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SOCIAL SCIENCE

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Welcome to the Faculty of Social Science at Western

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The world is changing at a rapid pace. Advances in technology, changing population structures, increasing international movement of people, technology and capital, and changes to physical environments have serious implications for the economy, business, government and politics, social environments and physical living conditions.

One of the largest and most diverse Social Science Faculties in Canada, we have eight core Departments – Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology – and the interdisciplinary Department of Women's Studies (which is also part of Arts & Humanities), along with the First Nations Studies program.

When you study Social Science at Western you will embark on an academic journey like no other. We offer unique learning opportunities to tailor your education to fit with your personal strengths and career ambitions.

Where Do You Want to Make a Difference?



Preparing for the Future

We are committed to developing graduates who can adapt to the rapidly changing global environment. A social science degree provides a variety of skills that are instrumental in responding to the demands of a world that is continually transforming.

Through course work and extracurricular activities, you are encouraged to develop your analytical and critical-thinking abilities. Moreover, you can gain greater confidence and aptitude for public speaking and develop strong organizational and overall communication skills.

Social Science is focused on addressing the world's biggest issues and provides answers to some of the world's biggest questions.

Through Social Science courses, students gain soft skills important in the world, and useful in careers.

Social scientists are trained to be problems solvers, and understanding social science provides context to many major problems. Social science students learn more than facts and information; they learn how to ask important questions, how to research, how to think critically, how to develop and defend a position and how to communicate.

Social scientists do not just look at the causes of a problem, but also consider the human aspect, considering how solutions to problems will impact people.

Social Science courses can teach students these important career skills:

- Analytical ability,
- Communication skills - verbal and in written reports,
- Data collection, analysis and interpretation,
- Numeracy and statistics,
- Problem solving,
- Project management,
- Quantitative and qualitative research, and,
- Team work.

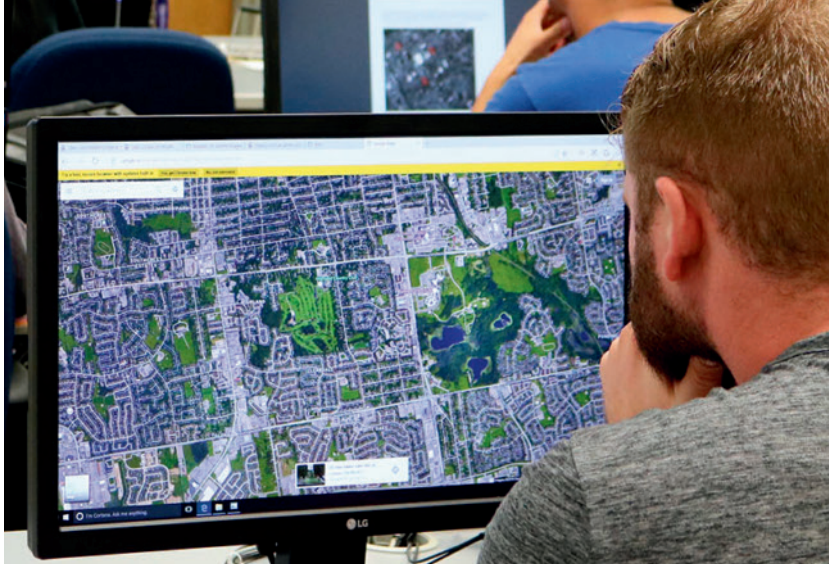
Work Experience

We are continually working to build bridges between academic learning and real-world experiences. The Student Success Centre offers career services and counsellors to explore your options.

Western's Career Services helps you:

- Build résumés and write cover letters,
- Develop interview skills,
- Discover career possibilities,
- Gain focus and clarity in your career search, and,
- Translate your academic interests into a career path.

In 2017,
22%
of Fortune 100 CEOs and
CEOs/Executive Directors
of Canada's largest charities
held degrees in
Social Science
disciplines



Putting Social Science to work

In 2013, Google studied its employees to consider what the most important characteristics were for them to have. The Washington Post reported on the study results in December 2017.

“The six top characteristics of success at Google are all soft skills: being a good coach; communicating and listening well; possessing insights into others (including others’ different values and points of view); having empathy toward and being supportive of one’s colleagues; being a good critical thinker and problem solver; and being able to make connections across complex ideas.”

Another Google study “shows that the best teams at Google exhibit a range of soft skills: equality, generosity, curiosity toward the ideas of your teammates, empathy, and emotional intelligence.” (“The surprising thing Google learned about its employees — and what it means for today’s students”, by Valerie Strauss, The Washington Post, December 20, 2017).

An education in Social Science can help students develop these essential soft skills.

Possible careers for Social Science graduates:

- Advertising/media/marketing
- Archivist
- Business consultant
- Community activism/development
- Consumer advocacy
- Counselling
- Editorial work
- Education/teacher
- Family policy
- Gerontology
- Government
- Intelligence analyst
- Lawyer
- Political analyst
- Professor
- Statistician
- Urban planning

Extraordinary Alumni

- **Jordan Banks (BA'90)**; Global Head of Vertical Strategy and Managing Director of Facebook Canada
- **Perrin Beatty (BA'71)**; President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce
- **Andrea Canning (BA'94)**; Correspondent for NBC's Dateline
- **Margaret Chan (BA'73, MD'77, DSc'99)**; Director-General of the World Health Organization
- **Ken Chu (BACS'96, LLD'07)**; Chairman and CEO of Mission Hills Group
- **Craig Cohon (BA'85)**; Vice-Chairman, Cirque du Soleil Russia
- **Jack Cowin (BA'64, LLD'00)**; Chancellor, Western University
- **Aubrey Dan (BACS'85)**; Founder and President of Dancap Private Equity Inc.
- **Vassy Kapelos (BA'04)**; Host of CBC's Power & Politics
- **Randy Lai (BA'93)**; Managing Director of McDonald's Hong Kong
- **Farah Mohamed (MA'96)**; CEO, Malala Fund
- **William Morneau (BA'86)**; Federal Minister of Finance
- **Chris O'Neill (BA'95)**; CEO of Evernote
- **Stephen S. Poloz (MA'79, PhD'82)**; Governor of the Bank of Canada
- **Glenn Stevens (MA'85, LLD'14)**; Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia



Department of Anthropology anthropology.uwo.ca

Anthropology, which views human behaviour, biology and society (both past and present) in a cross-cultural perspective, combines scientific and humanistic interests in a social science framework.

Anthropology involves the study of humans located around the globe, over a span of four to five million years, using perspectives from the social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities (arts). This makes anthropology one of the broadest ranging of all academic disciplines. A degree in Anthropology can prepare you for a wide array of career choices.

Examples of topics studied include: the environmental impact of globalization; refugees in the Middle East and Africa; diseases and public health policy in the Ecuadorian Andes; and forensics.

Students studying Anthropology have access to the Native Language Centre, laboratory facilities, collections and personnel at the London Museum of Archaeology, and an extensive collection of fossil casts and comparative skeletal samples, including an Egyptian mummy donated by the Royal Ontario Museum.

Areas of Study

Anthropology

(Honors Specialization, Specialization, Major, Minor)

Archaeology and Biological Anthropology

(Major)

Environment and Culture

(Minor)

Linguistic Anthropology

(Major)

Linguistics

(Major)

Refugee and Migrant Studies

(Minor)

Sociocultural Anthropology

(Major)

Studying anthropology gives you a broad understanding of cultures around the world. Career prospects include cultural resource management, forensic anthropology, market research, and commercial archaeology.

First-Year Courses

Many Ways of Being Human

An introduction to anthropology co-taught by specialists in biological anthropology, archaeology, linguistic anthropology, and sociocultural anthropology.

Sociocultural Anthropology

An introduction to the basic concepts used in the anthropological study of non-Western social and cultural institutions that focuses on the unity and diversity of human experience.

Archaeology and Biological Anthropology

An introduction to aspects of biological anthropology and archaeology which help us to understand the place of humankind in nature.

Introduction to Linguistics

An introduction to basic concepts and methods of modern linguistics. This course is a prerequisite for subsequent linguistics courses in the Department of Anthropology and/or the Linguistics program.

Sample Upper-Year Courses

- Archaeology and World Prehistory
- Indigenous Peoples, Globalization, and the Environment
- Plagues and Peoples: Cultures of Health and Healing
- The Anthropology of Reading and Writing
- Reading Life and Death through the Human Body
- Mummies: The Scientific and Cultural Analysis of Human Mummies
- Anthropology of Sex and Gender

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Ashna Ali

In the final year of her Anthropology studies, Ashna Ali participated in a Language Revitalization in Practice field course. Through the course, she worked to digitize eight Oneida-language children's books originally written in the 1970s. She recorded elders reading the books, and is converting the books to an e-book format with interactive elements.

Ali felt the course was an “eye-opening experience” and helped her develop a better understanding of Indigenous communities. It also gave her a better appreciation for applying what she learned in class; “For service work, we often take on what we think is best; now we are able to work directly with the community and deliver what they want,” said Ali.



Jay Stock Professor, Department of Anthropology

Stock is considered one of the top bioarcheologists of his age. Stock was recently part of a team that used a technique called uranium series dating to examine the oldest human fossil found outside of Africa and the Levant. The research challenges previously held theories about early human migration into Eurasia.



DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies

dan.uwo.ca

This program provides a unique interdisciplinary approach to management study, emphasizing the social science and evidence-based foundations of management education. The Bachelor of Management and Organizational Studies (BMOS) degree combines a strong foundation in one of seven core areas of business education with a broader educational perspective from the Social Sciences and other disciplines.

DAN Management is the first adaptation of Evidence-Based Management (EBM) for management or business education in Canada. EBM brings critical focus to our program and prepares our graduates to make meaningful contributions to management decisions and practices in the organizations they join.

The Commercial Aviation Management (CAM) program offers a unique combination of academic and applied instruction. CAM students receive an advanced education in aviation management with the option of simultaneously completing an Integrated Commercial Pilot License.

Areas of Study

Accounting

(Honors Specialization, Honors Double Major, Specialization)

Commercial Aviation Management

(Honors Specialization, Honors Double Major, Specialization)

Consumer Behavior

(Honors Specialization, Honors Double Major, Specialization)

Finance

(Honors Specialization, Honors Double Major, Specialization)

Human Resource Management

(Honors Specialization, Honors Double Major, Specialization)

Management and Legal Studies

(Honors Specialization, Specialization)

Public Administration

(Honors Specialization, Specialization)

The DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies is named in honour of Aubrey Dan (BACS'85). In 2017, Dan renewed his support for DAN Management, and the Faculty of Social Science, through a second \$5-million gift. The gift will create three Endowed Research Chairs, and two endowed Distinguished Lectures.

Courses completed during your studies count toward professional designations, such as the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA), Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), and Certified Human Resources Professional (CHRP).

First-Year in DAN Management

DAN Management

Students in DAN Management enrol in a common first year. The first-year DAN Management courses cover a broad spectrum of business knowledge and students are introduced to related Social Science disciplines.

5 first-year courses:

- **1.0 course:** MOS 1021A/B and 1023A/B;
- **1.0 course** from: Calculus 1000A/B, 1301A/B, 1500A/B, 1501A/B; Mathematics 1225A/B, 1228A/B, 1229A/B, 1600A/B;
- **2.0 courses:** in Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Women's Studies, depending on planned field of study
- **1.0 course** numbered 1000-1999.

By the end of the first year, students can select the area they would like to pursue, through the Intent to Register process.

Commercial Aviation Management

Entry into the Commercial Aviation Management (CAM) within the DAN Management is limited and highly competitive.

All students interested in Commercial Aviation Management must apply through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre using the program code EDF for those interested in the flight option or EDN for those who are interested in the non-flight option.

5 first-year courses:

- **1.5 course:** MOS 1021A/B, MOS 1022F/G and 1023A/B;
- **1.0 course** from: Calculus 1000A/B, 1301A/B, 1500A/B, 1501A/B; Mathematics 1225A/B, 1228A/B, 1229A/B, 1600A/B;
- **1.0 course:** Economics 1021A/B and Economics 1022A/B
- **1.5 full-courses** or equivalent numbered 1000-1999.

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Divyansh Ojha and Alyssa Co

Alyssa Co and Divyansh Ojha finished the 2nd year of the Consumer Behaviour module in DAN Management. While students, they also started FoodFund, a food subscription company specializing in delivering imperfect food that might otherwise be wasted.

"It's a program that gives a lot of depth and breadth of business knowledge. It gives a lot of understanding that other programs lack. It does a lot to prepare you for business," said Alyssa Co.

"It's a program you can come into with limited previous knowledge and you can build from the ground-up. DAN Management builds on learning, not just piling on knowledge," said Divyansh Ojha.



Bonnie Simpson Assistant Professor, DAN Management

Simpson researched why fundraising appeals work for some people and not others, finding that people who have a strong sense of independence will sometimes balk because appeals seem too much like following the crowd. The research can help charities find more success in their fundraising efforts.



Department of Economics

economics.uwo.ca

The central idea of economics is that human behaviour is driven by choices regarding how to allocate scarce resources among competing uses. This idea is applied to areas such as health, crime, marriage, sports, poverty, and the environment.

The Department of Economics offers a wide range of undergraduate programs that are designed for motivated students who wish to excel. Graduates of these programs go on to pursue careers in many fields including business, finance, economics, government and public policy, international affairs, and law.

In microeconomics we study the allocation of our scarce resources through models such as demand and supply. We study the choices of consumers and firms, and the role of government in the market.

In macroeconomics we consider the national and world economies. We apply economic tools and models to the questions facing today's exciting macroeconomy.

Areas of Study

Economics

(Honors Specialization, Specialization, Major, Minor)

Financial Economics

(Major)

Global Economics

(Honors Specialization)

Politics, Philosophy, and Economics — Economics concentration (PPE-E)

(Honors Specialization)

Combined Degree Option

- Honors Business Administration (HBA) and one of the three Honors Specializations in Economics

Our students have the opportunity to learn from some of the best professors in Canada. The QS World University Ranking by Subject 2017 listed our Economics department among the Top 5 in Canada.

The new Honors Specialization in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics is intended as a high-quality, challenging and selective program that prepares students for professional and graduate programs and leadership roles in domestic or international politics, law, public policy, economics and business.

First-Year Courses

Principles of Microeconomics

The problem of scarcity and its implications, choice; opportunity cost, specialization and exchange; supply and demand; economic choices of households and firms; competition and monopoly; resource markets; public policy; income distribution.

Principles of Macroeconomics

National income; aggregate supply and aggregate demand; inflation, unemployment and interest rates; money and monetary institutions; economic growth; balance of payments; and exchange rates.

Sample Upper-Year Courses

- Econometrics
- Economic History
- Economic Policy
- Industrial Organization
- International Trade and Finance
- Labour Economics
- Public Finance

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Pete McLeod

Pete McLeod is an accomplished bush pilot and competitive pilot. While working on his undergrad degree in Economics, McLeod competed in classical aerobatics internationally before switching his focus to racing.

In 2009, he rewrote history when he became the Red Bull Air Race World Championship Series' youngest pilot at 25 and became its youngest race winner ever at 30.

"You learn so much at a place like Western, more than just in the classroom. They're helping to prepare people for a variety of things and that's something I always take with me. It was a great four years of my life. I went away and have been living my dream ever since," said McLeod.



Bruno Salcedo Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

Salcedo is researching the use of fake news. His research suggests that the low cost and effort needed to post and share information online has been highly detrimental, both for people looking for information, and for institutions that waste large amounts of resources trying to control the narrative.



First Nations Studies Program

firstnationsstudies.uwo.ca

First Nations Studies is an interdisciplinary program of study examining topics relevant to Indigenous peoples' realities. You may either focus on Indigenous issues or combine your program with almost any other undergraduate program.

First Nations Studies provides you with multiple points of reference to examine key issues such as history, language, politics, psychology, cultural studies, health, sociology, arts, economics, and education. This approach attempts to reach a more holistic understanding of the factors that impact local and global First Nations peoples.

Our small class sizes offer you more interaction with your professors.

Both Native and Non-Native students are welcomed to share their perspectives.

Areas of Study

First Nations Studies

(Honors Specialization, Major, Minor)

To develop and strengthen a holistic approach to the material, visiting Elders, guest scholars and our experienced faculty bring a wealth of first-hand experience working with Indigenous communities to the classroom.

Students with an interest in community service learning can participate in language and ecological restoration efforts in neighbouring Indigenous communities.

First-Year Course

Introduction to First Nations Studies

A variety of contemporary First Nations topics will be examined from both academic and community perspectives. Students will learn key terms, facts, events, issues, worldviews and lifestyles of First Nations peoples in Canada. Students will be introduced to current Indigenous scholarship, cultural experts, Elders and researchers.

Sample Upper-Year Courses

- Algonquian Language and Culture
- Andean Prehistory
- Contemporary First Nations Issues in Canada
- First Nations in Canadian History
- First Nations Political and Legal Issues
- First Nations Traditional Cultures of Canada
- Indigenous Environments
- Indigenous Knowledge & Tradition
- Indigenous Peoples, Globalization, and the Environment
- Indigenous Music
- Iroquoian Language and Culture
- Lunaape Language, Culture, and History
- North American Indigenous Arts
- Perspectives on Native-Newcomer Relations, c. 1500 to Present

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Frazer Sundown

For Frazer Sundown, learning the Oneida language and performing traditional powwow music has helped define his identity – and his plans for the future.

Sundown is a member of the Turtle Clan of the Oneida Nation of the Thames. He performs and records traditional powwow music and was featured on Bryden Gwiss Kiwenzie's album *Round Dance & Beats*, which was nominated for a 2017 JUNO Award for Indigenous Music Album of the Year.

Learning the Oneida language has helped him develop a better sense of self and has inspired him to complete his teaching degree and teach the language – one that has a mere few dozen surviving speakers today – to the next generation.

"When people learn their language, they have a better sense of identity, and become more confident in the world," said Sundown. "They experience a closer connection to the world."



Janice Forsyth Director, First Nations Studies Program

Forsyth researches the history of Indigenous physical culture, and how it can be used to understand the history of Indigenous-settler relations in Canada. This research can help identify barriers to participation, and help communities redevelop a sense of being a distinct people.



Department of Geography

geography.uwo.ca

Geography is the study of place and space on earth adopting an integrative approach drawing on both human and environmental perspectives.

Geographers work and express their work in a spatial context, often using modern mapping and analytical tools like satellite navigation and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Our programs provide you with diverse options for education in both the social and physical science of geography, as well as training in techniques such as GIS and remote sensing.

You can pursue your interest in geography by working towards either a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree. This broad, integrative perspective prepares Western geographers for employment in a wide range of occupations and advanced studies.

The Urban Development program offers an intensive yet balanced education on the nature of urbanism, the processes affecting urban growth, and the methods and techniques used to analyze urban markets, land use and urbanization.

Areas of Study

Geography

(Honors Specialization (BA or BSc), Specialization, Major, Minor)

Geographic Information Science

(Honors Specialization (BA or BSc), Major)

Urban Development

(Honors Specialization)

Environment and Health

(Major)

Physical Geography

(Major)

Geography and Commercial Aviation Management

(Honors Specialization, Specialization)

Combined Degree Option

- Honors Business Administration (HBA) and Geography or Urban Development

Geography students participate in field trips and research projects in London, across Canada and around the world. Many courses include classes in our state-of-the-art GIS and Physical Geography laboratories.

With a focus on both human and the physical dimensions, studying Geography can prepare you for careers in fields such as meteorology, urban planning, ecology, environmental consulting, real estate management, policy analysis, and international development.

First-Year Courses

Fundamentals of Geography

An introduction to the diverse elements of landscape including geomorphic, climatic, and biotic elements, human settlement and land-use patterns; cartographic approaches to the analysis of selected processes of landscape change; an introduction to the synthesis of elements and processes in spatial systems models.

Introduction to the Physical Environment

Physical Geography examines the phenomena and processes of the Earth-atmosphere system that underlie human environment interactions and environmental change.

Introduction to the Human Environment

This course introduces students to the central problems, concepts, methods and applications of human geography. It pays particular attention to the ways humans interact with the world; for example, population growth, use of natural resources, culturally-based activities, urbanization and settlements, agricultural activities, and industrialization.

Environment and Development Challenges

This course examines environmental change over long periods of Earth history, considering both physical processes and human impacts, providing a basis for understanding some of the world's most pressing environment and development challenges, such as biodiversity loss, climate change, energy use, and persistent hunger and inequality.

Sample Upper-Year Courses

- Animal Geography
- Climate Change
- Public Health and Environment
- Space Exploration
- Tourism
- Urban Culture
- World Business
- World Cities

Our strength is people

Destiny Allen-Green

Coming to Western as a Geography student, Destiny Allen-Green let her academic curiosity guide her. Allen-Green originally wanted to study Chemistry, Engineering or Geography. Upon researching the Department of Geography at Western, she decided upon geography because there "were many more different module options", she said.

She was able to participate in various research projects and had many hands-on learning opportunities. During her time as an undergraduate student, Destiny received two NSERC USRA grants for field work, which involved water sampling in southwestern Ontario. These research opportunities led Destiny to explore career options allowing her to be working in the field. She is interested in getting a better understanding of watershed management and understanding how to protect the environment while also allowing development.



Chantelle Richmond Associate Professor, Department of Geography

Richmond is Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Health and Environment. Richmond will examine the processes that both support and constrain relationship building in Indigenous health research and will consider how to bridge gaps that may occur as partners view the world through different experiences and philosophies.



Department of History

history.uwo.ca

Historians consider the central issue of change over time and the ways in which gender, class and race have shaped the experience of people in past times.

In the History department you have the opportunity to explore the past with faculty who are passionate about teaching and learning.

Lectures are supplemented with small tutorials, during which you can explore ideas, ask questions and develop skills that provide a firm basis for success in upper-year classes. You can develop your abilities in writing, speaking, argumentation and analysis.

The Honors Specialization in International Relations examines the connections between peoples and states in historical and contemporary contexts. It is a unique interdisciplinary program offered in Political Science and History.

American Studies is an exploration of the values, society and cultural expressions of the people of the United States. It looks at literature, history, popular culture, and politics in an effort to better understand the meaning and significance of the American identity.

Our department is home to a number of exciting projects, from the Wartime Canada database, to the Western Medical Artifact Collection, to an Environment Canada archival collection which allows us to examine how Canadians have gathered, used and thought about weather-related information since 1840.

Areas of Study

History

(Honors Specialization, Specialization, Major, Minor)

International Relations

(Honors Specialization)

American Cultural Studies

(Honors Specialization)

Jewish Studies

(Major, Minor)

Middle East Studies

(Major)

American Studies

(Major, Minor)

Public History

(Minor)

Through the development of critical thinking and communication skills, you can prepare for a career in international development, media, social services, non-profits, education, Foreign Service, government and more.

First-Year Courses

Modern Europe, 1715 to the Present: Conflict and Transformation

Examines events and forces that shaped the lives of Europeans over the past three centuries, including: origins and impact of the French and industrial revolutions; Napoleonic wars; liberalism and reaction; socialism; nationalism; women's emancipation movements; imperialism, national rivalries and world wars; the Russian Revolution, Communist rule, and the collapse of the Soviet Union; Nazism; European integration.

Survey of East Asian History

The history of China, Korea and Japan from earliest development until modern times. The course emphasizes that although they are independent nations their histories are intertwined.

Introduction to the History of Business and Commerce

This course examines the history of business and capitalism from the late Middle Ages to the present day. Particular attention will be paid to the history of credit, banking, the stock market, the corporation, and globalization.

Science, Technology and Global History

A survey of global history with a focus on mathematics, science, technology, medicine and environment.

Wars that Changed the World

This course examines four transformational wars in the history of the world in detail, both in lectures and in small discussion groups that will also focus on the development of foundational analytical and writing skills.

Sample Upper-Year Courses

- Greed is Good: The History of Modern Capitalism
- History and Civilization of Medieval Islam
- History at the Movies
- Killing Fields: Genocide in Modern History
- Plague, Pox and Flu: Disease in Global History
- Political Protest in Canadian History

Our strength is people

Joy Spear Chief-Morris (History, First Nations Studies)

Joy Spear Chief-Morris has her sights set on the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. After beginning her undergraduate studies in a different university, Spear Chief-Morris came to Western University to continue her track and field career.

"I loved my time at Western; I loved being part of the track team. I made some amazing friendships I know will last a lifetime. I had a very successful career in track. I probably would have quit track if I didn't make the decision to move," said Spear Chief-Morris.

"I've always wanted to have a bit of a larger role helping First Nations people in Canada. I want to be working on the frontlines, working in policy or international relations. Whatever I end up doing, I want to be making a difference in the world for First Nations people, whether that means working with the Government of Canada or an organization in the world."



Maya Shatzmiller Professor, Department of History

Shatzmiller has conducted ground-breaking research that has challenged widely held assumptions about the medieval Islamic world. Shatzmiller has studied Arabic and economic data to demonstrate that the medieval Islamic world functioned well, producing wealth and a standard of living higher than anywhere else in the world at the time.



Department of Political Science

politicalscience.uwo.ca

The influence of politics on our lives is inescapable. The policies and principles which governments endorse and follow shape our everyday lives. The study of Political Science provides you with a chance to examine our lives in this context.

Political Science explores how communities make collective decisions. You can study ideas, activities and problems associated with the governance of nations, states and societies – both past and present. Learn about the impact of globalization, the making of American foreign policy, the role of the courts in politics, political development in the Muslim world and the multilevel governance of Canadian cities.

In your program you can choose to focus on Canadian politics, political theory, public policy, comparative politics, international relations and local government.

A political science degree offers a complex set of skills. Research, analysis, critical-thinking, writing, problem-solving, and public-speaking skills figure highly in our courses.

Students interested in Political Science may also be interested in a minor in Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Reconstruction which examines measures that have been implemented by different countries to redress the legacies of massive human-rights abuses.

Areas of Study

Political Science

(Honors Specialization, Major, Minor)

Democratic Governance

(Honors Specialization, Major)

Global Justice

(Honors Specialization, Major)

International Relations

(Honors Specialization)

Politics, Philosophy, and Economics — Politics and Philosophy concentration (PPE-P)

(Honors Specialization)

Combined Degree Option

- Combined Honors Business Administration (HBA) and Political Science
- Combined Honors Business Administration (HBA) and International Relations

A degree in political science prepares you for a wide range of jobs in many different fields including federal/provincial/local government, business, journalism, broadcasting, public relations, international relations, policy analysis, market research, interest group advocacy, law and education.

First-Year Course

Introduction to Political Science

An introduction to the study of politics. The course focuses on ideas (including politics, power, democracy, justice, freedom), ideologies (including liberalism, conservatism, socialism, feminism), institutions (including the nation-state, constitutions, legislatures, executives, the judiciary), political mobilization (participation, elections, parties, interest groups), and research skills, emphasizing Canadian, comparative, and international examples.

Sample Upper-Year Courses

- American Government and Politics
- Business and Government
- Capitalism and Democracy
- Global Violence and Injustice
- Media, Democracy and Freedom
- Politics & Pop Culture
- Political Parties
- Women, Sex and Politics

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Vassy Kapelos

Vassy Kapelos completed her degree in Political Science at Western in 2004. She is now the host of CBC's flagship daily political program, *Power & Politics*.

"I love politics and it sort of underscored all of that. I loved Western and come from a long line of people who went to Western; I lived the Western Experience to the max. In addition to the academic advantages I had, it just sort of rounded me out as a person. It set me up socially and with the skills I needed to expand my life," Kapelos said. "A lot of the classes I was able to take at Western upped the ante for me, and, if anything, just increased my desire to learn more about it."



Laura Stephenson Associate Professor, Department of Political Science

Stephenson specializes in political behaviour, both Canadian and comparative. Her research is focused on understanding how institutions and context influence attitudes, electoral preferences and engagement with politics. During election seasons, Stephenson is a frequent contributor and media commentator.



Department of Psychology

psychology.uwo.ca

Psychology is commonly viewed as the study of individuals with psychological problems (clinical psychology). However, psychologists also examine behaviour from a variety of different perspectives ranging from how our brain controls our behaviour (behavioural and cognitive neuroscience) to how we interact in small groups (social psychology).

We look at how we perceive, process and remember (cognitive psychology; sensation and perception) and how behaviour changes over our lifetime (developmental psychology). We examine individual differences in behaviour (personality psychology), and apply our knowledge of psychology to understanding behaviour in the workplace (industrial/organizational psychology).

Even different kinds of animals are studied to see what insights they might offer into human behaviour. The Department of Psychology at Western offers a comprehensive undergraduate program providing courses in all these different branches of psychology.

Areas of Study

Psychology

(Honors Specialization (BA or BSc), Major, Minor)

Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience

(Honors Specialization)

Related Programs Available in Science

Animal Behaviour

(Honors Specialization BSc)

Neuroscience

(Honors Specialization BSc)

Combined Degree Option

- Honors Business Administration (HBA) and Psychology

In the 2017 QS ratings, our Psychology programs were ranked 38th in the world. Many of our psychologists in Cognitive Neuroscience conduct research in Western's Brain and Mind Institute, widely recognized as a national and international leader in cognitive neuroscience research.

An undergraduate degree in psychology is an excellent stepping stone for graduate work in psychology, or advanced training for other fields, such as business, communicative disorders, criminology, education, industrial relations, law, management science, medicine, physical and occupational therapy, and social work.

First-Year Course

Introduction to Psychology

An introductory survey of the methods and findings of modern scientific psychology. The following topics will be covered: history and methodology, biological psychology, sensation and perception, learning and motivation, verbal and cognitive processes, developmental psychology, social psychology, individual differences (intelligence and personality), and clinical psychology.

Sample Upper-Year Courses

- Child Development
- Drugs and Behaviour
- Human Sexuality
- Introduction to Animal Cognition
- Mind Matters: Thought, Memory and Language
- Psychology of Gender
- Psychology of Language
- Psychology of Thinking
- The Maladjusted Mind
- The Psychology of Crime and Corrections
- The Psychology of Physical Health and Illness
- Understanding Yourself and Others

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Victoria Wiebe

As a Psychology student, Victoria Wiebe was a published writer and continued her creative output, being named Western University's 2016-17 Student Writer in Residence. She used her academic studies as a foundation for developing well-rounded characters.

"Part of what makes creative writing unique is everyone brings something different to the table," Wiebe said. "With psychology, I study human nature and human interactions and how people behave. That is something really important for creativity and for being able to tell stories."



Adrian Owen Professor, Department of Psychology

Owen is Canada Excellence Research Chair in Cognitive Neuroscience and Imaging, is using functional neuroimaging (fMRI) to detect and measure activity in patients who appear to be entirely vegetative. He is also developing new brain-computer interfaces that will allow these patients to communicate with the outside world and expand their choices for therapy.



Department of Sociology

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Sociology is the study of how society influences what we do and how we think. Sociologists study social behaviour and relationships in an attempt to understand and explain differences, for example, between men and women, the young and the old, people of different nationalities or ethnicities. Comparing and analyzing the different ways that people live and work together is an important aspect of sociology.

You will discover that there are few topics that our courses do not explore. You can learn about criminology, social inequality, health, deviance, work, identity and demography. Studying Sociology helps you to understand yourself and your social world better.

Criminology is the study of nature, extent, causes and consequences of crime and criminal behaviour in society. At Western, students studying Criminology are exposed to a sociological approach to crime and deviance.

Areas of Study

Sociology

(Honors Specialization, Specialization, Major, Minor)

Sociology of Population, Health and Aging

(Major)

Criminology

(Honors Specialization, Major, Minor)

Western's Sociology department is expanding its teaching and research focus on the general area of population dynamics and inequality through hiring more faculty with expertise in those areas.

A degree in sociology can prepare you for a career in business, government, social services, market research and policy development. A degree in criminology can prepare you for a career in corrections, policing, community services, social services and more.

First-Year Courses

Introduction to Sociology

An examination of the major theoretical perspectives in the field of Sociology, methods of empirical investigation of social phenomena, socialization, group structure, principles of social organization, community structure, population and social change.

Society and You

The sociological imagination helps us see how society shapes our lives and how we, as individuals, can change society. It also helps us understand the relationship between problems we face as individuals and issues in society as a whole. We focus on three core issues: inequality, institutions, and social change.

Controversies in Sociology

Conceptions of ourselves and society are often based on taken-for-granted meanings. This course critically analyzes these meanings in order to disclose what likely are their underlying economic, political, religious, educational and gender/sexual themes.

Life is not Always Fair

Challenge commonly held assumptions about individual success, talent and merit. Students will be introduced to important sociological debates about the nature of inequality, and how different social institutions and processes are implicated in the creation and maintenance of this inequality.

Sample Upper-Year Courses

- Development and Health Inequalities
- Forensics and Criminal Investigation
- International Migration
- Social Inequality
- Sociology of Education
- Sociology of Terrorism
- Youth in Conflict with the Law

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MacKenzie Vozza

MacKenzie Vozza has made the most of her Western Experience. In her third year, she participated in an exchange through Western International, living and studying in Southampton, England for six months. Through Western's Alternative Spring Break program, MacKenzie was part of a group that travelled to Lima, Peru and volunteered in the poorest regions of the country.

"I have also participated in experiential learning locally through Western's Learning It Together (LiT) program. This program involves going into areas of lower socio-economic status in the local community and providing children with programs to teach them healthy eating and improve their math/language skills."

MacKenzie also worked closely with faculty members to organize events and research areas of inequality in the community.



Rachel Margolis Associate Professor, Department of Sociology

Margolis wants to know how a change in family makeup and an aging population will affect society. Margolis is examining how kinship networks are thinning in North America and Europe, and the policy implications that may have; kin in changing demographics.



Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research

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Explore the dynamics that shape your everyday experiences as a gendered person in contemporary culture. In our courses you will learn how to develop a critical perspective that takes factors such as sex, gender, sexuality, race, class and (dis)ability into account. You might find your worldview transformed as you apply these perspectives to your study in other classes and to all aspects of your life.

Our courses reflect the expanding field of feminist research including: feminist theory; sexuality studies; health, queer and legal issues; philosophy; violence against women; women and equity in the workplace; and women and the creative arts.

By encouraging the development of critical-thinking skills, our discipline asks you to consider how knowledge gets produced and to what effect, with a focus on how gendered understandings shape and shift our world in relation to local experience, historical realities and the global present.

Areas of Study

Women's Studies

(Honors Specialization, Specialization, Major, Minor)

Global Gender Studies

(Honors Specialization)

Sexuality Studies

(Major, Minor)

Feminist, Queer, and Critical Race Theory

(Minor)

The Department promotes feminist scholarship through provision for resident scholars, a Distinguished Speakers Series, faculty colloquia, and annual conferences for both undergraduate and graduate students.

Women's Studies and Feminist Research provides you with the analytical and practical tools that enable you to engage critically and responsibly with the world, to interact respectfully with others, providing excellent preparation for professional schools such as law, journalism and social work, or careers in education and public analysis.

First-Year Courses

Introduction to Women's Studies

An introductory and interdisciplinary survey of the status of women in contemporary, historical, and cross-cultural perspectives, this course explores how gender and other differences are established or challenged through various institutional and individual practices.

Introduction to Sexuality Studies

An introduction to current social and political issues in sexuality studies, with a focus on contemporary issues around sexuality, including formation of sexual identities, sexual practices and politics, policing of sexuality, questions of sexual diversity, and the historical and global nature of ideas and controversies around sexuality.

Gender, Justice and Change

This course will introduce students to the ways in which movements for justice and change are informed by and take up gender issues in matters of education, health, poverty, globalization, the environment, etc.

Gay Life and Culture in the 21st Century: Beyond Adam and Steven

Examine many of the issues affecting gay men, such as sexual politics and practices, body image, health, consumer culture, social media, television and film, and intersections with race and class.

Introduction to Equity, Diversity and Human Rights

This course surveys theory and practice in the fields of equity, diversity, and human rights as they are taken up in institutional domains such as social work, education, and law and in schools of thought such as critical race studies, feminism and gender studies, sexuality studies, and disability studies.

Sample Upper-Year Courses

- Gender, Justice and Change
- Intimate Relations: Sex, Gender and Love
- Women and Popular Culture: Garbo to Gaga
- Feminist theory and practice across the Disciplines
- Making Men: Critical Studies in Masculinity
- Intro to Transgendered Studies
- Intro to Girlhood Studies

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Levi Hord

Levi Hord was named a recipient of the 2018 Rhodes Scholarship, an international postgraduate award for students to study at the University of Oxford.

Over the course of their undergraduate studies at Western, Hord has undertaken extensive research on the use of gender-neutral language in transgender communities, and how linguistic identity expression varies based on grammatical gender systems. Hord hopes to play an integral part in breaking through the social and intellectual barriers that remain for those who subvert the binary gender system.



Bipasha Baruah Professor, Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research

The economy is changing, transitioning from a capital intensive carbon economy, to a low-carbon economy. Baruah believes this transition represents a change for a transition to a more equitable and socially just economy. Baruah researches how these changes may affect employment opportunities for women around the world.



Canada's Best Student Experience

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Western is committed to providing Canada's Best Student Experience. The Western Experience develops leaders, creates a global context for learning, and values research and the discovery of new knowledge that has a tangible impact on society.

Leadership Opportunities

The Social Science Students' Council (SSSC) is a great place to meet new friends and work together to enhance your program at Western. Members of the SSSC work on behalf of all students to ensure their voices are heard.

Within each Social Science department there is a student association that will provide you with another forum in which you can share ideas. These groups often organize trips that will supplement your formal education.

Experiential Learning

Western offers many opportunities inside and outside the classroom for you to apply your academic knowledge in real-world settings. With experiential learning, you can complement your studies with relevant, rewarding experiences that help you develop transferable skills and refine your career options.

Student Clubs

Joining a club gives you a chance to discover new passions, meet new friends and be part of a larger community. There are nearly 200 clubs on campus so whether you want to be involved in athletics, cultural or faith-based groups, music and performing arts, politics and social justice, volunteering causes, networking groups or interest-based clubs, there is a place for you.

Sports and Athletics

Western Mustangs have 46 Varsity athletic teams representing the University. Many Varsity programs lead Canadian universities in the number of championships won.

Taking part in intramural sports is a great way to get involved. Participants can enjoy a fun, equitable and safe playing environment.

Study Abroad

Students also have the opportunity to participate in international exchange programs. There's no better way to meet new people and expand your global and intercultural horizons. Study abroad for one year or one term while earning credits toward your Western degree.

Student Awards and Scholarships

To recognize and support our outstanding students the Faculty of Social Science provides awards and scholarships.

In 2018-2019, more than 260 awards, scholarships and bursaries are available, worth more than \$355,000 in total.



Jared Forman President, Social Science Students' Council

"Western University is celebrated for being the home of Canada's Best Student Experience and without a doubt, the Faculty of Social Science is an integral part of that."

"Over the past three years, the Faculty of Social Science has been a place where I have been able to expand my horizons, engage with dedicated and like-minded individuals, and grow as a person. However, most importantly, it is a place that I have come to call home. I can say without a doubt that the Faculty of Social Science will become your home too."



2017/2018 Teaching Award winners in the Faculty of Social Science

We are committed to excellence in undergraduate education. Along with diverse learning opportunities, students in Social Science are taught by excellent teachers and researchers.



Mike Dove and Michelle Hamilton
History

Vice-Provost Award for Excellence
in Collaborative Teaching



Lisa Hodgetts
Anthropology

Edward G. Pleva
Award for Excellence
in Teaching



Shahbaz Sheikh
DAN Management

Dean's Award
for Excellence in
Teaching

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During our **FALL PREVIEW DAY** and our **MARCH BREAK OPEN HOUSE** you will have a chance to meet with our Social Science faculty, staff and students and learn why Western offers the best student experience. Get an in-depth look at our beautiful campus and residences, your future academic program and the strong network of support services that will help to ensure your success.

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