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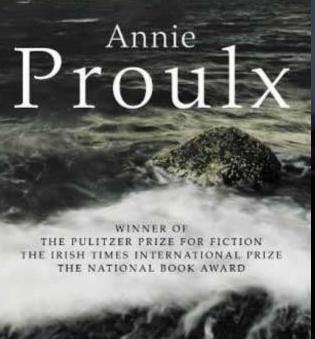
STRUCTURING AND MANAGING INTERDISCIPLINARY DEGREES

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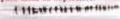


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Descobre o que há para além da superficie.









Over 3000 graduate students Over 100 graduate programs

18 graduate interdisciplinary programs (three in development)

Aquaculture

Arts and Education

Cognitive and Behavioural Ecology

Computational Science

Computer Engineering

Employment Relations

Engineering Management

Environmental Science

Environmental Systems Engineering and

Management

Ethnomusicology

Fisheries Resource Management

Humanities

Interdisciplinary PhD

Maritime Management

Oil and Gas Engineering

Technology Management

Theoretical Physics

Women's Studies

Interdisciplinary graduate programs promise:

- flexibility
- intellectual health
- progressive and innovative research programs
- breadth and depth

but struggle against

- institutional inflexibility
- collective agreement
- workload issues
- homelessness

Interdisciplinary Madness!

I work in	but get paid by	My Advisor is in
(Lab)	(Program)	(Department)
but my <i>real</i> Advisor is in	Officially, I'm part of	even though my office is in
(another Department)	(Research Center)	(Basement of another building)
Most of my classes are on	yet technically, my degree is in	So basically, I belong
(Stuff I haven't seen since High School)	(Major other than my undergrad's)	(Nowhere)

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Collective Agreement WORKLOAD OF FACULTY MEMBERS

3.07 The determination of course offerings shall be the responsibility of the Administrative Head. In determining course offerings the Administrative Head shall take into account the resources of the Academic Unit and expertise of the Faculty Members as well as the needs of the students.

VARIATIONS FROM THE TEACHING NORM

- 3.17 On an annual basis the proportion of a Faculty Member's work devoted to teaching may be increased under one or the other of the following provisions:
- a) A voluntary increase may be given following a signed agreement between a Faculty Member and the Administrative Head. With this increase in work devoted to teaching, the expectations for research, scholarly, creative and professional activities shall be correspondingly reduced. This provision shall be applied either when the Faculty Member voluntarily takes on one (1) or more sections beyond the normal teaching assignment or when, without a change in the number of course sections, the Faculty Member voluntarily undertakes implementation or operation of a major teaching project or programme for which there is a demonstrable need in the Academic Unit.
- b) Where the Faculty Member's record of research, scholarly, creative and professional activities is significantly below expectations, judged over the past three (3) years, the proportion of their work devoted to teaching may be increased by one (1) course or equivalent above the teaching norm in an Academic Year.

Good news ... many faculty work it out with their

Heads and Deans and end up on interdisciplinary graduate program committees. SGS encourages these negotiations and supports workload flexibility.

<u>Governance</u>

SGS oversees ID programs

Dean appoints program coordinator (stipend and course release)

ID admissions committee for each program recommends candidates to SGS

Supervisory Committees (minimum 3) determine course work and comps examinations

SGS covers costs of directed reading courses where necessary

Sample ID PhD thesis topics

Virtual Magic: enchantment and illusionism in immersive media (Philosophy, Communications, Education, Psychology)

Recruiting the Visual: Deepening Dialogue on CommonPlace and Local Knowledge (Anthropology, Communications, History, Medicine)

The Role of Critical Thinking in Police Officer Decision Making (Business, Psychology, Education)

Interconnected Systems (Education, Mental Health, & Medicine) For Emotionally Disturbed Youth: The Nova Scotia Schools Plus Program (Education, Medicine, Psychology, Sociology)

Health and richness of ID programs altering the culture, relaxing institutional boundaries.



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