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St. Mary's Announces New Bachelor of Arts degree with a Major in History

Calgary, Alberta (August 25, 2014) St. Mary's University College is pleased to announce the offering of a new four-year degree program effective September 1, 2014. The Honourable Dave Hancock, Premier of Alberta and Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, has given approval for a four year Bachelor of Arts with a Major in History.

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in History provides students with a broad understanding of the historical foundations and cultural dimensions of the world they live in. Students will develop the skills needed to uncover and analyze the events, processes and ideas which shape the past and to appreciate how an understanding of the past helps inform the present and the future.

"History is one of our foundational degrees, and there has been great interest in having us develop a four-year degree to complement our three-year offering," says Dr. Turcotte, President of St. Mary's University College. "This is an exciting day for St. Mary's and for all those students who are so keen for a dynamic, cutting-edge degree at a smaller university where their own personal story will not be lost." Dr. Gayle Thrift, Chair for Social Sciences at St. Mary's adds, "The approval of a four-year history degree is a significant step forward in the development of the Social Sciences area at St. Mary's that enables us to provide greater choice and flexibility to our students."

History Professor, Norman Knowles comments, "This is a unique degree. Not only will students receive a strong foundation in fields of History that cover different periods and places, they will complete several courses in historical theory and method and be able to apply the knowledge and skills they have acquired by completing a major research project or service learning practicum in their final year." Professor Knowles adds that the "training our students receive in processing information, research, critical thinking, and the analysis of data will make them well-qualified to meet the needs of the 21st century work place."

This degree will provide students with excellent training in processing information, research, critical investigation and the analysis of data, skills that are in high demand in fields such as law, journalism, public service, archives and museums, librarianship, teaching and management.

About St. Mary's University College

St. Mary's University College is a Catholic post-secondary, student-focused liberal arts and sciences teaching and research institution. St. Mary's offers Bachelor of Arts degrees, a Bachelor of Science degree, a Bachelor of Education (Elementary) degree, and courses in 35 academic disciplines. For more information, visit www.stmu.ca

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