



# Executive Summary

Atlantic Canada Studies Program Review  
(2022-23)



**External Reviewers:**

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**Site-visit Dates:** June 24-25, 2024

**Report Date:** July 30, 2024

**Overview**

The review committee conducted a two-day site visit (via Zoom), which included meetings with individuals and groups who provided insights into the Atlantic Canada Studies (ACS) program at Saint Mary's University: Discussions were held with the following: Mary Ingram, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and Adam Sarty, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, about general matters relevant to ACS, including administrative and financial issues; support units, including academic advisors from the Faculty of Arts who explained their role advising ACS undergraduate students on their degree requirements; representatives from the Patrick Power Library described the collections and resources available to ACS students; administrative assistant for ACS and History who talked about the support she provides to ACS; ACS undergraduate and graduate coordinators discussed their roles in planning and organizing the ACS programs, their interactions with other academic and administrative units, and the aims goals of the ACS programs and ideas for future directions; faculty members who are involved with ACS and teach ACS courses who provided their impressions of the program, the students, and possible directions for the future.

The review committee also met with a small number of students connected with the ACS program, including four current Master's students, two of whom were full-time and two were part-time. They met separately with Indigenous students enrolled in the MA program who spoke about their experiences. Reviewers did not meet with any current undergraduate ACS students, but did meet with an alumna who had graduated with a major in ACS.

The review committee report outlined five overarching recommendations for the undergraduate program and a further four recommendations for the graduate program.