



ARGUMENTATION STUDIES

INTERDISCIPLINARY PhD

Argumentation Studies addresses the principles and methods through which people reason collaboratively or competitively:

- On any topic where information, knowledge, or claims conflict or are inconsistent
- By which reasoners strive to persuade others through verbal or visual means

The interdisciplinary PhD in Argumentation Studies:

- Builds on the informal logic movement in Philosophy at the University of Windsor
- Complements that longstanding strength with perspectives and applications from across the disciplines — Psychology, English (Rhetoric), Computer Science, Visual Arts, Law, Political Science, and Teaching and Learning
- Provides unique and powerful training for a range of careers from human resources and conflict resolution to policy development, research, and education



Program structure

Various Research Clusters addressed to specific topics relating to argumentation and constituted by faculty from across the disciplines at the University of Windsor ground individual students' research.

You apply to a specific Research Cluster relevant to your proposed topic from which will be drawn your Advisory Committee.

First year

- Fall term double course in the history and traditions of argumentation theory
- Winter term double course in contemporary advanced interdisciplinary approaches and applications

Second year

- Oral Qualifying Examination
- Development of your thesis proposal
- Audit Winter course addressing fresh contemporary advanced topics

Third and fourth years

- Thesis research, writing, and defense

Research Clusters

- Critical-thinking education and the history of informal logic
- Scientific argumentation
- Argumentation and computation
- Words, language and cognition in argumentation
- Visual and multi-modal argumentation
- Feminism, social justice and argumentation
- Rhetoric and disputed spaces
- Legal reasoning

Consult the program webpage to see which clusters are accepting applications and the current faculty members: www.uwindsor.ca/fahss

Substantial and diverse research environment, including:

Your participation in activities of the Centre for Research in Reasoning, Argumentation & Rhetoric (www.uwindsor.ca/crrar) including:

- Biweekly research discussions featuring visiting scholars & Windsor researchers
- Larger symposia and conferences
- Special holdings in the J. Francis Leddy Library (leddy.uwindsor.ca) and Paul Martin Law Library (uwindsor.ca/law/library)

Financial Support and Scholarships

For complete, up-to-date fee information visit the Finance Department website: www.uwindsor.ca/finance — scroll down to Information for Students

For information on scholarships and awards available to doctoral students please go to www.uwindsor.ca/graduate

Application Deadline

September admission: January 15 of each year. Applies to both Canadian and international applicants.

Only completed applications will be considered. Results communicated in April/May. See www.uwindsor.ca/graduate

Admission Requirements:

- Master's degree in a discipline related to Argumentation Studies or equivalent
- Minimum GPA of A- or 80%
- At least two letters of academic recommendation
- A Statement of Research Interest 500-800 words long that addresses:
- Highlights (and any irregularities) in your relevant experience
- Your proposed thesis project related to one of the current interdisciplinary Research Clusters indicated on the program website (www.uwindsor.ca/fahss)
- A short sample of related scholarly research/writing
- If English is a second language: TOEFL 250, IBT 100, or IELTS 7.0 (at time of application)

Note: Five students may be admitted each year to the whole program. In any given year, some Clusters may not be admitting students.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!

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