



# Social Science

Undergraduate  
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# 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

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



YEAR 1

## General Social Science

First-year students in Social Science take prerequisite courses from various departments along with electives. 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, pursue a major or minors.

OPTION

## Internships

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

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

### Internship Options

Summer (4-Month) Internship:  
Between 2nd & 3rd year.

Short Term (8-Month) Internship:  
Between 3rd & 4th year.

Long Term (12-16-Month) Internship:  
Between 3rd & 4th year.

**Earn an average of \$40K/year during your internship!**

### Past Employers Include:

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| BDO Canada LLP                          | Ontario Public Service |
| BMO Financial Group                     | PwC                    |
| Carfax                                  | RBC                    |
| CIBC                                    | TD Bank                |
| Compass Group Canada                    | Voices.com             |
| Deloitte                                | WSIB                   |
| Digital Extremes                        |                        |
| Enbridge                                |                        |
| Enterprise Mobility                     |                        |
| Environment Climate Change Canada       |                        |
| Ernst & Young                           |                        |
| Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada |                        |
| KPMG                                    |                        |



Scan for more information about internships.

OPTION

## Gain Work Experience

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

YEAR 3

## Continue to Explore

Students can either graduate after three years, stay in their current module or make a change, go on an internship or study abroad.

YEAR 4

## Graduate

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

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

YEAR 5

## Optional

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

## Summer Research Internship

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







Scan for more information about our departments and interdisciplinary programs.

# 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**

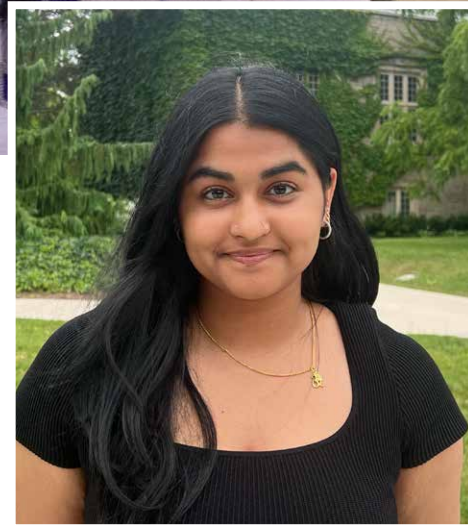
Delve into the intricacies of local and international politics with courses that explore the history and dynamics of political systems worldwide, offering hands-on experiences that bring the study of politics to life.

## **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 behavior 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.



### **Flexibility and Support Lead to Success**

“After switching to an Economics major in my first year, I overcame academic challenges and discovered a passion for integrating math with real-world issues. During my studies, I also conducted research in the Sociology Department. With the support of exceptional faculty, I graduated with distinctions and scholarships, and now I’m heading to Western Law. The Social Science faculty’s flexibility and encouragement were key to my success.”

**Arabella Soave**  
*Economics Student*

### **Diverse Degree Options and Interdisciplinary Opportunities**

“Psychology at our university stands out because it offers various degree options, and the Psychology courses are taught by a large number of faculty members engaged in diverse research. The courses focus on various subsets of psychology which integrate the sciences and arts, allowing students to explore subjects as varied as neuroscience and industrial/organizational psychology. Graduates from the Psychology program have not only pursued clinical and counselling psychology but also medicine, dentistry, education, and law.”

**Yashvi Patel**  
*Psychology Student*





“Returning to academia after 15 years in hospitality, I thrived in the supportive Social Science environment, exploring Indigenous perspectives and benefiting from flexible, self-led learning. Despite challenges, the exceptional support from faculty allowed me to succeed and grow.”

Courtney Morris  
*Indigenous Studies Student*



# Interdisciplinary programs

**American Studies**

**International Relations**

**Linguistics**

**Urban Development**

**Politics, Philosophy and Economics**

**Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Reconstruction**

## Inspiring Mentorship and Community in Social Science

“Throughout my time in the Faculty of Social Science at Western, I had the privilege of learning from professors whose professional experiences and mentorship greatly influenced my desire to pursue a career in law. I connect with a vibrant and intelligent community of fellow students, both inside and outside the classroom.”

Lauren Miller  
*Political Science Alumni*





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 counseling and personalized guidance from experienced advisors within the department, ensuring you achieve your academic and career goals.**

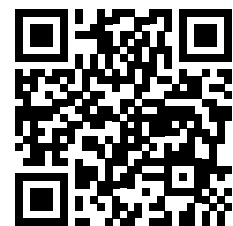
*Navigating Career Paths: How Faculty of Social Science Enriches Education Beyond the Classroom*

“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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