

Core Values

Discovery

The Faculty of Arts and Humanities observes and studies how people have made and continue to make sense of the world through stories, images, music, and discourse. We support and encourage lifelong journeys of self-discovery and creative expression and explore how to address the challenges we face as individuals and communities.

Learning

We foster the development of diverse types of knowledge, creative expression, and communication skills among students, faculty, staff, and our broader coastal community through a combination of student-centred classes, professional development, and community engagement. We encourage creativity, historical understanding, critical thinking, and the exchange of ideas in an open, supportive environment that promotes lifelong learning.



Engagement

We are committed to small classes, open-door policies, one-on-one dialogue, mentorship, experiential learning, and student-centred learning. Our learning environments promote personal interactions between faculty, students, and community, open up the possibility of self-discovery and transformative learning, and create active producers and critical consumers of culture.

Achievement

We provide a welcoming and responsive learning environment that allows individuals to realize their intellectual and creative potential.

Diversity

We believe in equity, inclusiveness, and the recognition of cultural diversity. In our studies, we are attentive to gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, class, and disability. We explore different perspectives, and we foster inclusive dialogue. We treasure the voice of the individual and the infinite variety and range of human creativity.



Celebration

We celebrate the achievements of our faculty, staff, and students, and the nurturing of a collegial and supportive environment where individuals and communities can flourish.

Sustainability

We contribute to the growth of vibrant, living communities and to the creative, social, economic, and environmental sustainability of our region through the initiation and production of art and cultural events and our appreciation of cultural identities and literacies.