



# Faculty of Humanities Academic Orientation 2024

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# Welcome from the Dean

**Dr. Carol Merriam**

**Dean**

**Faculty of Humanities**

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# Faculty Departments & Centres

## Departments

- Classics & Archaeology
- Digital Humanities
- Dramatic Arts
- English Language & Literature
- History
- Modern Languages, Literatures & Cultures
- Music
- Philosophy
- Visual Arts

## Centres

- Canadian Studies
- Medieval & Renaissance Studies
- Studies in Arts & Culture

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# Choosing a major



Consult with your [Academic Advisor](#)

Complete a [Declaration of Major](#) form during your first year

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# Classics & Archaeology

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**Open House**

Wed. Oct. 9

5:00 – 7:00

Global

Commons

[brocku.ca/humanities/classics](http://brocku.ca/humanities/classics)

Facebook: [BrockUClassics](https://www.facebook.com/BrockUClassics)

[Brock University Archaeological Society](http://brocku.ca/humanities/archaeological-society)

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# Digital Humanities (IASC & GAME)

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GAME: Sept. 6th, 2:00 – 4:00 RFP 214/15

IASC: Sept. 3rd, 1:00 – 4:00 RFP 214/15

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# English Language & Literature (incl. ENCW & WRDS)

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[English Students' Association](#)

[Creative Writing Club](#)



**Open Doors Event**

Thurs. Sept. 19

1:00 - 3:00

GLA first floor

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# History

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[Brock Italian Club \(BIC\)](#)

[Brock French Club](#)

[Brock German Club](#)



**Meet & Greet**

Wed. Sept. 25

6:00 - 8:00 pm

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# Philosophy

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[The Philosophy Club](#)



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# Canadian Studies (CANA)

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# Medieval and Renaissance Studies (MARS)

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[Brock University Medieval & Renaissance Society \(BUMARS\)](#)



Drop-In Welcome

Sept. 23

5:15 to 8:00 pm

GSB 408

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## The Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts

MIWSFPA orientation sessions: Tuesday, Sept. 3, 12:00 – 2:30

# MIWSFPA Orientation

- 12:00 Meet at the General Brock Statue, where student ambassadors (Ryan and Francesca) will accompany you to MIWSFPA on public transit
- 12:30 Pizza Lunch in the MIWSFPA Lobby
- 1:00 – 1:45 MIWSFPA Introductions, Information, and Orientation
- 1:45 – 2:30 Program-Specific Orientation (Dramatic Arts, Music, Studies in Arts and Culture, Visual Arts)



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# Dramatic Arts (DART)

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Instagram: miwsfpa #brockudart

[Brock Mirror Theatre](#)

[Brock Improv Club](#)

[Brock Musical Theatre](#)

[Brock Dance Club](#); [Live4Dance Brock](#)



Thurs. Sept. 5  
1:00 – 2:00  
First Monthly  
Pizza with the Chair

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# Music (MUSI)

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University Choir

Wind Ensemble

String Orchestra

Jazz Ensemble



Tues. Sept. 10  
12:00 – 1:00  
Music Orientation

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# Visual Arts (VISA)

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Instagram: [miwsfpa](#) [#brockuvisa](#)

[Brock Art Collective](#)

[MIWSFPA Student Club](#)



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# Studies in Arts and Culture (STAC)

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# Academic Advising



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Canadian Studies  
Classics & Archaeology  
English Language & Literature  
History  
Medieval & Renaissance  
Studies  
Modern Languages,  
Literatures & Cultures (FREN,  
GERM, HLAS, ITAL)  
Philosophy

- Choosing a major
- Course planning
- Degree progression
- Career advice
- Goal setting
- Challenges & Difficulties

Book appointments and find out about drop-in hours [online](#).

[brocku.ca/humanities/student-resources/academic-advising](http://brocku.ca/humanities/student-resources/academic-advising)



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MCA 311/MIW 311A

Digital Humanities:  
Interactive Arts and Science  
& GAME  
Dramatic Arts  
History of Art and Visual  
Culture and Studio Art  
Music  
Studies in Arts and Culture  
Visual Arts

# Liz Hay Humanities Virtual Drop-In Advising

September drop-in advising 10:00 – 12:00 & 1:30 – 4:00 Microsoft Teams:  
Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

This is for brief meetings only: 5- to 10-minute maximum. You may have to wait, depending on how many people there are ahead of you in the queue. When you join the queue, say something like “Hello!”, so I know you’re waiting. But don’t put anything confidential (like your student number), because everyone in the queue can see everything you write.

**Booked appointments available Monday and Wednesday** (last appointment at 7:30) through Microsoft Teams: <https://brocku.ca/humanities/student-resources/academic-advising/>

Regular booked appointments resume beginning September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Virtual ‘drop-in’ advising will be available on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.



## **Co-op, Careers & Experiential Education (CCEE)**

### **Indigenous Plus, Law Plus, Med Plus**

**Co-op Education Office**  
**MacKenzie Chown, Room A336**  
**Monday – Friday**  
**8:30am – 4:30pm**  
**x4325**  
[co-op@brocku.ca](mailto:co-op@brocku.ca)



WELCOME TO THE  
LIBRARY!

**discover  
your  
library**

**take a tour**

**Sept. 3 at 4pm  
Sept. 4, 5 & 6 at  
11am and 2pm**

Meet at [Ask Us desk](#) on main floor







## THE BROCK LIBRARY

- Floors 2, 5-10 of the Brock Tower
- physical collections, Archives & Special Collections, study spaces, library classrooms, Makerspace and more!
- get to know our collections through OMNI - the library's discovery tool.

Search for books, articles, and more!

SEARCH >

[Advanced Search](#) [Omni Search Tips](#)

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Collections             | 4:30pm     |
| Makerspace              | —          |
| Map, Data & GIS Library | 10am – 2pm |
| Ask Us Chat             | 12pm – 4pm |

ALL HOURS >

New around



MY LIBRARY



CITATION GUIDES



RESEARCH GUIDES



WELLNESS AT

## Research guides:

- A great place to start your research:
  - -key resources
  - -primary sources
  - -writing & citing

# LIBRARY RESEARCH CAN BE OVERWHELMING

BUT HELP IS AVAILABLE!

- VISIT THE ASK DESK
- USE THE ASK US CHAT
- FIND THE RESEARCH GUIDE FOR YOUR PROGRAM
- CLASS VISITS FROM A LIBRARIAN

**Ask Us Chat**



## WHY THE LIBRARY IS SO IMPORTANT FOR HUMANITIES STUDENTS:

- Humanities databases are ONLY available through the library website
- books are an essential part of scholarship in the Humanities
- many older books have not yet been digitized
- serendipity - browsing the stacks is very helpful!





# Be sure to also check out:

- Badger books – a collection of popular materials for loan
  - Board games
  - Wellness (library yoga, book club & more)
  - Workshops
- 
- \*Check ExperienceBU for our programs!



What is your biggest question/stressor about using the library?

Share with us at: <https://forms.gle/w6xssvTuUXk3btgL6>

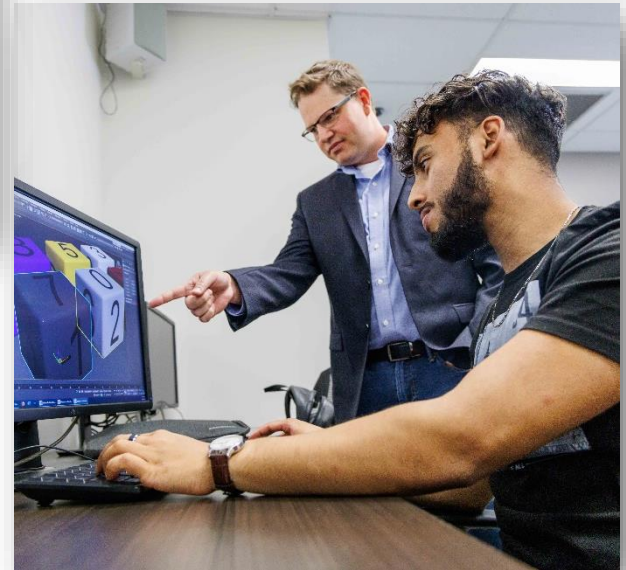
# The Three Things You Need to Know

Be  
Interested



Academic  
Integrity

Be  
Present



Find these slides online at <https://brocku.ca/humanities/student-resources>

# Stay Connected

## ExperienceBU

[experiencebu.brocku.ca/organization/humanities/events](https://experiencebu.brocku.ca/organization/humanities/events)

**Humanities Update** Delivered to your Brock email

**Social Media** @BrockHumanities @MIWFPA

**12:00 – Bus to MIWSFPA**

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# Stay Connected

**Questions?**

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**12:00 – Bus to MIWSFPA**

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