

## **GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN GERMAN & EUROPEAN STUDIES**

Interested in studying or conducting research in Europe? The Graduate Diploma in German and European Studies is taken in conjunction with a Masters or Doctoral degree program at York University. The Graduate Diploma certifies that, in addition to having completed an advanced degree in a related discipline, a student has acquired special expertise about Germany and/or Europe.

The Graduate Diploma in German and European Studies provides opportunities and assistance to students who wish to:

- Develop expertise in the interdisciplinary field of German and European Studies;
- Exchange ideas with students and professors in the humanities, social sciences, and professional faculties;
- Receive mentoring in academic research and professional skills from leading scholars;
- Obtain hands-on experience through study, research or internships in Europe;
- Present their work at national and international conferences and research colloquia;
- Apply for internal and external funding.

### **DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS**

#### **1. Language Competence**

By graduation, students must be able to function in German or another European language (other than English) at a level appropriate to their level and specialization in the context of their research and course work. This will differ from case to case.

#### **2. Research Colloquium**

The Research Colloquium held bi-weekly, features an introduction to interdisciplinary work in German and European Studies, discussions of topics in professional development, guest lectures, and the opportunity for graduate students to present their own work. Students are required to attend the colloquium regularly during one academic year.

#### **3. Study Abroad**

As part of the Diploma Program, students are required to complete a period of research and/or study, or an internship of at least six weeks in Europe. Ph.D. students are encouraged to spend at least one semester conducting research. The Diploma Program is committed to assisting students in applying for third-party funding; in addition, we offer dedicated bursaries.

#### **4. Summer Course**

Graduate Diploma students are required to participate in an annual summer seminar (German & European Studies 6010.03: Topics in German Cultural Studies in the European Context) OR an equivalent course.

#### **5. Thesis or Research Paper/Dissertation**

Students must write a Major Research Paper (MRP), thesis or dissertation, supervised by a member of the Faculty of Graduate Studies affiliated with the Diploma Program, on a topic approved by the Coordinator of the Diploma Program. This paper normally serves as the Major Research Paper, thesis or dissertation used to fulfill the requirement of the Masters or Doctoral program in which the student is registered.

**STUDENT SUPPORT**

Each year, we provide financial support to students pursuing the Graduate Diploma in German and European Studies. Scholarships and bursaries are also available to help students study a European language, conduct preliminary research in Europe, and attend a workshop or conference.

**ADMISSION AND COORDINATION**

If you wish to apply for admission to the Graduate Diploma in German and European Studies, please contact the Graduate Diploma Coordinator no later than October 3. Eligible candidates will be invited to meet with the Coordinator to discuss how the Graduate Diploma could best fit individual student's programs.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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