

# 2011 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



# Welcome



Laurelle LeVert, Registrar

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### **Did You Know...**

- The two primary reasons for choosing NSCAD to attend relate to the reputation of the school and our location in Halifax, and graduates' highest level of satisfaction is with the learning environment and the quality of faculty
- Graduates overwhelmingly praise the relevancy of their NSCAD education to their careers, especially the increased creative thinking skills that NSCAD taught them
- The majority of NSCAD alumni continue to pursue their field of study either through their current employment or outside their regular work
- Almost half of NSCAD graduates are entrepreneurs who own their own businesses

**Welcome to your future!**

### **NSCAD Orientation Schedule for Today**

- **8:30-10 am: Breakfast Goodies, Information Tables, and Meet & Greet**
- **10 am - Noon: Presentation**
- **12:30 - 1:30: Lunch**
- **12:30: International Student Meeting (grab some lunch and join us!)**

Check out the [New Student Guide](#) and the [Parents' Handout on Student Success](#).

# Safety & You!



- Personal Safety
- Bylaws

Constable Jeannie Rankin  
Community Programs Officer  
Halifax Regional Police

NOVA SCOTIA COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN – STUDENT ORIENTATION

## Background

- In September, approximately 35,000 students between the ages of 18 and 27 come to HRM.  
(Dal, SMU, MTSV, Kings, NSCAD, NSCC)
- The result is an increase in noise and alcohol related offenses.
- At least 85-90% of down town incidents involve alcohol (Offender or innocent victim).
- These incidents generally involve people aged 19-28.
- Incidents result in charges and/or injury.

## Safety Tips

- Be aware – common sense, eyes/ears/music, hands, visibility.
- Tough target – self-confident, head up, observations and distractions.
- Walking – traffic, short cuts, what are you carrying/how, photocopies, route known, being followed.
- Alone vs. in a group.
- Consider taxi/bus if alone (say taxi number & company aloud, sit in back, observe the driver).

## Safety Tips

- Stick to well traveled, well lit areas.
- Avoid dark isolated areas, choose routes carefully.
- Vehicle safety – keys, check interior, doors locked, windows, valuables, traffic lights.
- Banking – avoid secluded areas, lighting, traffic, video cameras, personal space/conversation.
- Robbery – comply or fight, “throw with a catch”, making noise, “fire” vs “help”.

## More Info

- Bars recognize government issued photo id – available at Access NS, Bayers Lake ( by RONA Store), 300 Horshoe Lake Drive
- Superstore Mall – Dartmouth, 650 Portland Street
- Lower Sackville, 486 Sackville Drive
- (may not recognize out of province ID).
- Don't leave drinks unattended.
- Don't accept drinks from strangers directly.
- Don't leave personal items, coats, purses unattended.

## Liquor Control Act

### Common Sections

78(2) Illegally Possessing Liquor \$452.00

78(3) Underage drinking \$452.00

87(1) Public Intoxication \$118.50

95(a) Permitting Drunkenness to take place in any house or any premises of which he/she is the owner, tenant or occupant. NIL Fine (Must attend court)

## General Info

Actions that create negative attention:

- -tipping over mailboxes/garbage cans
- -urinating in public
- -ripping out plants/property damage
- -yelling, screaming and running in and out of traffic
- These actions can increase the chances of being arrested under the Liquor Control Act and the potential for being charged with various criminal code offenses.

## HRM Noise By-Law N-200

- Sec 3(1) Engaging in activity that unreasonably disturbs neighborhood
- 1<sup>st</sup> offence \$452.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offence \$912.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offence \$1257.00

## Good to know...

- Helmets are required for bikes, skateboards, rollerblades and scooters.
- Skateboards, rollerblades and scooters are not permitted on streets.
- Motorized scooters are a prohibited vehicle and cannot be used on streets or sidewalks.
- Review the NSCAD Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities (in Academic Calendar).

# Questions?

## Foundation

Must be completed prior to enrolling in upper year classes. Transfer students with outstanding Foundation credits may take a “blended” program in their first year while completing Foundation.

Enrolment restrictions will apply if Foundation courses are not completed when a student seeks to enter upper year classes.

## Health & Safety

- **24 hr. access (The Buddy System)**
- **Be responsible & use common sense**

### **Chemicals and Hazardous Materials**

- Safety and Protection

### **Fire Safety**

- Knowing your exits, not playing with fire

### **Equipment Safety**

- Are you trained for its use?
- Technicians working within the lab will determine if you are appropriately trained
- Appropriateness of the equipment

**Read Full Policy** on website under About NSCAD, Health and Safety policy

### **Personal Safety**

- safety glasses/hearing protection/skin protection
- use a respirator (available in art supply store)
- no open toed shoes
- tie your hair back
- personal hygiene / no scents!
- drink lots of water / don't forget to eat!
- Stretch
- No drugs and alcohol

### **Smoking By law**

- 16 feet from entrance
- Be courteous



**Robyn Touchie**

***President***

- Primary SUNSCAD Rep to the University
- Chief Executive Officer / represent SUNSCAD on the Board of Governors
- spokesperson for the union, representing the opinions of the union, as determined by council

**John Wasteneys**

***VP Academic***

- policy on academic matters / act as an advocate for students on academic matters
- represent the Union as one of the student representatives in the official academic governing bodies as created by the faculty.
- As necessary, chair the academic committee of the union

**Allisha Morris**

***VP Cultural***

- liaison between local artist run centres, local non-profit social justice organizations and council
- co-ordinate the SUNSCAD food bank.
- co-ordinate info sessions, workshops etc. pertaining to the local art community or social justice issues, as required

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**Nicole Cooper**

***VP External***

- development and formulation of policy on external affairs
- implements campaigns of both the provincial and national student organizations
- SUNSCAD's active participation with the provincial & national student organizations
- Be responsible for informing students about those organizations

**Katie Hagan**

***VP Internal***

- communication and information: notices, bulletin boards, posters etc.
- coordinates dances and events / info sessions and workshops; student publication

**Daltry Lemire**

***VP Finance***

- financial policies and reports to Board and SUNSCAD / annual budget for AGM; expenditures and costs
- Responsible for the oversight of Clubs and Societies

**Tara Fleming**

***Resource Coordinator***

- SUNSCAD's only employee; assist and support the members of the Executive
- Assist the Executive with the production of the Annual Report and budget

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Office located at Duke St. Campus, next to the Student Lounge

**Responsible for:**

- ✓ **Domestic Student Health Plan** (see your [New Student Guide](#) for more information – possible to opt out of this plan if you have other personal or parental plan coverage)
- ✓ **UPass: Metro Transit Pass** (see your Guide to First Year for more information) ~ Pick up in the SUNSCAD Office AFTER you have your student ID card (will be here during the Table Hour during lunch)
- ✓ **Dalplex (Dal sports complex)** membership agreement

\*\* Visit the SUNSCAD Kiosk today for more information!

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**Office of Student and Academic Services:**



Duke St. Campus, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, room D220

- **Academic advising:** by appointment
- **Registration:** watch your email for exciting news about new online-registration system being introduced next spring!
- **Photo ID Card:** remember to come at the start of every semester to get a current sticker
- **Academic Calendar & Dates:** available in our office or on website
- **Disability resources and accommodations**
- **Financial aid advising, Scholarships, and personal counselling** and referrals
- **Exchange and Off-Campus study** information (see the Calendar for details)

**Other Services offered:**

Directions, advice, forms (for appeals, grade change requests, letters of permission etc. ), a smile when you are feeling lousy, pep talks, homesickness remedies ...

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## NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

- ✓ Get your ID Card and Sticker (and visit Service Centre for Access Key Card)
- ✓ Double check your courses and locations
- ✓ International students: be sure you bring your Study Permit to the OSAS office to be copied (Exchange Students don't need a Study Permit for 1 term)
- ✓ Pay Tuition at the Finance Office (4<sup>th</sup> Floor Duke St.) or through your Bank
- ✓ Process your Student Loan
- ✓ Visit SUNSCAD for your U-Pass (Bus and Transit Pass)
- ✓ Find a Locker
- ✓ Visit the Gallery: Anna Leonowens and the PortLoggia
- ✓ Visit NSCAD Art Supply Store on Hollis Street
- ✓ Check your NSCAD Student Email!! (if you forgot your password, the OSAS office can change it if you come in person)

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## Today ...

**During Lunch, Visit Tables** (open until around 1:30 pm)

**International & Exchange Students:** please come to the International Student Orientation at 12:30 (grab lunch and meet us here)

**Take a Tour:** Tours start at 1:15 near the Security Desk downstairs. Groups will leave whenever 10-15 have gathered. The last group will leave around 3 pm (if you wanted to go on your tour with someone special, go together to the meeting place)

\*\* **These slides** are available on the Orientation Website, and all the information covered can be found in the New Student Guide or on the NSCAD Website

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**VISIT US TODAY:**

**Foundation**

**Craft:** Jewellery Design and  
Metalsmithing  
Textiles and Fashion  
Ceramics

**Fine Arts:** Drawing

Painting  
Printmaking  
Sculpture

**Design**

**Media Arts**

Photography  
Film  
Intermedia

**Historical and Critical Studies**

Art History  
Writing Resource Centre

**Counselling Services**

**Health Services**

**Financial Aid**

**Disability Services**

**Student Ambassadors**

**SUNSCAD**

**Library**

**Alumni**

**Galleries:** Anna Leonowens

Seeds

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## Do you have a Student Loan...?

**Step 1:** have your Canada Student Loan signed at the NSCAD Finance Office

**Step 2:** Bring your Loan, SIN Card, Government Photo ID and Void Cheque / Banking Info to the NSCAD campus Kiosk (in the Student Lounge at the Duke Street Campus) or the Bedford Row Post Office

- Tuesday, Sept 6: 1-4 pm
- Wednesday, Sept 7: 1-4 pm
- Thursday, Sept 8: 10 am – 2 pm
- Friday, Sept 9: 10 am – 2 pm

**Step 3:** wait for your loan to be deposited to your bank account. It should take 7 working days.

Now Introducing...

**Cara Jones**

***Road Runner***

**&**

***Familiar Strangers***