

students can expect facilitated collaboration with students and experts in islands as far-flung as Malta, Mauritius, Iceland, Tasmania, Skye and Fiji.

Small Is Beautiful: The Benefits of Insularity

PEI is taking a leading role in something that it can claim experience in and knowledge of that other institutions, lacking an island environment, could not legitimately claim.

— Grant McCall, President, International Small Islands Studies Association

A Spirit of Collaboration: Scholars from all of the University of Prince Edward Island's faculties and schools — including Arts, Science, Business, Education, Nursing, and Veterinary Medicine — have collaborated in the design of the Master of Arts in Island Studies.

Canada Research Chair in Island Studies:

In July 2003, Dr. Godfrey Baldacchino will come to the University of Prince Edward Island to take up the world's first research chair in Island Studies. Dr. Baldacchino's research program will explore wide-ranging themes of islandness and island living, drawing on his world-renowned work on small island societies.

The Institute of Island Studies: Established in 1985, UPEI's Institute of Island Studies (IIS) is a research, education, and public policy institute based at UPEI. With an emphasis on Prince Edward Island, the work of the Institute focuses on the culture, environment, and economy of small islands. The IIS offers students enrolled in the Master of Arts in Island Studies

- twenty years' worth of research and publications in Island Studies
- access to worldwide networks of Island Studies scholars
- connections with research institutes and universities around the world

Island studies is not the mere study of events and phenomena on sites which happen to be islands; islands do not merely reproduce on a manageable scale the dynamics and the behaviour which exist elsewhere. Islandness is an intervening variable which contours and conditions physical and social events in distinct, and distinctly relevant, ways.

— Godfrey Baldacchino,
UPEI Canada Research Chair in Island Studies



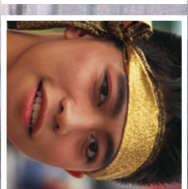
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A MASTER OF ARTS IN ISLAND STUDIES



AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF
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“WE’RE HEADED TOWARD UNDERSTANDING THE WHOLE PLANET AS A WORLD OF ISLANDS . . .”

—David Quammen

The **University of Prince Edward Island** — a great, small university nestled in Canada’s island province — has long been home to world-leading authorities on the distinctive features of islands. UPEI is now the first university in Canada to offer an interdisciplinary graduate programme in **international, comparative island studies**.

The **Master of Arts in Island Studies at UPEI** is a programme to engage students, faculty, and worldwide partners in the study and creation of knowledge regarding the characteristics of small islands.

Admission to the University of Prince Edward Island’s innovative MA in Island Studies will be based on

- successful completion of a Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent), in an Honours or major program
- an application form (available from the UPEI Registrar’s Office), accompanied by a statement of research interests and a sample of written research work from prior university or professional experience

The Master of Arts in Island Studies can be pursued part-time or full-time and requires completion of six courses (three compulsory, three elective) and a research-based thesis on a comparative topic.

- Courses will include
- Advanced Topics in Island Studies I & II
 - Research Methods & Design for Island Studies
 - The Political Ecology of Islands
 - Public Policy in Small Island Jurisdictions
 - International Relations of Small Islands
 - Strategies for Economic Development for Small Islands
 - Movement & Migration Among Small Islands

- Islandness: Culture, Change, & Identity on Small Islands
- Students may also pursue directed studies on topics of their choice. Special topic courses in literature, health, history, and environment may occasionally be offered, based on student demand and instructor availability.

Individual graduate courses may be open to qualified, interested students. Contact the Programme Coordinator for more information.

UPEI’s Master of Arts in Island Studies: Training for a Globalizing World

The growing interest in island issues worldwide requires people who are properly trained to understand the special situation of islands.

— Jean-Didier Hache
Executive Secretary for the EUS
CPMR Islands Commission

The MAIS programme is open to students from around the world, coming out of undergraduate programmes (from diverse disciplinary backgrounds, with diverse degrees) or with professional workplace experience in the public, private, or resource sectors.

The Master of Arts in Island Studies at

- UPEI** offers a unique opportunity to students
- with a special interest in researching islands: their societies, histories, cultures, and governments
 - with a primary interest in public policy and administration
 - with career aspirations within local, regional, national, and international governmental and non-governmental organizations
 - with career aspirations in the private and resource sectors
 - with a desire for the challenge of graduate education

The programme’s basis on comparative study will prepare students with the practical research skills and knowledge they will need to succeed in a world increasingly defined by interconnections and interactions among peoples and regions.

Making a Difference in Islands

Islanders above all, being less mixed, less merged with other peoples, have a national character that is especially marked.

— Jean-Jacques Rousseau, 1765

A Public Policy Focus: More and more world organizations are recognizing the importance of understanding islands and their particularities. These include the World Bank, the United Nations, the European Union, the Commonwealth, and UNESCO — in addition to regional organizations.

As such, the Master of Arts in Island Studies takes public policy as a central theme. The public policy focus stems from the growing sense that policy that works for mainlands does not necessarily work for small islands. What’s more, the public policy focus brings the tools of scholarly analysis to essentially practical and worldly questions.

The Interdisciplinary Advantage: The

Master of Arts in Island Studies is an interdisciplinary programme that allows students to explore international islands from the angles that most intrigue them. The programme’s small class sizes and opportunities for one-on-one interaction with supervisors permit students to design their studies to match their interests and goals.

The programme is also uniquely designed to build on partnerships with universities and researchers on other islands, far and near, and