

MA Studies in Comparative Literature and Arts

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The City of **St. Catharines** – home to **Brock University** – is situated in the heart of Niagara. With a population of approximately 130,000, St. Catharines is a friendly, affordable mid-size community that is also within easy reach of major cities such as Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, and Buffalo, New York. The local community offers a wealth of entertainment, recreational and cultural activities, as well as a rich history centred around the Welland Canal system. St. Catharines provides Brock students with all the advantages of a prosperous urban centre located in a safe, inviting and affordable community.



Why study Comparative Literature and Arts

Freedom... *Comparative literature is the discipline in the Humanities that prepares students to pursue their intellectual and creative interests beyond traditional categories. Areas of specialization should be developed by students in consultation with their faculty advisor going beyond pre-established categories of research. This is a demanding discipline that allows one to examine ideas wherever they may take us and to contribute to the understanding of the world of the creative imagination. This is what Northrop Frye considered the development of the educated imagination. This freedom of inquiry carries with it the responsibility of mastering the chosen area of specialization.*

~~ Dr. Mario J. Valdés, SCLA Colloquium 2011 ~~

What have our alumni done with their degree

Some alumni have chosen to **continue their graduate studies** in the following programs:

- Ph.D. in English (Carleton University and University of Ottawa)
 - Ph.D. in Comparative Literature
 - University of Western Ontario (with an OGS)
 - University of Toronto (fully funded by SSHRC)
 - Ph.D. in Cultural Studies at Trent University
 - Ph.D. in Humanities at York University
 - M.A. in Art and Visual Culture at the University of Guelph
 - M.A. in Popular Culture, Brock University
 - M.A. in Women's Studies at the University of Western Ontario
 - Teacher's College: OISE at the University of Toronto; and Brock University
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Some graduates have commented on other advantages of having taken the M.A., in that it further **enhanced their development in their fields of employment**:

- Teaching performing arts at the university level
- Writing, directing and acting in theatre with new theoretical perspectives
- Teaching assistant in English at Brock University
- Museum educator at the Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto, ON
- Freelance photographer
- Freelance translator

Typical Scholarship and Funding Offers

Our funding packages typically consist of a combination of different sources of funding including **graduate fellowships** and **graduate assistantships**.

*This year our typical MA student received a minimum of: **\$14,500/year**:*

Graduate Fellowships MA	\$7,000/year
Graduate Teaching Assistantships	\$7,536
\$3,768/term (typically 2 terms)	
Dean of Graduate Studies Entrance Scholarships *	\$2,000

Some students may also work as Research Assistants depending on faculty need and student's research interests



*Qualified incoming domestic master students with an admission average of 80% may be eligible

Living Expenses

The following expenses reflect the average estimate of costs per term for a single person living in St. Catharines (typically 3 terms per academic year).

Housing costs (room or one bedroom apartment)	\$1,500 - \$2,600/term
Books and supplies (varies by course and program)	\$150 - \$500/term
Food and personal items	\$1,000 - \$1,600/term
Telephone/cable/internet	\$200 - \$560/term
Clothing	\$100 - \$500/term
Miscellaneous (i.e. medicine, eyeglasses, entertainment)	\$200 - \$800/term
TOTAL	\$3,150 - \$6,560/term



MA in Studies in Comparative Literatures and Arts

Our MA program In Studies In Comparative Literatures and Arts is an Interdisciplinary, Interfaculty and non-traditional study of literature from different nations. As a student, you'll examine the exciting relationships between literatures and the fine and performing arts.

Throughout the program, you'll examine contemporary approaches to texts of various types, as well as the possibilities and problems that arise in comparative studies. Through coursework, you'll be encouraged to develop a cross-disciplinary understanding of the ways in which works of art evolve, are received and are interpreted.

If you join us as a full-time MA student, you'll typically receive a \$14,000 funding package.

For more information about the program

- brocku.ca/humanities/departments-and-centres/modern-languages/graduate-program-ml
- brocku.ca/graduate-studies

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Some graduates from our program have continued on to further studies at the PhD level in comparative literature, English and the humanities; or other graduate programs in disciplines such as art and visual culture, popular culture; as well as education.

Other graduates have gone on to careers such as: a museum educator; freelance photographer; and freelance translator; others have pursued teaching performing arts at the university level; and writing, directing and acting in theatre.