

**The Grenfell MFA Program**  
**Master of Fine Arts (MFA)**

in Visual Arts

**Program Handbook**  
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## **THE GRENFELL BLENDED LEARNING/LOW RESIDENCY MFA**

Led by established artists from across Canada, the Grenfell MFA Program provides a flexible course of study tailored to the student's individual area of research, incorporating both critical theory and practice-based research. This low-residency program is located at Grenfell Campus, Memorial University in Corner Brook, on Elmastukwek/Bay of Islands, in traditional Mi'kmaw territory. Emphasizing rigorous studio production and scholarship, the Grenfell MFA is interdisciplinary in nature, though students can choose to focus on a particular discipline if they wish. We offer students access to competitive studio facilities and resources, with connections to the network of Memorial University's research community across several campuses and institutes/centers in Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Harlow Campus which is located only forty minutes from downtown London in the United Kingdom.

## **MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

As the Grenfell MFA is a Memorial University Program, our students are part of Memorial's School of Graduate Studies. Please visit [Memorial University School of Graduate Studies](#)<sup>1</sup> for general guidelines and procedures, funding and scholarships opportunities, professional development workshop listings, and much more.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.mun.ca/regoff/calendar/sectionNo=GRAD-0000>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.grenfellmfa.ca/faculty-staff>

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## Chapter 1: The Grenfell MFA Program

### REGISTRATION, COURSES, and TIMELINE

Registration, which can be completed through [Memorial Self-Service](#)<sup>3</sup>, begins in early April for Spring semester, early August for Fall semester, and early December for Winter semester. Exact dates can be found in the [University Diary for the Academic Year](#).

This step-by-step [guide](#)<sup>4</sup> provides new Memorial graduate students instructions on how to identify important deadlines, register for courses, set-up email, and more.

Throughout the program, students must meet the [General Regulations](#)<sup>5</sup> governing the School of Graduate Studies and the Master of Fine Arts Program

### PROGRAM FLOW CHART

Semester One: Spring				
Course code	Course name	Course description	Duration	Location
VART 6500	Seminar Intensive I	Students engage in a weekly seminar that includes readings, discussions, critiques, and presentations towards the development of research that complements studio practice and initial development of the Final Project. May include visiting guest lectures.  <b>AR:</b> Attendance is required	4 - 5 weeks in-person, on campus (May/June) followed by 9 - 10 weeks of distance learning (June to August)	Grenfell Campus and remote delivery.

<sup>3</sup> [https://www3.mun.ca/admit/twbkwbis.P\\_WWWLogin](https://www3.mun.ca/admit/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.mun.ca/regoff/calendar/sectionNo=GRAD-0000>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.mun.ca/regoff/calendar/sectionNo=GRAD-4515>

<b>VART 6510</b>	Studio/ Research Intensive	Students engage in self-directed, exploratory, practice-based and academic research towards the initial development of their Final Project. Regular contact with their MFA Supervisor and other MFA students is required. <b>AR:</b> Attendance is required	4 weeks on Campus (May to June) followed by 10 weeks distance learning (June to August)	Grenfell Campus and remote delivery.
<b>Semester Two: Fall</b>				
<b>VART 6600</b>	Art Theory & Criticism	A graduate level Art Theory & Criticism course. <b>CO:</b> VART 670A Self-directed Studio/Research or permission of instructor <b>PR:</b> VART 6500 and VART 6510 or permission of instructor <b>AR:</b> Attendance is required	14 weeks (September to December)	Remote delivery.
<b>VART 670A</b>	Self-directed Studio/ Research I	Students continue self-directed, practice-based research towards the ongoing development of their Final Project with regular meetings with their Faculty Advisor and MFA Supervisor. Research may also include reading, writing, and informal discussion and critique with faculty, peers and community. Regular contact with Graduate Supervisor and Faculty Advisor and other MFA students is required. <b>AR:</b> Attendance is required <b>CO:</b> VART 6600 Art Theory & Criticism <b>PR:</b> VART 6500 and VART 6510	14 weeks (September to December)	Remote delivery and/or in-person, on campus.

**Semester Three: Winter**

<p><b>VART 670B</b></p>	<p>Self-directed Studio/Research II</p>	<p>Students continue self-directed, practice-based research towards the ongoing development of their Final Project with regular meetings with their Faculty Advisor and MFA Supervisor. Research will include research-creation as well as reading, writing, and informal discussion and critique with faculty, peers and community. Regular contact with their MFA Supervisor, Faculty Advisor and other MFA students is required.</p> <p><b>AR:</b> Attendance is required <b>PR:</b> VART 670A</p>	<p>14 weeks (January to April)</p>	<p>Remote delivery and/or in-person, on campus.</p>
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**Note:** Students will normally register for the 'A' portion of the above courses in the relevant Fall semester of their program of study and the corresponding 'B' portion of the course in the following Winter semester. A grade of NC (No Grade Expected) will be assigned to the 'A' portion of each of these courses.

**Semester Four: Spring**

<p><b>VART 6800</b></p>	<p>Seminar Intensive II</p>	<p>Students engage in a weekly, seminar that includes discussions, critiques, and presentations towards research that complements studio practice/research-creation and further development of the Final Project. Visiting artists and field trips may be included.</p> <p><b>CO:</b> VART 6810 <b>AR:</b> Attendance is required <b>PR:</b> VART 670B</p>	<p>4 weeks on Campus (May to June) followed by 9 - 10 weeks of distance learning (June to August)</p>	<p>Grenfell Campus and remote delivery.</p>
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<b>VART 6810</b>	Studio/Production Intensive	Students conduct self-directed, practice-based research towards the production and presentation of their Final Project (Exhibition and Research Paper/Statement). Regular contact with their MFA Supervisor and other MFA students is required. <b>CO:</b> VART 6800 <b>AR:</b> Attendance is required <b>PR:</b> VART 670B	4-5 weeks on campus (May to June) followed by 10 weeks distance learning (June to August)	Grenfell Campus and remote delivery.
<b>Semester Five: Fall/Winter</b>				
<b>VART 6999</b>	Final Project	Presentation of the Final Project (Exhibition and Research Paper/Statement) and participation in an oral examination by an Advising Committee composed of the student's MFA Supervisor, two other Visual Arts Faculty members and one other Memorial University faculty member or recognized arts professional. <b>PR:</b> VART 6800, VART 6810	Schedule determined in consultation with MFA Supervisor, Graduate Officer and Gallery Director.	Grenfell Art Gallery or other location in Western NL.

## EVALUATION

Candidates must obtain a grade of at least a B in all program courses to receive credit for the course toward their program requirements. Candidates who fail to receive B or more in a required course must repeat the course. Any student who receives a grade of less than B in two courses or in a repeated course will be required to withdraw from the program.

## FINAL PROJECT, SUPERVISORS, and COMMITTEES

After or during the first semester courses, students select an MFA Supervisor from the permanent studio faculty of our Visual Arts program. Outside of regular course work, students will meet with

their Supervisor, either in person or through the use of electronic communications, to begin to develop their research-creation/visual arts practice towards their Final Project which takes place in the second year (VART 6999). The Graduate Officer, in consultation with the student, forms the Advising Committee to review the Final Project.

The written component of the Final Project consists of a research paper (3000 – 5000 words) with references, bibliography, and artist statement (max. 500 words). The research paper and artist statement will articulate concepts related to the body of artwork. It is expected that the written component will demonstrate a level of clarity, cogency, and intelligibility consistent with graduate level research. Students should submit a draft of their research papers/statements to their MFA Supervisor for suggested revisions at least six weeks in advance of their oral examination; submitting these again for final suggested revisions no less than four weeks prior to their oral presentation. Students shall submit their research papers/statement to their Advising Committee for review at least two weeks prior to the oral examination.

#### **FINAL EXHIBITION**

MFA students present their final project at the [Grenfell Art Gallery](#)<sup>6</sup>, or another location in Western Newfoundland in consultation with, and approval of, the Graduate Supervisor and Graduate Officer. To begin planning for this exhibit it is important to be in contact with the Gallery Director. There are a limited number of predetermined spots in the long-term exhibition schedule dedicated to the MFA final projects.

#### **TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF PROGRAM**

The Grenfell MFA will normally be completed in a five or six semester timeline. Part-time options spanning nine semesters can be accommodated, as long as courses are completed in requisite order. Please note that graduate students who do not complete their programs in the number of semesters listed above will be required to pay a continuance fee and tuition for each additional semester required. If students finish the graduate program in fewer semesters than payment plan, they must pay the remaining program fee in a lump sum. Please refer to the [Minimum Expense](#)<sup>7</sup> form for more information. In certain situations a leave of absence of up to one year may be granted. The guidelines and form for this request can be found on the Memorial SGS [website](#).<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> <https://grenfell.mun.ca/campus-services/Pages/community/art-gallery.aspx>

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.mun.ca/become/graduate/fees\\_funding/](https://www.mun.ca/become/graduate/fees_funding/)

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.mun.ca/sgs/loa.pdf>



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Please review the Memorial [University Diary](#)<sup>9</sup> and consult with the Graduate Officer and your Supervisor for important dates throughout your degree.

## **GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS**

Students are awarded two Graduate Assistantships (GA's) during their program to gain experience in research or teaching environments. These positions are paid and when working in these roles students are represented by the [TAUMUN](#) union described in Chapter 2 of this handbook. Each assistantship requires students to complete 56 hours of work and are normally appointed towards assisting with research of a faculty member, helping with duties associated with a faculty member's undergraduate classes or assisting the Grenfell Gallery Director with preparation, collections management, and research. GA's will be appointed by the Graduate Officer based on their interests and the needs of the Visual Arts Faculty. In certain situations there are opportunities to work as a GA outside of the Visual Arts Faculty. Students seeking employment either on or off campus should note that to maintain full-time student status they must register as such and devote full time to their academic program and may not commit more than 24 hours a week working time, including teaching assistant or research assistant duties, to matters other than the degree program.

## **FEES and FUNDING**

Students accepted into the MFA program are required to participate in two, in-person residencies at Grenfell Campus during their program and eligible, full-time students receive a lump sum fellowship in the amount of \$13,000 to assist in the completion of their degree. This funding will normally be paid in semester one (\$6,500) and semester four (\$6,500) of the program. A portion of the funding will be used to pay the current semester tuition and Special Fees. The remaining amount will be dispersed to the students. Students are also encouraged to apply for funding from external agencies such as [SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarships](#). The Graduate Students Union (GSU), discussed in Chapter 2, also provides funds to help offset the cost of conferences and research trips. In addition, a series of awards and scholarships are available through the School of Graduate Studies at Memorial, more information one which can be found [here](#)<sup>10</sup>. More information about tuition and fees for graduate students at Memorial University is [here](#).

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<sup>9</sup> <https://www.mun.ca/regoff/calendar/sectionNo=GENINFO-0086>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.mun.ca/sgs/current/funding/awardsscholarships.php>

## **FINE ARTS FACILITIES**

Grenfell Campus [School of Fine Arts facilities](#), and other relevant facilities, are primarily located in the Fine Arts Building, with the exception of a digital computer (Mac) lab which hosts sound, video, and imaging software (located on the second floor of the Arts and Science Building). Fine Arts building facilities include a printshop with intaglio, relief, screen printing, lithography, and digital print processes; a sculpture studio with potters wheels and kilns, metal shop, wood shop; CNC milling machine, laser cutter, 3D scanner and printer; large ventilated open studios for fibres, painting, drawing and interdisciplinary practices; and a traditional darkroom and fully colour managed digital facility, scanners and large format printers.

During the Spring residencies of the MFA program, graduate students are provided ample studio space and have access to all technical shops and technicians. Access to studios is 6 am - 2am daily during the Spring semester. Outside of the spring sessions, the MFA program does not provide on-site studio space although students can request the Graduate Officer for a studio space at the Rotary Arts Centre. If students wish to remain in Corner Brook throughout the year they are encouraged to do so and will maintain access to all technical shops, technicians and facilities in the School of Fine Arts at Grenfell Campus.

The Fine Arts Building also holds a [theatre](#)<sup>11</sup> which hosts multiple productions per year by theatre students, including short productions by undergraduate students in their final year of studies in the Grenfell [Theatre Program](#).<sup>12</sup>

## **SAFETY COURSES and WHMIS**

All Memorial students who are working in studios at Grenfell are required to complete a course on Newfoundland and Labrador's Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) and are advised to take a laboratory safety course as well. The [courses](#)<sup>13</sup> are offered free of charge and take two hours online to complete; you are required to achieve an 80% on the final online quizzes within 3 attempts in order to complete the courses. Students can register through [Memorial Self-Serve](#)<sup>14</sup> using SC 1807 - Safety in Science Lab CRN 84966 and SC 1808 – WHMIS CRN 91125. SC 1808 is free, no credit, and required by all Visual Arts students.

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<sup>11</sup> <https://grenfell.mun.ca/campus-services/Pages/community/Theatre.aspx>

<sup>12</sup> <https://grenfell.mun.ca/academics-and-research/Pages/school-of-fine-arts/programs/Theatre.aspx>

<sup>13</sup> [https://www.mun.ca/health\\_safety/training/CoursedescriptionWHMIS.php](https://www.mun.ca/health_safety/training/CoursedescriptionWHMIS.php)

<sup>14</sup> [https://www.mun.ca/health\\_safety/training/CoursedescriptionWHMIS.php](https://www.mun.ca/health_safety/training/CoursedescriptionWHMIS.php)

## **DIGITAL RESOURCES, STUDENT ID**

Upon confirmation of enrolment, students will be issued a Grenfell computer/email account which comes with a number of important online services such as My MUN and MUN Self Service, accessible through the “eResources” tab on the Grenfell website. [My MUN](#)<sup>15</sup> allows access to services like Online Learning (Brightspace), the Memorial Researcher Portal, Memorial University Libraries and more. [MUN Self Service](#)<sup>16</sup> is for course registration and important information like tax documents and course grades. Students use their Grenfell computer account to log onto any Grenfell ITS services, including campus computers, Grenfell e-mail, Office 365, and Xerox multifunction units.

For assistance with any of these services contact Grenfell’s [Information Technology Service](#)<sup>17</sup> (ITS) by email [its@grenfell.mun.ca](mailto:its@grenfell.mun.ca) or in person at the help desk located in AS373.

Campus computers are located in the library, graduate student study spaces, computer labs, Crossroads, GCSU lounge, Arts and Science extension foyer, and 2nd floor West residence. Students can access Grenfell’s wireless internet immediately upon arrival. The SSID is Grenfell Wi-Fi and the password is Grenfell-1975.

## **LIBRARY and RESEARCH RESOURCES**

When students first arrive they will need to get a student ID card set up at the Ferriss Hodgett Library (LC 208, ext. 6236, and as shown on the campus map). The student ID card also serves as a library card. It is advisable to memorize the student ID number and keep the card on person at all times, as it is used to access multiple campus services. The student card is free and replacement cards cost \$15.00. Through the library graduate students can also receive a CAUL Borrowing Card that allows for borrowing from all [CAUL/CDBUA](#)<sup>18</sup> and participating [CURBA libraries](#)<sup>19</sup>.

The [Ferriss Hodgett Library](#) has a wide selection of fine arts related books, journals, magazines, and digital resources, as well as equipment such as noise cancelling headphones and audio recorders. Databases such as ARTstor, which has over one million digital images with associated data, and Art Index are available to MUN users through the library website. The library also has a number of special collections including: the Centre for Newfoundland Studies (the largest collection of

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<sup>15</sup> <https://www.mun.ca/cio/itservices/security/munlogin.php>

<sup>16</sup> [https://www3.mun.ca/admit/twbkwbis.P\\_WWWLogin](https://www3.mun.ca/admit/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin)

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.grenfell.mun.ca/campus-services/Pages/information-technology-services.aspx>

<sup>18</sup> <https://caul-cbua.ca/about/institutions>

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.curba.ca/>

published Newfoundlandiana in the province); Exhibition Catalogue Collection (collection of over 1400 art exhibition catalogues from small galleries from across Canada) and the Graphic Novel Collections (collection of more than 700 titles).

The [Memorial Researcher Portal](#)<sup>20</sup> allows students to help manage data on research such as funding and ethics approval applications. Students wishing to conduct research involving humans or animals, and under certain other circumstances, must apply for ethics approval and may be required to complete relevant training such as a TCPS course on research ethics. Visit Memorial University [Research](#)<sup>21</sup> for more information on research ethics protocols.

The [Grenfell Campus Office of Research and Graduate Studies](#) is located on the fourth floor of the Forest Centre and has a number of staff available who can help answer questions related to either research projects or graduate student work, such as the Senior Secretary (Grad Studies). The Office of Research and Graduate Studies, along with GO Engagement, is also regularly involved in community engagement and research projects in Newfoundland and Labrador with which students may be able to become involved.

#### **ART MATERIALS, CAMPUS BOOKSTORE**

The [Grenfell Campus Bookstore](#) carries a wide range of Art Supplies, with its stock developed to support an undergraduate program in printmaking, painting, photography and new media. It is located on the main floor of the Arts and Science building in AS 207 and is open Monday to Friday

- September to May hours - 8:30am to 4:15pm
- June to August hours - 8:30am to 3:45pm

To contact the bookstore for to inquire about inventory phone (709) 637-6264.

Corner Brook has a fabric store, several hardware and lumber supply stores, and a framing shop that sells a variety of painting and drawing supplies.

#### **THE MEMORIAL CAMPUS NETWORK, RESIDENCY OPPORTUNITIES**

Students have access to studios, research facilities, and faculty across a range of disciplines within the Visual Arts program and beyond through the broad Memorial University network. There are further residency opportunities through [Memorial's other campuses](#)<sup>22</sup> at locations in St. John's, Gros Morne National Park, Labrador, and Harlow UK. These campus' offer low-cost accommodations for

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<sup>20</sup> <https://rpresources.mun.ca/>

<sup>21</sup> <https://www.mun.ca/research/ethics/>

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.mun.ca/main/campuses.php>

students and provide for an ideal residency setting. Contact the Graduate Officer for more information and to set-up an individualized residency program based on your research interests.

## **Chapter 2: Student Life**

### **HOUSING**

Grenfell offers two low-cost housing options on campus. Most units within Residence have two separate dorm-style rooms, with a common washroom, refrigerator, and cabinets. Students share a common lounge area for meal preparation and general socialization.

The campus Chalet Apartments offer several options for those looking for a more private setting. Most apartments have four separate bedrooms with a common living space that includes a kitchen, dining room and living room. Two-bedroom apartments and three-bedroom family apartments are also available.

Pricing for residences is calculated as a daily rate during the Intersession Semester. The rate for Spring ranges from \$17-20/night. Student housing contact and booking information can be found on their [webpage](#)<sup>23</sup>.

### **STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES**

Grenfell's [Health Services](#)<sup>24</sup> office offers a number of services including Counselling and Psychological Services as well as Physician services (Grenfell Students Only) during the Fall and Winter semester.

To book an appointment, contact Health Services BW 243, [healthservices@grenfell.mun.ca](mailto:healthservices@grenfell.mun.ca), or by phoning 709-637-7919. To meet with a psychologist over the Spring Intersession email [cps@grenfell.mun.ca](mailto:cps@grenfell.mun.ca).

Memorial University operates a [Sexual Harassment Office](#)<sup>25</sup>, which works to prevent sexual harassment and sexual assault through education; mitigate the effects of sexual harassment and sexual assault; and identify methods for timely resolutions of complaints of sexual harassment and sexual assault which may arise at Memorial University.

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<sup>23</sup> <https://www.grenfell.mun.ca/current-students/Pages/housing.aspx>

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.grenfell.mun.ca/current-students/Pages/health.aspx>

<sup>25</sup> <https://www.grenfell.mun.ca/current-students/Pages/counselling/Sexual-Harassment.aspx>

When health appointments are not available through Grenfell, or in cases of emergency, students should visit the Western Regional Memorial Hospital [Emergency Department](#)<sup>26</sup>. This emergency department is divided into two separate areas: a Fast Track clinic for non-urgent patients, and the main Emergency Department. When you arrive you will be seen by a triage nurse who will assess whether you need to go to the main Emergency Department or the Fast Track Clinic. You will then register for the area you have been assigned.

## **HEALTH and DENTAL INSURANCE**

All full-time graduate students (including international students that have opted out of the ISA Foreign Health insurance) are automatically added to the [GSU Health and Dental Plan\(s\)](#)<sup>27</sup>; UNLESS they submit an Opt OUT form (and supporting documentation) before the Opt OUT deadline in a given semester.

Registered International students are automatically enrolled in the [Foreign Health Insurance plan](#)<sup>28</sup> provided by MUN's International Student Advising Office (ISA), and full-time International graduate students are automatically enrolled in the Graduate Student Union (GSU) dental plan. When you arrive in Corner Brook to attend Grenfell, you must meet with the Student Programming Coordinator (International), in Student Services (AS270B) for information about your insurance.

## **CAMPUS SECURITY**

[The Grenfell Campus Enforcement and Patrol Office](#)<sup>29</sup> (CEP) is open 24 hours a day and can be reached by phone at (709) 637-6210 or by email at [cep@grenfell.mun.ca](mailto:cep@grenfell.mun.ca). CEP can also be reached through the emergency 'blue light' phones located around campus. During an emergency, pushing the button on these phones will activate the blue light, put you in contact with CEP, and automatically send them your location. CEP also offers a Walk Safe Program for students, staff, and faculty and provides additional security information for your safety.

Students are encouraged to use the [MUN safe](#)<sup>30</sup> app, a free service that delivers emergency alerts to Memorial University students, faculty and staff – as well as their friends and family. The app has many safety features including campus maps, work alone mode, and a mobile blue light program.

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<sup>26</sup> <http://www.westernhealth.nl.ca/home/health-topics-main/emergency-department-services/>

<sup>27</sup> <https://www.gsumun.ca/health-dental-plan>

<sup>28</sup> <https://www.mun.ca/international/programming/healthinsurance/index.php>

<sup>29</sup> <https://www.grenfell.mun.ca/Departments/Pages/campus-security.aspx>

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.mun.ca/emergency/MUNSafe/munsafealerts.php>

## TRANSPORTATION and PARKING

[Corner Brook Transit Operates](#)<sup>31</sup> operates two daily bus routes. The regular fare is \$2.50 and multiple-ride cards and monthly passes can be purchased at the Grenfell Campus Bookstore. Taxi rates in Corner Brook are \$3.50 plus \$1.50 per kilometre. There are flat rates for outside city limits. Taxis run 24 hours a day. Taxi companies are Star Taxi (709) 634-4343 (which also provides [airport shuttle](#)<sup>32</sup> 22\$ per student); City Cabs (709) 634-6565, Corner Taxi (709) 634-5662, Birchy Taxi Cabs (709) 785-2540. [DRL](#)<sup>33</sup> operates buses running daily between Port aux Basques and St. John's.

Cycle Solution in Corner Brook operates an [Electric Bike Share Program](#)<sup>34</sup> available from May to October. Car Rentals companies such as Enterprise and Discount have offices in Corner Brook. [Parking permits](#)<sup>35</sup> are required for most [lots](#)<sup>36</sup> on Grenfell Campus, with the exception of P4 and the visitor parking area.

## UNIONS AND SOCIETIES

As an MFA student you are automatically a member of the [Graduate Students' Union](#) (GSU) which advocates on your behalf on student issues, provides certain services (such as a health and dental plan) and funds to help offset the cost of conferences and research trips. The GSU coordinates with the School of Graduate Studies to organize the annual [Aldrich Conference](#) (a graduate student interdisciplinary conference). You can also become involved in the [Grenfell Graduate Student Society](#) (GGSS) who are your local campus student representatives. The [Grenfell Campus Student Union](#) (GCSU), which represents undergraduate students on campus, also provides certain services for graduate students such as The Grove (cafeteria), Backlot (student bar), and student lounge. The [Teaching Assistants' Union](#) (TAUMUN) represents graduate student assistants on campus.

Other unions with members on campus include the Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty Association (MUNFA), the Lecturers' Union of Memorial University of Newfoundland (LUMUN), the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), and the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees (NAPE).

## INDIGENOUS STUDENT CENTER

<sup>31</sup> <http://www.cornerbrook.com/bus-transit/>

<sup>32</sup> <http://www.deerlakeairport.com/ground/shuttle-service/>

<sup>33</sup> <http://www.drl-lr.com/>

<sup>34</sup> <http://www.cyclesolutions.ca/services/e-bike-rentals/>

<sup>35</sup> <https://www.grenfell.mun.ca/Departments/Pages/campus-security/parking.aspx>

<sup>36</sup> <https://www.grenfell.mun.ca/Departments/Documents/Facilities%20Management/parking-maps/Grenfell-Campus-2017-2018-Parking-Map-May-2017.pdf>

Grenfell Campus is located in traditional Mi'kmaq territory, and is home to more than 300 self-identified Indigenous students. [Aboriginal Student Services](#)<sup>37</sup> provides programming and services for Indigenous students and organises activities to educate the campus community about Indigenous histories and cultures. Programs and services include the Aboriginal Student Centre, Indigenous Peoples Week, the GCSU Indigenous Student Caucus, and culturally-safe spaces to practice smudging and Kullik-lighting. Please visit AS 2027, or email Aboriginal Student Affairs Officer Kelly Anne Butler [kbutler@grenfell.mun.ca](mailto:kbutler@grenfell.mun.ca) for more information.

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT**

International students at Grenfell Campus can avail of programs and services to assist in their transition to Canada in a variety of capacities, including employment, diversity and cultural training, community involvement, study permits, social activities, and much more. For [additional information](#)<sup>38</sup>, please contact Thomas Young (International Student Recruitment Officer) at [tyoung@grenfell.mun.ca](mailto:tyoung@grenfell.mun.ca)

### **SPORTS and RECREATION**

There is programming in the Spring Intersession students who are on campus. The programs vary each year according to what students would like to do. Recreation cards are available for \$30.00. Programs may include fitness classes, basketball league, badminton, and open gym (large, double gymnasium). To organise a time slot, please contact Jana Walsh, Campus Sport and Recreation Coordinator, at (709) 637-6258 or [jwalsh@grenfell.mun.ca](mailto:jwalsh@grenfell.mun.ca). Memberships are also available for fitness centre facilities close to campus such as Forever Young Fitness Centre, and the YMCA.

The west coast of Newfoundland is home to a number of unique recreational facilities, many of which are in close proximity to Grenfell Campus, such as Marble Mountain, Gros Morne National Park, Blow Me Down Trails, and the Civic Centre.

### **PRAYER ROOM**

There is a multi-faith prayer room on campus that is open and located across from the gym.

### **WEATHER**

During May and June the temperature can still be fairly cool with an average of 15°C. The weather can change extremely quickly, so when hiking, prepare for inclement weather, even if the sky is blue

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<sup>37</sup> <https://grenfell.mun.ca/current-students/Pages/aboriginal-students.aspx>

<sup>38</sup> <https://www.grenfell.mun.ca/future-students/Pages/International-Students.aspx>



and the temperature is warm. Visit Environment Canada to view [annual temperature](#)<sup>39</sup> and precipitation records.

## **CORNER BROOK**

The City of Corner Brook located in Western Newfoundland, at the mouth of the Humber river in the scenic Bay of Islands, amalgamated from four separate communities in 1956. These communities developed as a result of local fisheries (in Curling), a paper mill (now the Corner Brook Paper Mill), retail businesses, and the former Newfoundland Railway. The city is headquarters of the Qalipu First Nation Band, established in 2011, which provides numerous local services ranging from cultural development to environmental monitoring.

The [Grenfell Art Gallery](#)<sup>40</sup> is located on campus. Just down the street from campus is the [Arts and Culture Centre](#)<sup>41</sup> which has a large theatre, regular exhibitions of artwork and a [swimming pool](#)<sup>42</sup>. The [Rotary Arts Centre](#)<sup>43</sup>, located downtown, hosts private studios, an art gallery, and a theatre. An annual arts festival [CBNuit](#)<sup>44</sup>, takes place in the fall. [Bay of Islands' Radio](#)<sup>45</sup> (BOIR), is a community radio station that offers residents the opportunity to volunteer both on and off the air. Multiple community gardens are managed by the [Western Environment Centre](#)<sup>46</sup>, a volunteer non-profit NGO, headquartered in town, that works to improve environmental sustainability. [The Wonderful Fine Market](#)<sup>47</sup> and Valley Mall Flea Market offer opportunities for small vendors to sell everything from artwork to baked goods on a weekly basis during certain parts of the year.

There are restaurants, a grocery store, a gas station, convenience stores, a coffee shop, a pharmacy, and a liquor store located within walking distance of campus. Corner Brook also has a number of other restaurants (specializing in Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai, Chinese, Mediterranean, European, Syrian/Middle Eastern, and other cuisines), bars and pubs that hold regular concerts, and three

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[http://climate.weather.gc.ca/climate\\_normals/results\\_1981\\_2010\\_e.html?searchType=stnProv&lstProvince=NL&txtCentralLatMin=0&txtCentralLatSec=0&txtCentralLongMin=0&txtCentralLongSec=0&stnID=6610&dispBack=0](http://climate.weather.gc.ca/climate_normals/results_1981_2010_e.html?searchType=stnProv&lstProvince=NL&txtCentralLatMin=0&txtCentralLatSec=0&txtCentralLongMin=0&txtCentralLongSec=0&stnID=6610&dispBack=0)

<sup>40</sup> <https://grenfell.mun.ca/campus-services/Pages/community/art-gallery/current-exhibition.aspx>

<sup>41</sup> <https://www.artsandculturecentre.com/cornerbrook/Online/default.asp>

<sup>42</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/Artsandculturepool2016/>

<sup>43</sup> <https://www.rotaryartscentre.ca/>

<sup>44</sup> <https://www.cbnuit.com/>

<sup>45</sup> <http://boir.ca/>

<sup>46</sup> <http://www.wecnl.ca/>

<sup>47</sup> <http://www.wonderfulfinemarket.com/>

shopping malls. Many other small businesses specialize in merchandise ranging from clothes and shoes, to outdoor equipment, to art supplies and framing.

Additionally, there are many opportunities to explore our wonderful natural environment during both the winter and summer. A walking and bike [trails system](#)<sup>48</sup> offers residents and visitors the opportunity to experience many of the natural attractions of the city (such as caves and lookouts located not far from the campus). Nearby are both a downhill ski hill, Marble Mountain, which hosts runs ranging in level from easy to double black diamond, and the Blow Me Down Cross Country Ski Club. Snowshoeing is another way to explore during the winter here and the civic center, next to Grenfell, contains a skating/hockey rink and a gym, as well as other facilities. Grenfell is home to many sports teams and activities, and Corner Brook has a rowing club near the Humber River with campus teams. Rowing teams from Corner Brook compete in a yearly local regatta in late summer and have also competed in The Royal St. John's Regatta – North America's oldest organized sporting event.

More information about the history and dynamic cultural fabric of Corner Brook can be found on the City of Corner Brook's [website](#)<sup>49</sup> and at the [Corner Brook Museum and Archives](#)<sup>50</sup>.

## THE WEST COAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND

[Western Newfoundland](#)<sup>51</sup> is home to many stunning and amazing sights and a vast array of different natural environments, as well as diverse cultures and histories. Near to Corner Brook are numerous communities and small businesses spread out across the Bay of Islands and along the Trans-Canada Highway. To the south of Corner Brook is the community of Stephenville and the beautiful Port au Port Peninsula and Bay St. George, where many more artists and craftspeople make their homes and run local businesses. This region is home to the [K'Taqmkuk Mi'kmaw Cultural Historic Museum](#)<sup>52</sup>, the first and only Mi'kmaq museum in the province. In July the Mi'kmaq community of Flat Bay hosts the [Bay St. George Powwow](#)<sup>53</sup>, more information on which can be found on their website <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BSGpowwow/>

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<sup>48</sup> <http://www.cbstream.com/trailMap.html>

<sup>49</sup> <http://www.cornerbrook.com/about-corner-brook/>

<sup>50</sup> <http://cornerbrookmuseum.ca/english/aboutus.html>

<sup>51</sup> <https://www.newfoundlandlabrador.com/top-destinations/western-region>

<sup>52</sup> <http://www.sgibnl.ca/ktaqmkuk-mikmaw-cultural-historic-museum-newfoundland/>

<sup>53</sup> <https://flatbay.wixsite.com/annualpowwow>

North of Corner Brook is the town of Deer Lake, home to the regional airport. Near to Deer Lake is the farming region of Cormack, the Bonne Bay Region and Gros Morne National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Gros Morne hosts numerous art, writing, and music events during the summer months including the annual [Writers at Woody Point Festival](http://www.writersatwoodypoint.com/)<sup>54</sup>, and is home to an abundance of artists and craftspeople. At the far tip of the Northern Peninsula you will also find historical locations such as the Viking settlement of Lanse-aux-Meadows.



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<sup>54</sup> <http://www.writersatwoodypoint.com/>