graduate program. We guide students in developing expertise in leisure related topics, theories, and research. We offer a welcoming and close-knit community situated within a large and diversified health science environment that offers multiple opportunities for cross-disciplinary collaboration and work.

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OUR STUDENTS

Undergraduate degrees in fields as diverse as the humanities, the social sciences, recreation and leisure studies, and human movement studies provide a strong background for the MA Leisure program. We guide our students towards becoming the leaders, health care professionals, and researchers in Leisure Studies that they aspire to be. Many applicants already have work experience in recreation, sport and fitness, or the arts, and they find they are able to easily apply their previous experience, while acquiring new research and analytical skills.

OUR STUDENTS LEARN

Our thesis-based program offers you the opportunity to study a research question you are passionate about, with guidance and support from Canadian leaders in the field of Leisure Studies. Welcoming faculty help our students research the role of leisure in such topics as aging, diversity, management, and health and wellness. Through Dalhousie and its links with many institutions and organizations within Halifax and beyond, students make important connections, resulting in valuable and meaningful collaborative learning and career opportunities.

MEET OUR GRADUATES

Our graduates make an impact in fields as diverse as sport, mental health, education, government, business, recreation, parks, health care, research, culture, tourism, and not-for-profit organizations. They are involved with every age group from youth to older adults.



Tristan Hopper, MA 2015

Currently – PhD program, Physical Education and Recreation, University of Alberta



Crystal Watson, MA 2010

Currently –Faculty, Human Services, Nova Scotia Community College

FUNDING

You are eligible for funding if your GPA is at or over 3.7 and you apply by the deadline of January 15th. We also offer teaching assistantships which provide funding and build interpersonal, critical thinking, and teaching skills. We encourage you to apply for external funding such as CIHR (www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca), SSHRC (www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca), or NSHRF (www.nshrf.ca). Additional funding opportunities are listed on the Faculty of Graduate Studies website: www.dal.ca/faculty/gradstudies/funding.html

OUR PROGRAM

Students usually complete their coursework requirements in year 1 (18 credit hours). Courses are designed to guide students in creating an achievable proposal for research on the topic they want to study. Year 2 is devoted to completing the thesis (12 credit hours). It is possible to complete our program on a part-time basis.

ADMISSION CHECKLIST

- Minimum 3.5 GPA and graduation from four-year undergraduate program
- Relevant background
- A Dalhousie Leisure Studies faculty member who agrees to supervise you
- A grade of 'B' or higher in both a research methods and a statistics course
- Honours thesis or equivalent research experience (e.g. research assistantship, independent study, etc.)

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

Our faculty and staff welcome your questions and are always happy to hear from you.

We offer many supports to our graduate students:

- help with funding applications
- dedicated graduate coordinator in our School
- writing support
- Dalhousie support services for diversity
- affirmative action policy

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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