



Faculty of Humanities Academic Orientation 2026



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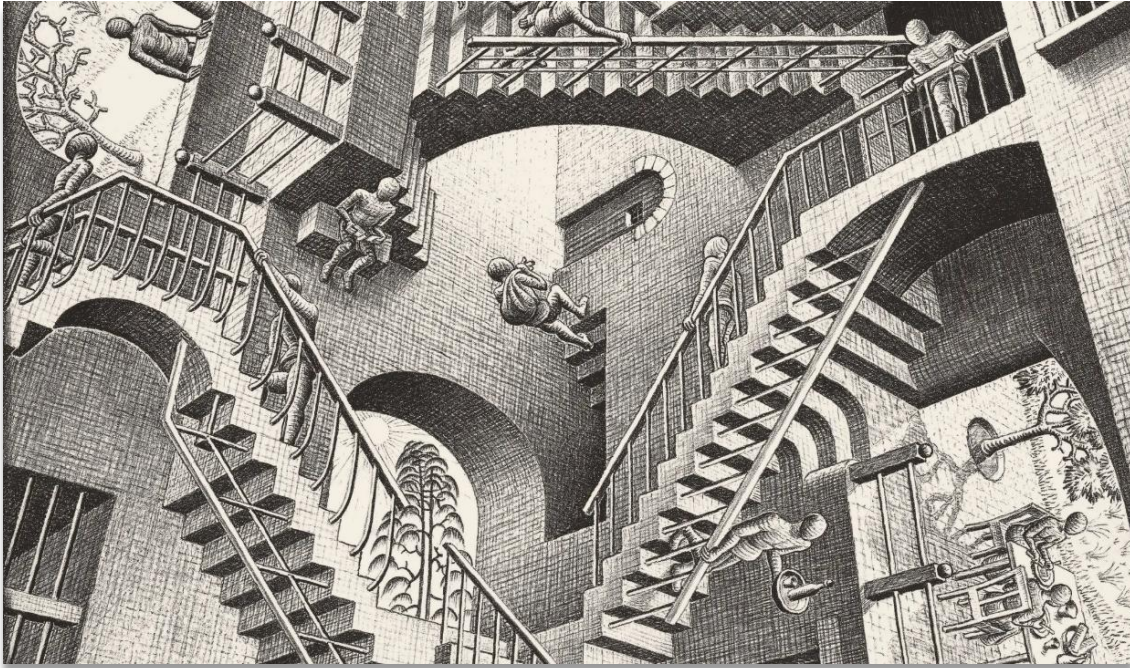
Welcome from the Dean

Dr. James Allard
Interim Dean
Faculty of Humanities



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Getting Lost and Finding Your Way



M.C. Escher, *Relativity* (1953)

- University: complex & often bewildering organization (and period)
- Home Faculty = navigation
- Many paths to enrich your experience (e.g. electives, student clubs, Experience BU)



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Declaring or Changing a Major



Faculty of Humanities has 91% satisfaction rate (NSSE 2023)

It's OK to change!

Consult with an [Academic Advisor](#)

Complete a [Declare or Change Major Form](#) (can also be used for Minors & Co-Majors)



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Faculty Departments, Centres, and School (*Downtown and On the Hill/Glenridge)

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 (Arts Leadership)

School

- *Marilyn I. Walker School for Fine and Performing Arts



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Classics and Archaeology (CLAS, LATI, GREE)



Chair: Prof. R. Angus Smith

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Administrative Assistant:

Michelle Benson

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Open House

Tue. Sept. 22

5:30 – 7:30

Global Commons

(GLB 104)



brocku.ca/humanities/classics

[Brock University Archaeological Society](#)

[Mensa Latina](#)



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Digital Humanities (IADM and GAME)



Chair: Dr. Alexander Christie
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GAME Program Director:
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brocku.ca/game

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**IADM New Student
Orientation**

Tue. Sept. 8
15:00 – 17:00
RFP 214/215

GAME Orientation

Wed. Sept 9
13:00-14:00
TH 240



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English Language and Literature (ENGL, ENCW & WRDS)

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English Students' Association
Creative Writing Club



Open Doors

Fri. Sept. 18

13:00 - 15:00

GLA Building, first
floor



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History (HIST)



Chair: Dr. Tami Friedman
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Welcome Session

Tue. Sept. 22

1:00 – 3:00

GLN-A 201



brocku.ca/history

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

Brock University Historical Association



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Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures (MLLC, FREN, GERM, HILA, ITAL, SPAN)

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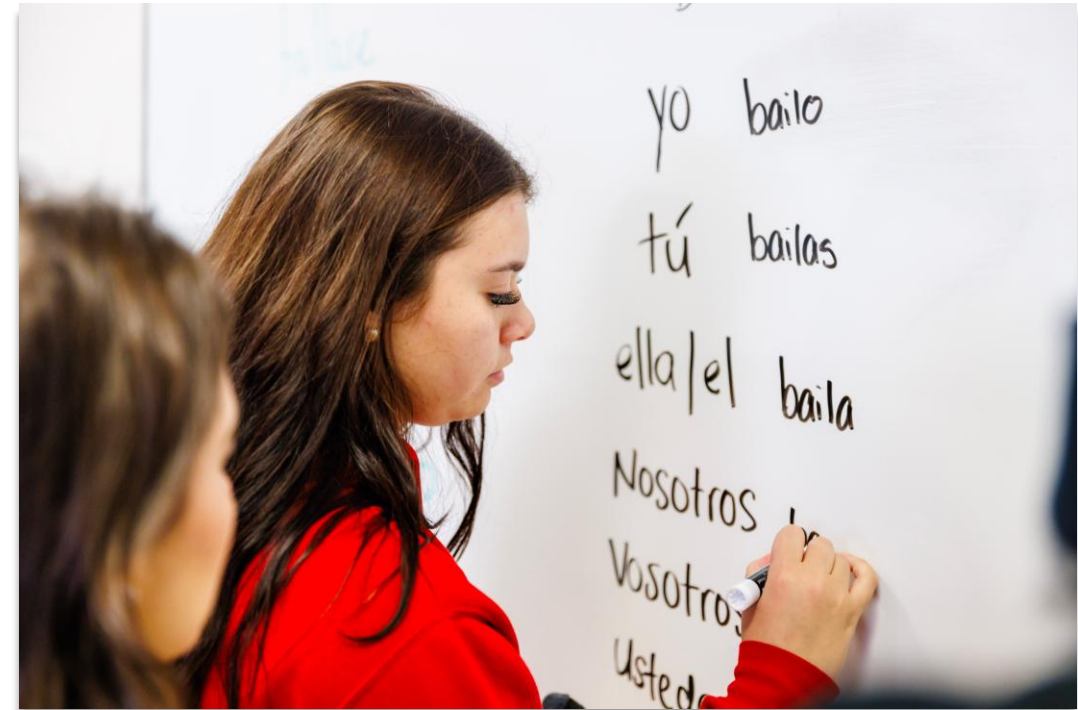
moderns@brocku.ca

brocku.ca/humanities/modern-languages

Brock Italian Club (BIC)

Brock French Club

Brock German Club



Meet & Greet

Tue. Sept. 29

18:00 - 20:00

Pond Inlet



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Philosophy (PHIL)

Chair: Prof. Brian Lightbody
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The Philosophy Club

Meet & Greet

Tue. Sept. 8

13:30 to 16:00 pm

Global Commons GLB 104



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Canadian Studies (CANa)

Director: Prof. Anthony Kinik

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

Instagram: brockhumanities #brockucana

Open House Welcome

Tue. Sept. 22

3:00 to 4:30 pm

RFP 216



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Medieval and Renaissance Studies (MARS)

Director:

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Administrative Assistant:

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



Drop-In Welcome

Tue. Sept. 15

5:00 to 5:30 pm

GSB 207



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The Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts

MIWSFPA orientation session: Tuesday, Sept. 8, 12:30 – 2:30

(meet at General Brock Statue at 12:00 for bus to MIWSFPA)

MIWSFPA Orientation

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



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Dramatic Arts (DART)

Chair: Dr. Jennifer Roberts-Smith
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Facebook: [MIWSFPA](#)

Instagram: miwsfpa #brockudart

MIW Collective Arts Club
Brock Musical Theatre



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Music (MUSI)

Chair: Dr. Rachel Rensink-Hoff
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Instagram: miwsfpa #brockumusic

University Choir
Wind Ensemble
Jazz Ensemble
MIW Collective Arts Club



Music Orientation

Tuesday, Sept.15

12:00 – 1:00

Recital Hall, FOPAC

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Visual Arts (VISA and HAVC)

Chair: Prof. Amanda Burk

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Instagram: miwsfpa #brockuvisa

MIW Collective Arts Club

Brock Photography Club



**VISA and HAVC
Orientation**

Thursday, Sept.17

12:30 – 1:30

MWS Lobby

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Arts Leadership (ARTL)

Director: Dr. Tamara El-Hoss

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MIW Collective Arts Club



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A wide-angle photograph of a Brock University campus. In the background, a tall, multi-story concrete building with a grid-like facade of windows stands against a clear blue sky. In front of it is a modern building with large glass windows. A green lawn in the foreground has several flagpoles with flags. A small red sign on the lawn reads "WELCOME TO THE BEST YEARS OF YOUR LIFE." Four students are walking across the lawn: two on the left, one in the center, and one on the right. A white vertical line is positioned to the right of the red banner.

Brock Academic Advising

We're Here For
You

Brock
University

Welcome to campus!

Academic advising support for incoming Year 1 Humanities majors is facilitated by the Brock Academic Advising office, which is the advising team within the Office of the Registrar & Enrolment Services!



Diana deMan, BBA



Joe Ferraro, BBA



Mike Gicante, MA



Toni Frearson, BA

Where to find us:

Our lobby is located at the end of the main Thistle corridor, near the doors exiting out back to Alphie's Trough!



We can also be reached at advisor@brocku.ca

Our schedule:

For the first three weeks of the Fall session (September 8 – 25, 2026) our team offers in-person drop-ins!

- Drop-ins are held in the mornings from 9:30 – 11:30am and in the afternoons from 1:30 – 3:30pm
- Simply sign into our lobby kiosk and have a seat! We serve students on a first come, first served basis.

Standard Fall/Winter schedules resume September 28.

Please visit our website at <https://brocku.ca/academic-advising/> if you ever need a refresher on our service hours!

When do students typically connect with an Academic Advisor?

There are many reasons why students will contact an Academic Advisor – here are some of the most common topics we discuss:

- Dropping or withdrawing from a course
- Clarifying university policies, procedures, and regulations
- Determining academic standing
- Requesting a degree audit or confirming course registration
- Changing a major and/or adding a minor
- Supporting students through academic difficulty



If you ever have a question about
your academics, but are unsure
where to start, **come chat with us!**

We are **always** happy to act as a first point of contact and can refer accordingly to other supports/services on campus if need be.

FHum Academic Advising: Years 2, 3 & 4 Students

****Rising Year 1 Changover in January****

Liz Hay

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- Canadian Studies
- Classics & Archaeology
- English Language & Literature
- History
- Medieval & Renaissance Studies
- Modern Languages, Literatures & Cultures
- Philosophy

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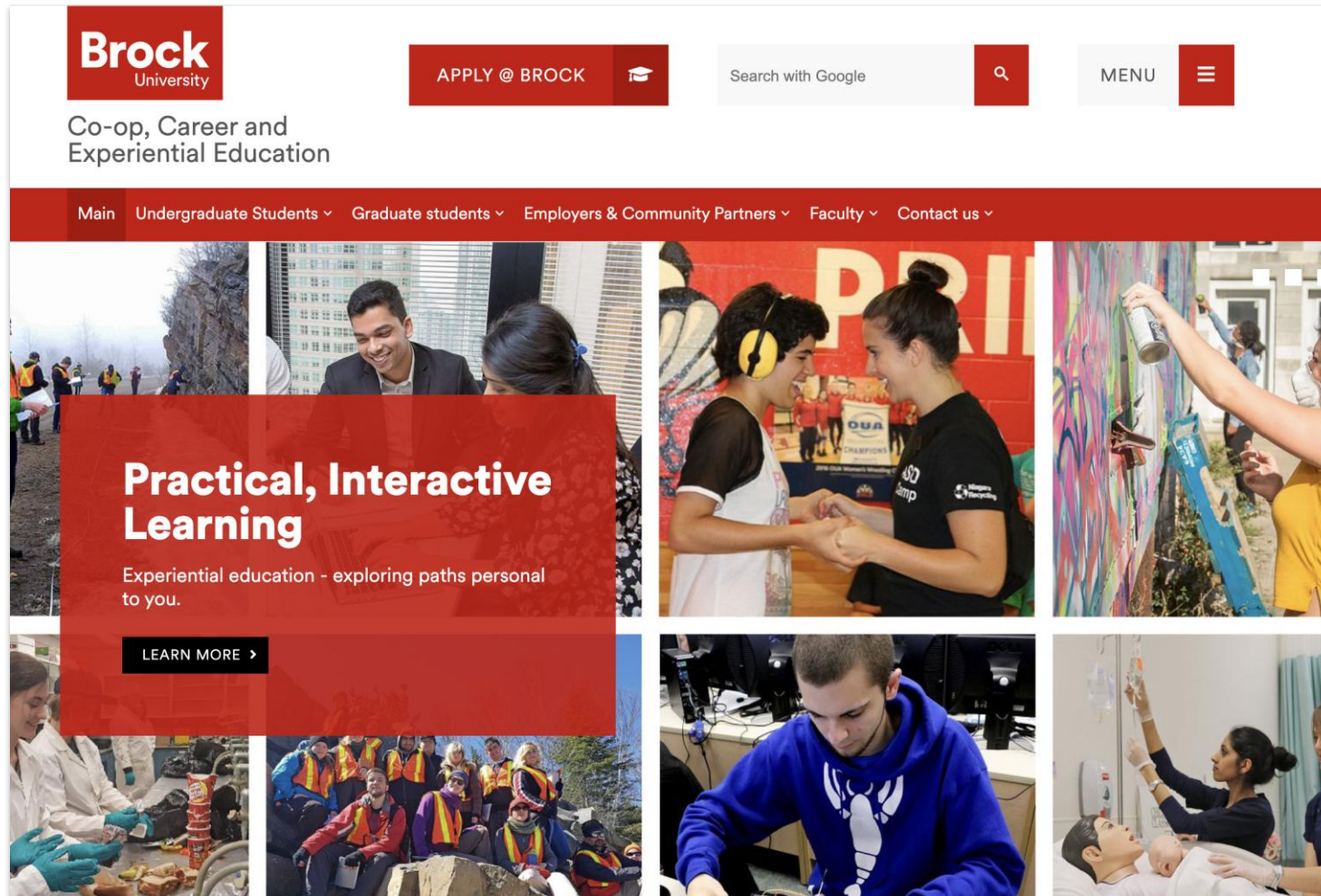
MCA 311/MIW 311A



- 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

brocku.ca/humanities/student-resources/academic-advising

Co-op, Career and Experiential Education (CCEE)



Career Zone
History Co-Op

<https://brocku.ca/ccee/>

Non-credit Plus Programs:

- Law Plus
- Med Plus
- Ode'min Wigwam (for students self-identifying as First Nations, Métis or Inuit)



WELCOME TO THE
BROCK LIBRARY!

WHY THE LIBRARY IS SO IMPORTANT FOR HUMANITIES STUDENTS:

- Books are an essential part of scholarship in the Humanities (and many haven't been digitized)
- Reading & Reflection – the space and materials to do these important tasks

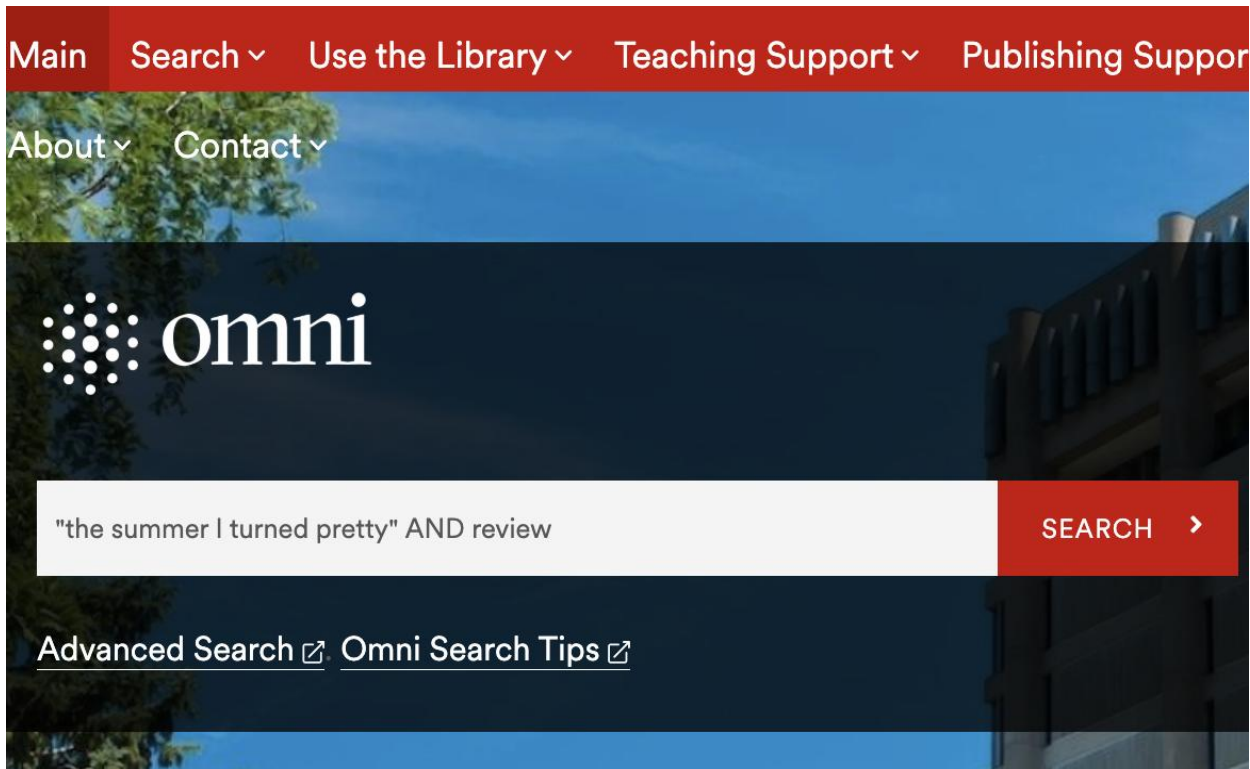




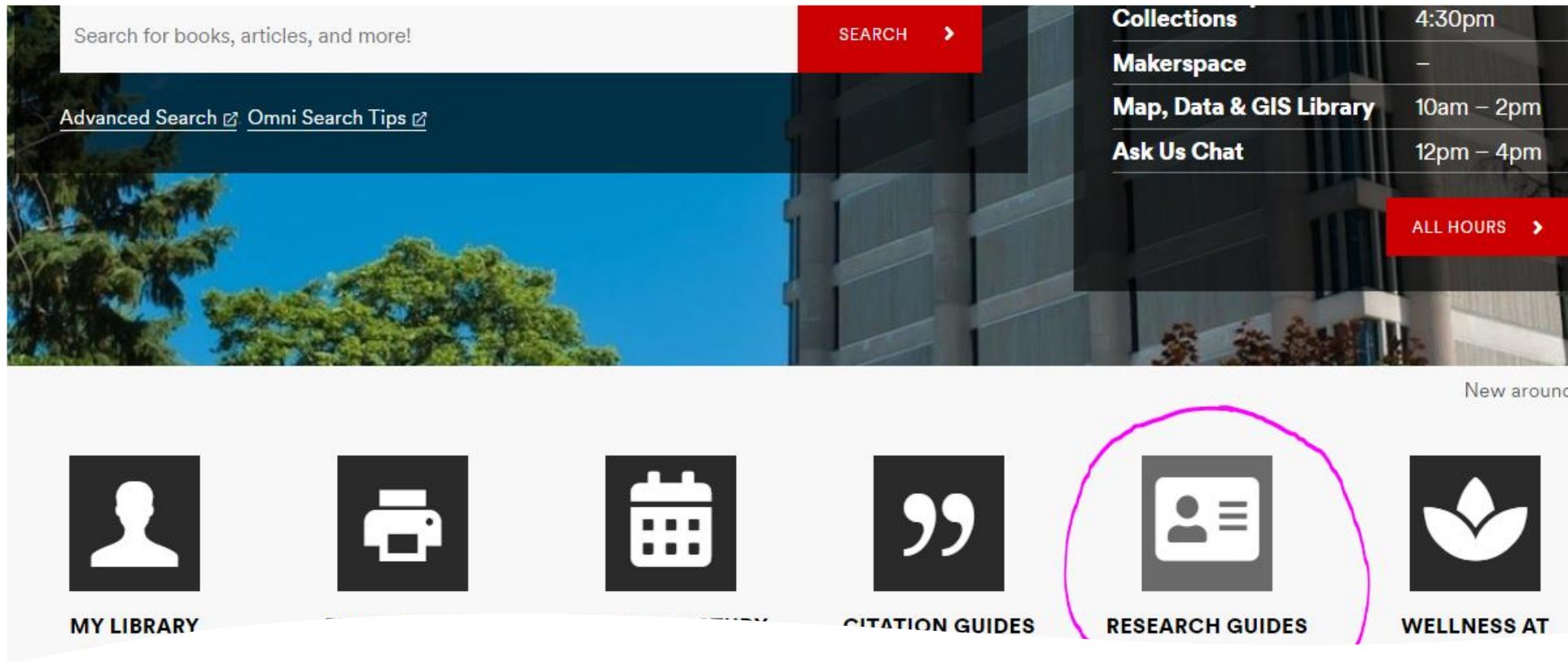
Where is the Library?

- Floors 2, 5-10 of the Brock Tower
- Group Study/Quiet/Silent Study
- Main Floor – Ask Desk, Makerspace, lots of study space, Badger Books Collection

How do I find things?



- OMNI is the best way to search for books/articles
- It includes about 95% of our holdings and materials from other university/college libraries in Ontario



How do I find things?

- key resources
- primary sources
- writing & citing

I don't know how to begin!

**discover
your library
take a tour**

Sept. 8 at 4pm
Sept. 9, 10 & 11 at
11am and 2pm

Meet at the **Ask Us desk**



Online
September 9 & 10



Research Ready

Start Smart:
Foundations of Research & Writing

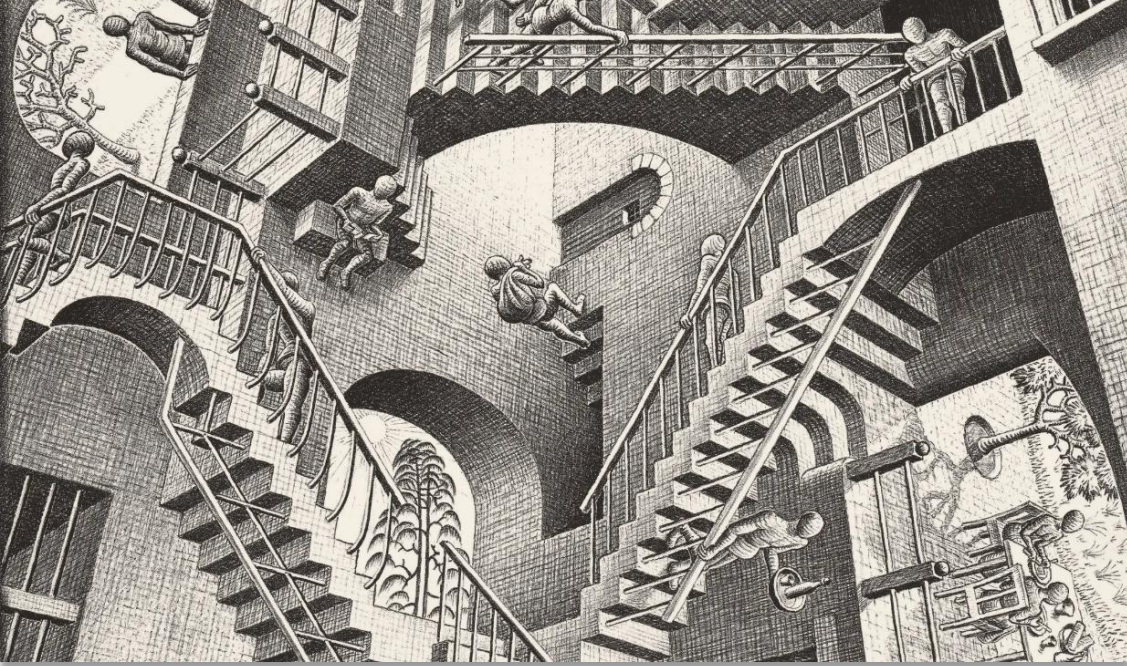
Ask Us Chat



library worries?



Tips for the Year Ahead (and Beyond)



M.C. Escher, *Relativity* (1953)

- Don't be afraid to ask Qs
- Never assume: confirm (via syllabus, email)
- Keep in contact (professors, peers, support staff)
- Be curious, Be present, Be kind



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Stay Connected

ExperienceBU

experiencebu.brocku.ca/organization/humanities/events

Humanities Hub Brightspace site

Social Media @BrockHumanities @MIWSFPA

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



**Dr. Katharine von Stackelberg (Associate Dean,
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**Dr. Linda Carreiro (Associate Dean, Fine and
Performing Arts)**

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12:00 – Bus to MIWSFPA

Check In! Humanities Plenary

Mark yourself as “attended”!

