

The Faculty of Social Science at Western understands how important your dreams are and knows they are as unique as you!

This is why we believe there is no “cookie-cutter” degree program that will suit every student and accomplish every goal.

You have dreamt about your future...why not make this a reality by designing your degree to suit your dreams and ambitions.

As one of the largest and most diverse Social Science Faculties in Canada, with a variety of departments and programs, we offer endless ways in which you can combine disciplines.

The Faculty of Social Science takes an interdisciplinary approach to learning. This enables students to create a specialized degree that is uniquely their own.

You can even combine disciplines from different faculties! Interested in Neuroscience? Why not combine Psychology from Social Science with Biology from the Faculty of Science at Western? Interested in politics and world affairs? Combine Political Science with American Studies, International Relations or Latin American Studies...the options are endless!

In this journey we call life... let your degree be the map that leads you to your destination.

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your dreams...

are unique

require
motivation

determination

passion

a drive
to succeed



Social Science Departments & Programs

American Studies

Students study American history, literature and arts, and America's social, economic, political and philosophical development in an effort to understand the meaning and significance of the American identity. This program is interdisciplinary, which means the courses that make up the American Studies program are offered by several departments at Western, such as: English, History, Film Studies, and Political Science.

Anthropology

Is the study of people and culture in all periods of history and in all areas of the world. Students investigate past and present cultures through the examination of artifacts, the study of human evolution and genetics, the examination of the nature of communication, and the analysis of societies and cultures. Some 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.

Bachelor of Management and Organizational Studies (BMOS)

BMOS is a unique undergraduate program in Canada dedicated to the belief that students are best equipped for careers in management, both in the private and public sectors, when their academic training combines a strong foundation in the social sciences with conventional business subjects. A BMOS degree will equip you with valuable skills in accounting, finance, marketing, operations management, human resources management and strategic management. It is also a solid foundation for those interested in earning the CA, CGA, CMA, or CHRP professional designation after graduation.

Economics

Economics is the study of individuals, organizations, and governments behaviour. The central idea of economics is that human behaviour is driven by choice. Economists study these choices, including: how do individuals decide what products to purchase? How do businesses decide what to produce?

What determines prices, incomes, exchange rates, and interest rates? Other topics include the economics of health, crime, marriage, sports, poverty, and the environment.

First Nations Studies

Western's interdisciplinary First Nations Studies program explores the histories, cultures, languages and contemporary circumstances of First Nations communities in Canada, with special emphasis on the Hudenosaunee (Iroquoian) and Anishnabwe (Ojibwe, Delaware, Potawatomi) traditions of Southwestern Ontario.

Geography

Geographers address some of today's most pressing social and environmental issues through research that links human activity and natural systems. Geographers are interested in the social, cultural, political and economic forces that shape human landscapes. Western's Geography Department offers programs in: Geography (variety of topic courses), Urban Development, and Geographic Information Science.

History

The Department of History at Western provides a diverse and dynamic environment for undergraduate students and is currently one of the largest in Canada, offering students a wide variety of courses to choose from. The department emphasizes history topics related to: society and culture, international relations and conflict, business and economy, technology, health, and the environment.

International Relations

This program is offered jointly by the Departments of History and Political Science. Unique in Canada, Western's program in International Relations is genuinely interdisciplinary, blending history and political science approaches and methods in courses such as International Justice and American Foreign Policy.

Linguistics

Linguistics is the scientific study of language. Linguists study the properties of language, how language is used in social



situations, how it is acquired in infancy, how it is learned as a second language, and how it evolves. This program will familiarize you with the analytical tools needed to understand the internal functioning of language as well as introduce you to historical and social variation in language.

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 international world and the multilevel governance of Canadian cities.

Psychology

Is the scientific study of behaviour. Psychologists examine behaviour from a variety of different perspectives ranging from how our brain controls our behaviour to how we interact in small groups. Students look at how we perceive, process and remember information, how behaviour changes over our lifetime, individual differences in behaviour and behaviour in the

workplace. The Department of Psychology at Western offers a comprehensive undergraduate program providing courses in all areas of psychology.

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, ethnicities, etc. Comparing and analyzing the different ways that people live and work together is an important aspect of Sociology.

Women's Studies and Feminist Research

Students explore the ways in which gender, race, class, sexual orientation, and (dis)ability intersect to shape social structures and ways of thinking. Students have the opportunity to pursue their interests across a wide array of subject areas, including: feminist theory, feminist perspectives in health, philosophy, law, sociology, psychology, political science, and the history of women.



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