



Social Science

Undergraduate
Viewbook '25-26



Social Science **Quick Stats**

TOP 100

Social Science Faculties, worldwide
(Higher Education Evaluation and
Accreditation Council, the QS
Corporation and the Academic
Rankings of World Universities)

44%

of leaders in corporate, non-profit
and government roles studied
Social Science, according to a study
conducted by the British Council

LARGEST FACULTY AT WESTERN

with 8 departments
and numerous programs

Embracing diversity, the Faculty of Social
Science includes students and faculty from

VARIOUS

different backgrounds, fostering
a rich tapestry of perspectives.

Prepare to Change the World: Explore with a Social Science Lens

The World is facing unprecedented challenges: climate crises, global conflict, pandemics, rising cost of living, housing shortages and the potential of artificial intelligence to disrupt education and employment. Studying a social science discipline puts you at the forefront of engaging with these challenges.

Understand the World: Encouraging Curiosity and Open Inquiry

Social science encourages students to ask critical questions and explore complex societal issues, developing a nuanced understanding of the people and world around them.

Empowering Informed Decision Making Through Data Literacy

Social science programs teach students how to gather, analyse, and interpret data, providing a solid foundation for making informed decisions.

Unlock Your Potential: Highly Sought-After Skills for the Future

The analytical and critical thinking skills developed through social science studies are highly sought after by employers in business, government and non-government sectors and careers in research and academia.



Choose Your Own Path



YEAR
1

General Social Science

First-year students in Social Science take prerequisite courses from various departments along with an elective. It's a great opportunity for exploration before deciding on a specific path.

YEAR
2

Choose Your Path

There are several module options for students in their second year of study: specialize within an area, or pursue a major.

OPTION

YEAR
3

OPTION

Gain Work Experience

Students can work during summer time for 4 months or take a year off to work for 8, 12 or 16 months, which will extend their studies by an additional year to gain valuable work experience.

Continue to Explore

Students can either stay in their current module or make a change, go on a co-op or exchange.

YEAR
4

YEAR
5

Graduate

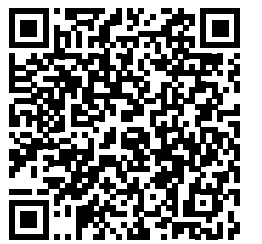
Students graduate upon completing the required credits for their chosen module.

The opportunities are endless: Module options at Western encompass Honours Specialization, Specialization, and Major(s). Students can also combine modules, even integrating options from other faculties, for a tailored academic experience.

Optional

Students who opt for co-op or dual degrees and choose to pause their education can extend their studies by an additional year.

Scan for more information
about first year courses
and module options.



Co-op

Gain paid, full-time industry experience through our co-op program!

Differentiate yourself from your peers: apply classroom learning, build your professional network, and explore your career potential.

Co-op Options

Available to full-time students declared in a Social Science Honours Specialization, Specialization, or Major at main campus.

4-Month Co-op:

At least Year 2 of a four-year program.

8, 12 or 16-Month Co-op:

Year 3 and returning to studies post-co-op.

**Earn an average of \$40K/year
during your co-op!**

Past Employers Include:

BDO Canada LLP
BMO Financial Group
Carfax
CIBC
Compass Group
Canada
Deloitte
Digital Extremes
Enbridge
Enterprise Mobility
Environment Climate
Change Canada
Ernst & Young
Immigration and
Refugee Board of
Canada
KPMG
Ontario Public Service

PwC
RBC
TD Bank
Voices.com
WSIB



Scan for more
information
about co-op.

Summer Research Co-op

Discover your passions and enhance your research skills by spending the summer in a lab, guided by world-class researchers and their graduate students.





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Departments & Programs

Anthropology

Join us on this exhilarating journey of the discovery and understanding of people, past and present. You will have the opportunity to delve into cultural variability and to gain hands on experience with advanced techniques like 3D digital archaeology.

DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies

Gain a unique approach to management study, engage in hands-on learning with our popular Personal Finance course, and explore cutting-edge topics such as Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace, all while discovering exciting study abroad opportunities.

Economics

Engage in courses that delve into the complexities of local and global economies, combining theoretical insights with practical applications to equip you with a comprehensive understanding of economic systems.

Indigenous Studies

Immerse yourself with unique courses and explore the rich histories and cultures of Indigenous peoples. Offers hands-on experiences that deepen your understanding and connection to these vibrant communities.

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

Explore innovative courses that examine the intersections of gender, sexuality, and society, providing hands-on experiences that empower you to analyze and address issues of equality and social justice.

Geography and Environment

Understand the world and explore transformative courses like "Connecting for Climate Change Action", where you'll tackle urgent environmental challenges through innovative, interdisciplinary learning and collaborative action.

History

Explore past human activity and immerse yourself in unique courses where professors guide you through the rich history of London and far corners of the world.

Political Science

Delve into the intricacies of local and international politics with courses that explore the history and dynamics of political systems worldwide, offering hands-on experiences that bring the study of politics to life.

Psychology

Engage with human behaviour through hands-on learning and real-world application. Participate in courses, featuring interactive labs, and community engaged learning courses that partner with local organizations. Gain practical experience in unique courses on animal behaviour and cognition, working directly with songbirds and migratory birds.

Sociology

Explore the complexities of social dynamics and gain practical skills that extend far beyond the classroom, where we embrace hands-on learning and real-world impact. Dive into courses like "Mapping Inequality" and "Immigrant Integration", where you'll tackle pressing societal issues head-on.



Global Perspectives in International Relations

"What drew me to the International Relations program at Western was its strong academic reputation, incredible faculty, and the chance to study both history and political science. Engaging in thoughtful discussions with professors and peers challenged my worldview and reshaped the way I understand the global order. As an international student, this program has been the perfect foundation for my career aspirations."

Syed Rizvi
International Relations Student



Bridging Disciplines: Exploring Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

"What drew me to PPE at Western was the chance to explore political systems, economic models, and philosophical questions together. The program has challenged me to think critically about complex problems and understand how different forces intersect. Beyond academics, getting involved in student government and founding a national student dance organization has taught me the value of collaboration, leadership, and creating impact that lasts."

Ryan Malabana
Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Student



“My undergrad in the Faculty of Social Science gave me the flexibility to explore my interests in political science, governance, and leadership. Serving as President of the Social Science Students’ Council was the most rewarding part of my journey, allowing me to represent more than 9,000 students and create meaningful initiatives. This experience shaped me into the student and leader I am today.”

Chloe Vanderlugt
Political Science Alumni

Interdisciplinary Programs



American
Studies

International
Relations

Linguistics

Urban
Development

Politics, Philosophy
and Economics

Transitional Justice and
Post-Conflict Reconstruction

Balancing Psychology and Athletics

“What drew me to the Faculty of Social Science was the versatility it offered—I wanted to keep my options open while developing core skills like critical thinking, research, and writing. One of the most impactful parts of my journey has been balancing academics with athletics. As a varsity track and field athlete, I’ve grown through both victories and setbacks, and representing Team Canada at the FISU World University Games has been a dream come true.”

Arman Shahzadeh
Psychology Student



Students in the Faculty of Social Science accessed over

**\$6.5
MILLION**

in financial support from Western in the form of scholarships, awards, and bursaries.

90%

of our Faculty of Social Science graduates secure employment within just six months of completing their studies.

Join a robust alumni network of

90,000

graduates worldwide, providing invaluable connections and opportunities across various industries.

Participate in more than

200

student clubs, including the dynamic Social Science Student Council, fostering leadership, community involvement, and personal growth.

Benefit from international study opportunities and partnerships with over

100

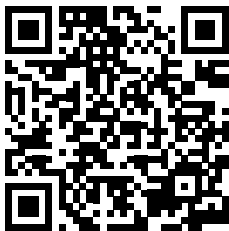
institutions globally, enhancing your education with diverse cultural and academic experiences.

Access comprehensive academic support and personalized guidance from experienced advisors within the department, ensuring you achieve your academic and career goals.

Navigating Career Paths: How Faculty of Social Science Enriches Education Beyond the Classroom

“The Faculty of Social Science offers a rich academic experience and countless opportunities beyond the classroom. I was initially overwhelmed by the numerous career paths, but attending Western Economics Society events helped me navigate my options. My favourite event featured alumni sharing career experiences and valuable advice. These experiences combined knowledge and real-life application, enriched my educational journey.”

Hailey Duong
Economics Alumni



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