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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to SOSA! This booklet provides information about the structure and requirements of our graduate programs, as well as our admissions policies, departmental areas of concentration, and faculty research interests. We are committed to providing graduate students with a quality program which, within limits, they can tailor to their special interests.

If you are thinking of pursuing an MA or PhD in Sociology or Social Anthropology, please look over the following information about the programs and faculty research interests.

This booklet provides information to current and prospective graduate students about policies and procedures that are specific to SOSA. This information is intended as a supplement to the Calendar of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, which contains the official regulations of the University and the Faculty. The Calendar of the Faculty of Graduate Studies is available online at;

<http://academiccalendar.dal.ca/~Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx>

Students are advised to keep an eye on the important dates in the Faculty of Graduate Studies calendar to ensure they meet all FGS deadlines for registration, class changes, submission of theses, applications to graduate, etc. For the current year's dates, please see:

<http://www.dal.ca/faculty/gradstudies/currentstudents/deadlines.html>

LOCATION

The Department is located in the Marion McCain Arts and Social Sciences Building, 6135 University Avenue, Room 1128, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Our mailing address is:

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FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

The Faculty of Graduate Studies is located on the third floor of the Henry Hicks Building.

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DEPARTMENTAL CONCENTRATIONS

The Department offers graduate programs capable of meeting the diverse intellectual needs of most students. The programs emphasize faculty expertise and interest in three designated areas of departmental concentration: Social Justice and Inequality; Economy, Work, and Development; and Critical Health Studies. An “Advanced Issues in...” class is offered every year in each of these departmental concentrations. Students with particular backgrounds and interests in these areas are encouraged to apply. Because individual faculty members may have some research interests that do not obviously fall within the three concentrations, students should be sure to make their own interests known to the faculty.

CRITICAL HEALTH STUDIES

This area includes research on health, illness, health care, food and nutrition, and the body. Faculty and students working in this area are interested in how health is socially and culturally constructed and how it is contested, both within dominant biomedical and public health paradigms and outside them. The Department’s focus on power, authority, conflict and change, our methodological approaches, and our engagement with contemporary social theory and social activism make our approach to health studies distinct from other disciplines. Our faculty work in such diverse areas as drug use and addictions, aging and the life course, gender and health, the political economy of health, pain, genetically modified foods, mothering/reproductive health, the perspectives of patients and lay health activists, and models of science and expertise in health care systems.

ECONOMY, WORK, AND DEVELOPMENT

This area covers the sociology and anthropology of work and industrialization; debates over modernization, development, modernity and postmodernity; economic and labour process restructuring; and comparative economic and social systems. Topics explored in classes include the gendering of work; international labour migration; economic transformation in post-socialist states; capitalism and class in global perspective; occupations and professions; and continuity and change in rural societies. Research foci in recent years have covered occupational and labour market segregation and pay equity; gender and livelihood in Southeast Asia; comparative studies of fisheries in Canada, Scandinavia, the Philippines and the Caribbean; culture, class and community in Atlantic Canada; tourism and development; and the interrelationships among work, family and higher education.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INEQUALITY

This area encompasses the study of power relations, inequality, resistance and demands for social justice. Among the subjects addressed are gender, minority and class inequality; human rights; local and transnational social movements; citizenship, multiculturalism, and religion; border and security studies; cross-cultural conflict and dispute settlement; and the sociology of law, deviance, and criminal justice. Faculty have interests and expertise in these subjects, as well as in related issues such as international development, indigenous peoples' rights, socioeconomic change, comparative and alternative models of justice, justice policy and reform, policing, and health inequalities. The Department houses the Atlantic Institute of Criminology, which provides information access and some research assistance to faculty and students working on appropriate issues.

ADMISSION POLICIES

MA Program

Preference for admission is given to applicants who hold a Bachelor's Degree from a university of recognized standing with:

- Honours (or equivalent) standing as granted by Dalhousie University, in the discipline in which graduate work is to be done, including classes in theory and methods specific to the discipline
- An A- average over the last twenty half-credits (usually the last two years of full-time study)

Students with degrees in disciplines other than Sociology or Social Anthropology may be considered for admission if space is available, but are generally required to take extra courses in addition to the usual MA coursework requirements, to fill in any gaps in their background.

PhD Program

Preference for admission is given to applicants who:

- Hold a Master's degree in Sociology or Social Anthropology
- Have a combined average of A- over (1) their most recent Master's degree and (2) the last ten half-credits of their undergraduate degree (usually the last year of full-time study)
- Have not acquired both a BA and MA from our department
- Wish to conduct research in one of the department's three areas of concentration

Students with Master's degrees in other disciplines besides Sociology and Anthropology may be considered for admission, but they are generally required to take additional courses to fill in any gaps in their background. In general, the Department tries to be as flexible as possible and to accommodate students with non-typical career paths.

General Dalhousie Application Information and Fees:

Admissions information and a link to apply online can be found at:

<https://www.dal.ca/admissions/new-graduate-admissions.html>

The fee for applying to a Graduate program is \$70.00 (Canadian) for each application submitted.

SOSA Application Deadlines:

We admit once a year; all students start their programs in September. Our first round application deadline is **January 15th**. The January 15th deadline is imperative if you expect to be considered for scholarships, and students who apply before this deadline are given priority for admission. Students who apply after January 15th may be considered for admission, but only if space is available. If you are an **International student**, you are encouraged to apply to our program in December.

Please note: Some scholarship information and deadlines may occur before this date. See page 12 of the SOSA Graduate Handbook and check the Faculty of Graduate Studies website for scholarship information and deadlines. <http://www.dal.ca/faculty/gradstudies/funding/scholarships.html>

Supporting Documents Required:

In addition to the Dalhousie application form (available online at http://www.dal.ca/admissions/apply/applying_as_a_graduate_student.html), students should arrange to have the following documents sent directly to the department:

- **Original transcripts** from all post-secondary institutions attended (two original copies sent to the Department in an envelope sealed by the Institution)
- **Two confidential academic letters of reference** (however, hard copies are not required if the letters have been requested via the online application system*)
- **Statement of Interest** (1-2 pages for MA applicants, 2-4 for PhD applicants) outlining your research interests and fit with faculty interests. Applicants are advised to become familiar with the work of Department members, and to consult with appropriate faculty, before preparing their statements.
- **Résumé (CV)**
- **Writing Sample** (e.g. a course paper, MA thesis chapter, or published academic article)
- **Proof of English Language Competency** (i.e., TOEFL) for applicants whose native language is not English

Please mail your documents to:

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The Graduate Education Committee (GEC) shall make its recommendation to the Dean of Graduate Studies regarding admission on the basis of the applicant's interests and qualifications, faculty interest, and funding availability.

***Please note that electronic reference letters require special attention to detail when entering the referee's name and email address. Once the application fee is received, the online system sends an electronic reference link to the referee's email address. It is the student's responsibility to contact the referees and ensure the process is understood and complete.**

THE PROGRAMS

THE MA DEGREES

The Sociology and Social Anthropology programs each involve five credits, including class work and a thesis. A Master's degree may be pursued on a 12 month full-time basis, or on a part-time basis (the degree requirements for each being the same). Full time students who set themselves the goal of finishing the MA in twelve months may do so, especially if they elect to do a thesis that does not require fieldwork/data gathering and ethics approval (for example, an analysis of existing texts or datasets in the public domain). Students who choose to do fieldwork or gather original data generally take between 18 and 24 months to finish the MA. All students are expected to remain in regular contact with their committees, including during the summer months.

Prior to arrival, each student shall have been assigned a temporary advisor on the basis of the student's "Statement of Interest" (submitted as part of the application process). This advisor shall help the student to select his/her courses and Area Program Committee, including its Chair. The Area Program Committee oversees the student's Area Essays Examination (see b) below).

a) Coursework

MA students complete their course requirements, consisting of five course credits, from September to April.

For Sociology students the five credits are obtained by the successful completion of:

- a) a thesis (2 credits) [SOSA 9000]
- b) an Area Essay Examination (1 credit) [SOSA 5300.06] register in the fall & winter term
- c) the Graduate Seminar (1 credit) [SOSA 5200.06]
- d) two elective half-credit graduate classes (1 credit)

For Social Anthropology students the five credits are obtained by the successful completion of:

- a) a thesis (2 credits) [SOSA 9001]
- b) an Area Essay Examination (1 credit) [SOSA 5300.06] register in the fall & winter term
- c) the Graduate Seminar (1 credit) [SOSA 5200.06]
- d) one elective half-credit graduate class (½ credit)
- e) "Contemporary Perspectives in Ethnography" (SOSA 5003.03) [½ credit]
(However, students who have taken SOSA 4003.03 normally shall not take SOSA 5003.03 and instead shall select an additional half-credit elective.)

b) Area Essay Examination (SOSA 5300.06)

In the Area Essay examination, students produce a critical synthesis of key literature in their field(s) of study. For most students, the area essays provide the background literature for the thesis project. The focus of the examination is flexible to allow students, in consultation with their committees, to obtain the necessary background for their thesis work. It may include, for example, some sources on a specific research method, a theoretical tradition, and a substantive empirical literature; or it may focus on two or three competing perspectives in a substantive subfield of sociology or social anthropology. The examination is overseen by the Area Program Committee, which normally consists of two faculty members and is set by the end of the student's first month in the program (i.e. September 30th). The

members of the Area Program Committee are usually chosen from within the Department but may on occasion include one qualified person external to the Department. The Department's Graduate Education Committee (GEC) must approve the composition of all Area Program Committees and the selection of a defined subject area.

By the end of October, the student, in close consultation with the Area Program Committee, shall prepare a 1-2 page area statement outlining the student's area(s) and an accompanying reading list. The reading list should consist of no more than 30 sources, that is, 10 books or monographs and 20 journal articles or book chapters that are key writings in the field(s) under investigation. The reading list is expected to provide the literature review for the eventual thesis, which ordinarily focuses on a research question within the defined area. The Area Program Committee, in collaboration with the student, shall develop 2-3 Area Essay questions. Answering these 'reading questions' in essay format guides the student in a critical synthesis of important themes in the literature. The supervisor sends the final and approved items to the Graduate Secretary via e-mail.

Area Program Committee Chairs submit (1) the committee-approved reading list, (2) the reading questions, and (3) the area statement to the GEC for final approval. The completed area essays are due at the end of January and submitted by the student to the Graduate Secretary (one original for the student's file, plus two or three copies for committee members, depending on committee size). Part-time students should discuss the timing of their Area Essays with their Area Program Committee Chairs. The area essays should total no more than 30 pages in length (double-spaced).

The Area Program Committee members agree upon a grade for the area essays, which is submitted by the Area Program Committee Chair to the GEC for review. The standard grades are A or A-. Any other grade requires a detailed written explanation from the Area Program Committee, which the GEC shall review. Please note that late area essays shall be penalized except in cases of illness or emergency. Once the GEC has approved the grades, students are notified of their area essay grade, roughly three weeks after the submission of the area essay.

c) The Graduate Seminar (SOSA 5200X/Y.06)

The Graduate Seminar is structured to assist students in a process of cohort-building and professional development, as well as to facilitate a student's general progress through the graduate program. The seminar runs in both fall and winter terms for MA students.

d) Contemporary Perspectives in Ethnography (SOSA 5003W.03)

This class is required for students registered in the MA in the Social Anthropology program. It examines ethnographies and critical writings which grapple with questions of theory and interpretation in a range of contexts--near and far, familiar and strange, local and global.

e) Elective Class(es)

In special cases an MA student may take a reading course with a SOSA faculty member, or a graduate-level class offered by another department of the University as an elective. In such cases the student must first obtain the approval of the Graduate Coordinator. However, students cannot substitute their required graduate courses for Reading Courses.

The regulations which govern Independent Study, Directed Reading, and Special Topics classes at Dalhousie can be found in the Graduate Calendar (Section 7.6.5). The Graduate Calendar may be found online at; <http://academiccalendar.dal.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx>

f) Thesis (SOSA 9000X/Y.12/9001.12)

Thesis Committee: Following the completion of the Area Essays, the student's Area Program Committee is replaced by a Thesis Committee. This committee normally consists of two faculty members (a supervisor and second reader). The Thesis Committee is responsible for supervising the preparation of the student's thesis proposal and eventual thesis.

Thesis Proposal: The thesis topic and proposal are prepared by the student under the direction of the supervisor, with the assistance of the second reader. The proposal usually emerges from the student's Area Essay reading and is subject to defence. It must be approved by the GEC and the Department. Toward the end of the winter term, the student shall make a public presentation of the proposal to the Department. The thesis proposal presentation is part of the Graduate Seminar (SOSA 5200.06) and all faculty and Honours and graduate students are invited. Once the Thesis Committee has approved a copy of the proposal, it is provided to the entire Department for comments and suggestions. Approval from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Ethics Board or the Health Sciences Research Ethics Board must be obtained for any research involving human subjects. For more information on ethics approval, see http://researchservices.dal.ca/research_7776.html.

Thesis: The student should prepare a schedule for thesis research, writing, examination, and submission to the examination committee and make any revisions to the thesis required by the Examination Committee.

Thesis Examination Committee: The Thesis Examination Committee consists of the Thesis Committee plus an additional, "external" faculty member who has not been involved in the direct supervision of the thesis. The "external" faculty member can be from the Department, be a member of the Faculty of Graduate Studies external to the Department, be a member of the graduate faculty of another university, or be an adjunct professor.

SOSA follows the written defence model outlined in FGS regulation 10.3.1.

<https://academiccalendar.dal.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx?pageid=viewcatalog&catalogid=82&chapterid=4598&topicgroupid=19634&loadusercredits=False> Students provide the penultimate draft of their thesis, which has been approved by the Thesis Committee, to the Thesis Examination Committee **at least eight weeks prior to the FGS deadline** for submission. This allows adequate time for the third reader to read and provide comments, for the student to respond to any criticisms and revise if required to do so by the Thesis Examination Committee, for the student's supervisor to review and approve the revisions, and for the student to format and submit the thesis according to FGS regulations see; <http://www.dal.ca/faculty/gradstudies/currentstudents/thesesanddefences.html>

You must apply to graduate. For more information, please refer to:

<https://www.dal.ca/faculty/gradstudies/currentstudents/forms.html> (can be found in Dal Online under Web for Students)

Note to Scholarship recipients:

Please check to see how your scholarship payments will be affected by the submission of your finalized thesis to DalSpace!

THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

The doctoral program is designed to be completed in four years, although many students in our disciplines find that their fieldwork and writing require them to take a fifth or even sixth year to complete the degree. The goal of the first year is to develop and broaden the student's intellectual foundation and to permit the Department to assess the student's strengths and weaknesses. During the first year, the student registers for six half classes. The second year is spent preparing for and writing the comprehensive examinations. By the end of that year, the student shall have written three interrelated comprehensive examinations, normally in theory, in methods, and in a substantive area. The student is required to pass all three comprehensive examinations in order to continue in the PhD program. The student begins the third year by developing a formal dissertation proposal, which is presented to the Department Colloquium. The student also must demonstrate a working knowledge of a language other than English which is relevant to the student's studies and research. The fourth year is devoted to writing the thesis. In accordance with Faculty regulations, an oral defence of the dissertation is required.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PhD PROGRAM

a) The Program Committee

Prior to arrival, the student shall have been assigned a Program Committee Chair by the Graduate Education Committee (GEC) on the basis of her or his "Statement of Interest" and communications with the Graduate Coordinator. The Program Committee Chair shall consult with the student to choose the second member of the student's Program Committee, and shall pass this information about committee composition to the GEC. The Program Committee, in consultation with the student, shall plan the first year program in light of the student's interests, strengths, and weaknesses. It shall be responsible for the creation of the student's Comprehensive Examination committees and, with the Graduate Coordinator, for the formal approval of the student's program forms. The Program Committee continues its supervisory role until the student has completed the Comprehensive Examinations (when it shall be replaced by the Doctoral Dissertation Committee). Changes in the membership of the Program Committee shall be considered by the GEC upon request either by the student or by a Committee member. The student and Committee Chair should be in regular communication with one another throughout each term.

b) The First Year: Coursework

The first year is intended to strengthen the student's foundational knowledge in the discipline by broadening its base while filling in any gaps and deepening the student's understanding of specific areas of the discipline.

During the first week, each incoming student is encouraged to make a get-acquainted appointment with faculty members in the student's area of interest who are eligible to supervise graduate work. This develops contacts that may be useful in the comprehensive examinations and thesis stages.

Under the guidance of the Program Committee, the student shall register for six half-courses for the first year: the PhD Seminar (SOSA 5600.03), which runs in the fall term; and five electives consisting of a combination of formal classes and of reading classes. They shall be graded by their respective instructors, who shall use the usual grade scale and submit the final grades to the Office of the Registrar. In order to make informed decisions in selecting courses, students are encouraged to attend appropriate seminar classes during the first one or two weeks. The student's first-year program must be submitted by the program Committee Chair to the GEC for approval by the end of September.

The student is expected to attend the regularly-scheduled Friday afternoon departmental seminars. In addition, the Faculty of Graduate Studies provides funding for one presentation at a professional meeting for each doctoral student, and students are strongly encouraged to avail themselves of this opportunity during their first or any subsequent year.

The student is normally expected to complete all requirements of the six half-classes by the middle of April. Thenceforth, the student ordinarily registers for the **PHDP 8000.00 - Doctoral Comprehensive Requirement**.

In general, continued funding is not available for students who fail to achieve an A- average in their six half-course grades.

c) The First Year Review

By April 30th of the first year, the Program Committee must: 1) review all six course grades, sending them to the GEC for its information; 2) submit its recommendations to the GEC concerning whether a) the student should continue in the program, and b) if so, whether the student should receive continued university funding; 3) select the members of the student's Comprehensive Examination Committees; 4) schedule the student's comprehensive examinations; and 5) send comprehensive examination committee memberships and the examination schedule to the GEC for approval.

d) The Second Year: Comprehensive Examinations

The comprehensives consist of three examinations: normally, one each in theory, methodology, and a substantive area. A comprehensive is not a narrative or a literature review, it is a discussion of key issues and controversies and is expected to be synthetic, analytical, and critical.

For each comprehensive examination, the Program Committee chooses two or three faculty members (some of whom may be Program Committee members) and seeks assurance that the faculty members involved shall be available during the requisite time period. Composition of the Comprehensive Examination Committees must be approved by the GEC.

Before each comprehensive examination, the student in collaboration with the Comprehensive Examination Committee develops a one-page statement describing the area of the examination and a reading list of approximately 30 books, monographs and journal articles considered to be key works in the field. The Committee develops 2-3 examination questions in consultation with the student as part of the process of developing the reading list. The Comprehensive Examination Committee Chair submits to the GEC for approval the student's Committee-approved statement and reading list, and the Committee's examination questions, with a copy to the student's Program Committee Chair. Following GEC approval, the student commences the reading and writes essay responses to the questions. Each answer is expected to be from 15 to 20 double-spaced pages in length.

The Comprehensive Examination is normally a take-home exam. Under special circumstances, the Comprehensive Examination Committee, after consulting with the student, may utilize a "sit-down exam" format. After the student has finished reading the sources on the reading list, the Committee provides its questions and one week later, the examination is held. The actual examination period is six hours and no notes or references are permitted. Standards of grading are somewhat less stringent than those used in the "take-home" format.

Ordinarily, the first comprehensive shall have been completed by the end of August of the student's first summer in the program. The student must pass that first comprehensive before going on to the second, which should in turn be completed by the end of December of that year. Similarly, the student must pass the second comprehensive examination before taking the third, which shall have been completed by the end of April of the next calendar year.

All questions are to be graded by all Comprehensive Examination Committee members, and an overall consensus grade must be reached by the Committee. Comprehensive Examination Committee Chairs are responsible for submitting the Committee's grade to the GEC for review, normally three weeks after receipt of the completed exam. The available grades are "pass" and "fail." At its discretion, the Committee may administer an oral examination following the submission of the written material. See Faculty of Graduate Studies regulations for further details in the event that a Committee awards the grade of "Fail".

The GEC monitors the examination process in order to ensure that students' examinations are equivalent. They are responsible for overseeing the examination and for ensuring that students are treated equitably. It is the responsibility of the GEC to receive the Comprehensive Examination Committee's evaluation of the student's comprehensive examination. The student must pass all three comprehensive examinations in order to continue in the PhD program.

e) The Third Year: Dissertation Proposal and Language Requirement

Dissertation Committee. Within four weeks of successful completion of the Comprehensive Examinations, the Program Committee and the student are to advise the GEC of the creation of the student's Doctoral Dissertation Committee and dissolution of the Program Committee. The committee must have at least three members: a supervisor (or two co-supervisors), plus two additional committee members.

The membership of the Dissertation Committee must be approved by the GEC, which will take into account faculty expertise, availability and accessibility. Program Committee members may continue on as members of the student's Dissertation Committee.

Presentation and approval of dissertation proposal.

Ordinarily, the student shall be ready to submit a proposal for approval by the Dissertation Committee by September of the third year. In order to permit the student to take advantage of faculty and student interest and expertise, the proposal is to be presented orally to the Department, with a draft document being circulated either prior or subsequent to the presentation.

Language Requirement. Students must demonstrate an appropriate working knowledge of a second language. The Program Committee is responsible for informing the GEC of how the student either has met or is meeting this requirement prior to their defence. The student has several options from which to choose in demonstrating a "working knowledge":

1. Successful completion (i.e., with a minimum grade of B-) of a first year university language course (e.g. French 1004.06XY: Pratique de la lecture/French for Reading).
2. Successful completion of any private-sector university-equivalent second language course.
3. Successful completion of a test administered by faculty members of the SOSA department competent in the relevant language.
4. Successful completion of a university course taught in a language other than English.
5. Any other method approved in advance by the GEC.

f) The Fourth Year: The Dissertation

Research involving human subjects requires a review by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Ethics Board. The Department follows the regulations of the Faculty of Graduate Studies concerning doctoral dissertation supervision and procedures for oral examination, defence, and preparation of the dissertation.

You must apply to graduate. For more information, please refer to; <https://www.dal.ca/faculty/gradstudies/currentstudents/forms.html> (can be found in Dal Online under Web for Students)

g) Teaching

Doctoral students normally hold teaching assistantships during at least the first two years of their program. Departmental resources permitting, doctoral students are given the opportunity to teach an undergraduate class at least once prior to the completion of their program, generally after approval of the thesis proposal.

DEPARTMENTAL COLLOQUIUM

The Department runs a visiting speaker's series and colloquium. The series has a friendly and supportive atmosphere. Graduate students are expected to attend regularly.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Limited financial assistance is available in the form of Dalhousie Graduate Fellowships and Teaching Assistantships. Students are encouraged to apply for external funding from agencies such as the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Canadian Institutes of Health (CIHR), and the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation (NSHRF); links to these agencies may be found at; <http://www.dal.ca/faculty/gradstudies/funding.html>

Incoming students are also encouraged to apply to the Nova Scotia Graduate Scholarship; <http://www.dal.ca/faculty/gradstudies/funding/scholarships/nsgrad.html>

Upon admission, exceptional students may be nominated by the Department for the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship. In order to be eligible for consideration for a Killam Scholarship, students should apply to SOSA graduate programs early--**before** the January 15th first round admission deadline, **and preferably in December**. Canadian applicants should note that in order to be eligible for a Killam Scholarship, they must have applied for SSHRC or CIHR funding whose deadlines are usually in the fall. No separate application is necessary for consideration for a Killam Scholarship.

Please consult the Faculty of Graduate Studies page on awards for graduate students for other funding opportunities <http://www.dal.ca/faculty/gradstudies/funding.html>

HOLDERS OF Teaching Assistantships are normally assigned to a section of the Department's first and second year undergraduate classes to aid the instructor of the section. Teaching Assistants (180) are expected to devote no more than 90 hours per term to their task. Teaching Assistants (260) are expected to devote no more than 130 hours per term to their task.

Teaching Assistants at Dalhousie University are unionized. The Collective Agreement covering Teaching Assistants requires that they be appointed in terms of a priority scheme. This is waived, however, in cases

where being appointed as a TA is:

- (a) required for the program in which the student is enrolled; or
- (b) committed in writing to a student as part of the recruiting process with respect to a particular student.

(Quoted from the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 3912 Collective Agreement for Part-time Academics and Teaching Assistants section 15.13).

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any particular questions about our graduate programs, or about the kinds of research under way, please refer to the information and links on our website: http://www.dal.ca/faculty/arts/sociology-social-anthropology/faculty-staff/our-faculty.html#contentPar_nlcrichtext_0 For questions not answered there, please contact:

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RESOURCES AND SERVICES

COMPUTER AND IT FACILITIES

Information Technology Services provides many facilities and services for students, including e-mail, student computer labs, campus computer store, training, and advice. Student Computer Labs, which provide access to PCs, are located in the Marion McCain Arts and Social Sciences Building (2nd Floor) and other locations throughout campus. Printing is also available for a fee.

CARRELS

Doctoral students have access to assigned carrels depending on availability. Please see Leola Lefebvre in the SOSA office regarding your carrel assignment.

DALHOUSIE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

DAGS represents the interests of graduate students on campus, and all graduate students are members. DAGS operates The Grad House which contains a pub, café and meeting space. It is centrally located at 1252 LeMarchant Street. DAGS also has a small travel and professional development grant program for graduate students. See <http://www.dags.ca/>

LIBRARY SUPPORT FOR SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Each discipline is assigned a subject specialist who manages the book and journal fund for that discipline. The subject specialist for Sociology and Social Anthropology for the next 6 months is:

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT DAL

International Students at Dal (ISD) has a useful website which includes a New Student Guide, with information about housing, registration, health insurance, study permits, and other matters of interest to international students. See https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/international-centre.html

RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANTS

For information on Research and Travel Grants for graduate students administered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, please visit; <http://www.dal.ca/faculty/gradstudies/funding/grants.html>

RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD

Dalhousie University has two University Research Ethics Boards which review all faculty and graduate thesis research that involves human participants, human tissue or human data:

- The Health Sciences Research Ethics Board
- The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Ethics Board

Faculty and students submitting their research projects for human ethics review must prepare their submissions using the appropriate forms and guidance documents which are specific to each Board. The selection of the correct forms is governed by the nature of the research and research participant population, not the home Department or discipline of the Researcher. If researchers are uncertain which guidelines are suitable, they should consult the Office of Research Ethics Administration for advice. For more information, please visit <http://www.dal.ca/dept/research-services.html>

WRITING CENTRE

The Centre offers writing and study support services to students:

https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/writing-and-study-skills.html

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICE

The University operates an out-patient service, in Howe Hall at Coburg Road and LeMarchant Street, staffed by general practitioners and a psychiatrist. Further specialists' services are available in local hospitals and will be arranged through Health Services when required. All information gained about a student by the Health Service is confidential and may not be released to anyone without signed permission by the student.

All students must have medical and hospital coverage approved by the Health Service. All Nova Scotia students are covered by Nova Scotia Medical Services Insurance. All other Canadian students must maintain coverage from their home provinces. This is especially important for residents of any province requiring payment of premiums. All non-Canadian students must be covered by medical and hospital insurance prior to registration.

The cost of any medication prescribed by a physician is recoverable under a prepaid drug plan administered by the Student Union. For more information please visit

https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/health-and-wellness/services-support/student-health-and-wellness/services.html