



WESTERN UNIVERSITY

# SOCIAL SCIENCE

UNDERGRADUATE VIEWBOOK 2020/21



## 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 world. These changes impact the economy, business, government and politics, social environments and physical living conditions.

These changes will define the world going forward, and will define the human condition. Social Science research and education respond to the changing world. Social Science focuses on the human aspect, providing insight, information, and data into how our decisions impact the world, and how we are, in turn, affected by trends and developments. Social Science research informs how businesses, governments and non-profit organizations make decisions and policy.

Understanding social science helps you understand the world.

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.

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

## Where Do You Want to Make a Difference?

# Department of Anthropology

[anthropology.uwo.ca](http://anthropology.uwo.ca)

## Programs

**Anthropology**  
(Honours Specialization, Specialization,  
Major, Minor)

**Archaeology and Biological Anthropology**  
(Major)

**Linguistic Anthropology**  
(Major)

**Linguistics** - [uwo.ca/linguistics](http://uwo.ca/linguistics)  
(Major)

**Sociocultural Anthropology**  
(Major)

**Environment and Culture**  
(Minor)

**Refugee and Migrant Studies**  
(Minor)

- Dedicated to exploring the unity and diversity of humanity, wherever and whenever we have lived.
- Study In four connected subfields – Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, Linguistic Anthropology and Sociocultural Anthropology.
- Make use of a variety of fieldwork and lab-based research methods, and draw inspiration from the social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities.
- Develop invaluable skills and hands-on experience in a variety of research methods and approaches.
- Develop critical-thinking skills and practical experience relevant to careers in healthcare, law, business, public policy development, cultural resource management, museums, non-profit organizations, and any work that requires intercultural understanding.

### Lauren Poeta, Anthropology student

Western researchers, including two undergraduate students, pioneered a process to digitize and stitch together X-ray images so that they can non-destructively 'view' Peruvian mummy bundles in their entirety, enabling anthropologists to conduct valuable work without damaging the objects.

Poeta said the fieldwork in Peru – which included both teaching and learning from Peruvian researchers – offered an unparalleled opportunity in experiential learning.

"It was incredible because you don't expect to see that or have the opportunity to do that after just your third year. You get to do the experiential stuff. Instead of seeing pictures in two dimensions or in a textbook, this is totally different. You start to learn what to look for and what's important to see."



# DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies

[dan.uwo.ca](http://dan.uwo.ca)

## Programs

### Accounting

Prepare for employment in the Accounting field, with courses in Canadian Accounting, Audit and Taxation. Many required courses are provided if you are interested in pursuing the Chartered Professional Accounting (CPA) designation.

### Commercial Aviation Management

Complete courses in human factors in aviation, aviation law, airport planning and airline management. This Specialization may be taken with or without the flight-training option, so you can earn a Transport Canada approved Integrated Commercial Pilot's Licence while attaining a BMOS Degree.

### Consumer Behavior

Understand the multiplicity of factors determining what the consumer buys, when and where they buy, and more importantly, why they buy. Combine this knowledge with the various techniques employed to attract and serve customers. Together, this forms the basis for strategic marketing decisions.

- A unique interdisciplinary approach to management study, emphasizing the social science and evidence-based foundations of management education.
- Combine a strong foundation in one of six core areas of business education with a broader educational perspective from the Social Sciences and other fields.
- Prepare to make meaningful contributions to management decisions and practices in organizations.
- Apply your courses toward professional designations, such as the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and Certified Human Resources Professional (CHRP).

### Finance

Prepare for a successful career in financial sector firms and the finance function of any organization by developing the qualitative and quantitative skills for understanding how financial decisions are made in organizations.

### Human Resources Management

Learn how organizations manage their human resources to achieve organizational goals and key results. Pursue courses in the best practices for the effective management of employees. All courses required for the professional HR designation (CHRP) are available in DAN Management.

### Management & Legal Studies

Gain the knowledge to become an effective and efficient manager by becoming versed in legal requirements pertaining to Organizational Management in Canada through courses such as Contract Law, Public Administration and Theory, Public Law, and Enterprise Risk Management.

# Department of Economics

[economics.uwo.ca](http://economics.uwo.ca)

## Programs

### Economics

(Honours Specialization, Specialization, Major, Minor)

### Global Economics

(Honours Specialization)

### Politics, Philosophy, and Economics – Economics concentration (PPE-E) – [ppe.uwo.ca](http://ppe.uwo.ca)

(Honours Specialization)

### Financial Economics

(Major)

## Combined Degree Options

Honours Business Administration (HBA) combined with any of:

- Honours Specialization in Economics,
- Honours Specialization in Global Economics, or
- Honours Specialization in PPE-E

- Understand topics ranging from consumer behaviour, finance, and macroeconomic policy, to crime, marriage, sports, poverty, and the environment by considering how to allocate scarce resources among competing demands.
- Learn strong, versatile skills that prepare you to pursue careers in fields such as business, finance, economics, government, public policy, international affairs, and law.
- Examine the choices of consumers and firms, and the effects of government programs and policies on markets in microeconomics.
- Study financial crises, trade imbalances, unemployment, climate change, and income inequality to understand macroeconomics.
- The Honours Specialization in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics is intended as a selective and top-quality program that prepares students for professional and graduate programs and leadership roles in domestic or international politics, law, public policy, economics and business.

Graduates from the Economics department have gone on to hold key appointments in Central Banks around the world. Stephen Poloz is the current Governor of the Bank of Canada. Others have served as deputy governors. Glenn Stevens is the former Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia.





## Department of Geography and Environment

[geoenvironment.uwo.ca](http://geoenvironment.uwo.ca)

### Programs

#### Geography and Environment

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

#### Geography and Environment and Commercial Aviation Management

(Honours Specialization, Specialization)

#### Geographic Information Science

(Honours Specialization (BA or BSc), Major)

#### Urban Development

(Honours Specialization)

#### Environment and Health

(Major)

#### Physical Geography and Environment

(Major)

#### Combined Degree Options

Honours Business Administration (HBA) and Geography and Environment, or Urban Development

- Examine our environment from both social and natural science perspectives.
- Pursue your interest in geography by working towards either a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree.
- Home to Canada's most established urban development program and one of the strongest groups of health geographers in Canada.
- Participate in field trips and research projects in London, across Canada and around the world.
- Get hands-on experience working with Geographic Information Systems and big data analytics, both of which are growing fields.
- Prepare for careers in fields such as, urban planning, ecology, environmental consulting, GIS analysis, real estate management, policy analysis, and international development.

#### Destiny Allen-Green, Geography alumna

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 understanding watershed management and how to protect the environment while at the same time allowing development.

# Department of History

[history.uwo.ca](http://history.uwo.ca)

## Programs

### History

(Honours Specialization, Specialization, Major, Minor)

### American Cultural Studies

(Honours Specialization)

### International Relations – [internationalrelations.uwo.ca](http://internationalrelations.uwo.ca)

(Honours Specialization)

### Jewish Studies

(Major, Minor)

### Middle East Studies

(Major)

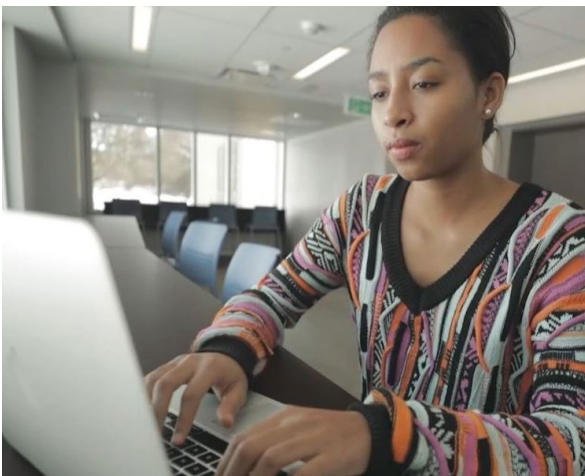
### American Studies – [americanstudies.uwo.ca](http://americanstudies.uwo.ca)

(Major, Minor)

### Public History

(Minor)

- History is the study of past human activity – social, cultural, economic, political, intellectual, military, and anything else you can think of. The range of historical study is limited only by the documents and artifacts that have survived to tell us their stories.
- Explore ideas, ask questions, and develop skills that provide a firm basis for success: writing, speaking, argumentation, and analysis, through lectures and small tutorials
- Through the development of critical thinking and communication skills, prepare for a career in law, business, media, social services, non-profits, education, Foreign Service, international development, government, and more.
- The Department of History at Western is making History matter, applying digital tools to the study of history and putting the public in history. The History department is home to the most established public history program in Canada.



### Marisa Coulton. International Relations student

“There are so many opportunities for personal development, and to hone your passions,” said Marisa Coulton.

Marisa Coulton completed her interdisciplinary degree, studying International Relations and French.

Coulton was the Editor of *The Mirror*, the undergraduate journal in the Department of History, and the oldest undergraduate journal in Canada. Coulton took her learning opportunities overseas, spending nine months in the south of France as part of an international exchange.

“My Western experience has been unforgettable.”

# Indigenous Studies Program

[indigenousstudies.uwo.ca](http://indigenousstudies.uwo.ca)

## Programs

### Indigenous Studies

(Honours Specialization, Major, Minor)

- Gain the foundational knowledge and research experience to better understand and address the key issues that are important to Indigenous people in Canada and abroad.
- Benefit from visiting Elders and guest scholars, in addition to our experienced faculty. All bring a wealth of first-hand experience to the classroom.
- Focus on Indigenous Studies or combine your program with almost any other undergraduate program.
- Prepare for careers in the private, non-profit and government sectors. An undergraduate degree in Indigenous Studies will also provide students with the opportunity to gain admission into professional schools such as law, medicine, health science, education, and business.

### Tehya Quachegan, Indigenous Studies and Psychology

Tehya Quachegan is from Moose Factory in Northern Ontario. She studies Psychology and Indigenous Studies. Quachegan came to Western to study Psychology but also took the Introduction to Indigenous Studies course. This course led her to realize how she would decolonize how she would practice psychology in the future.

Quachegan took part in the Head and Heart program, which is designed to open space for Indigenous students to use Indigenous knowledge systems and language within undergraduate summer research projects. She developed a land-based learning curriculum to be used in universities.





# Department of Political Science

[politicalscience.uwo.ca](http://politicalscience.uwo.ca)

## Programs

### Political Science

(Honours Specialization, Major, Minor)

### Democratic Governance

(Honours Specialization, Major)

### Global Justice

(Honours Specialization, Major)

### International Relations – [internationalrelations.uwo.ca](http://internationalrelations.uwo.ca)

(Honours Specialization)

### Politics, Philosophy, and Economics – Politics and Philosophy concentration (PPE-P) – [ppe.uwo.ca](http://ppe.uwo.ca)

(Honours Specialization)

### Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Reconstruction – [tjcentre.uwo.ca](http://tjcentre.uwo.ca)

(Minor)

### Combined Degree Options

Honours Business Administration (HBA) combined with any of:

- Political Science,
- International Relations, or
- PPE-P.

- Study ideas, activities and problems associated with the governance of nations, states and societies – both past and present.
- Focus on Canadian politics, political theory, public policy, comparative politics, international relations, and local government.
- Explore how communities make collective decisions.
- 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.
- Prepare for a wide range of jobs in many different fields including federal/provincial/local government, business, journalism, broadcasting, international relations, policy analysis, market research, interest group advocacy, and law.

### Vassy Kapelos, Political Science alumna

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."





## Department of Psychology

[psychology.uwo.ca](http://psychology.uwo.ca)

### Programs

#### Psychology

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

#### Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience

(Honours Specialization – BSc)

### Related Programs Available in Science

#### Animal Behaviour

(Honours Specialization – BSc)

#### Neuroscience - [schulich.uwo.ca/bsc-neuroscience](http://schulich.uwo.ca/bsc-neuroscience)

(Honours Specialization – BSc)

### Combined Degree Option

Honours Business Administration (HBA) and Psychology

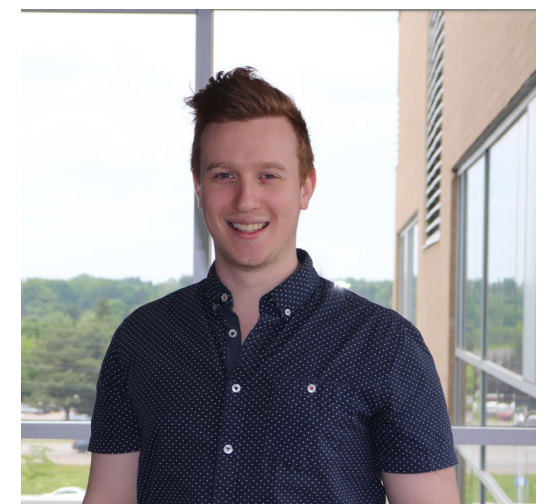
- Study behaviour from a variety of different perspectives ranging from how our brain controls our behaviour to how we interact in small groups.
- Research how we perceive, process and remember, and how behaviour changes over our lifetime.
- Examine individual differences in behaviour, and how to apply knowledge of psychology to understanding behaviour in the workplace.
- Prepare for graduate work in counselling or 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.
- 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.

### Daniel Kharlas, Psychology alumnus

Kharlas chose to study Psychology at Western because of its reputation for student experience, and for the research opportunities available.

Through his studies, Kharlas was introduced to a number of different technologies for exploring the brain. His research interests in novel technologies led him to explore Virtual Reality. He followed this interest in VR to open his own business, VRcadia, which specializes in introducing VR technology to new users. Kharlas is particularly interested in using VR in meditation and other wellness applications.

The research strength of the department provided Kharlas with a better understanding to the depths of research possibilities. He applies these lessons in his business, as he works to improve customer service and expand to new areas.



# Department of Sociology

[sociology.uwo.ca](http://sociology.uwo.ca)

## Programs

### Sociology

(Honours Specialization, Specialization, Major, Minor)

### Criminology

(Honours Specialization, Major, Minor)

- Study how society influences what we do and how we think, to understand yourself and your social world better.
- Study social behaviour and relationships to understand and explain differences, for example, between men and women, the young and the old, rich and poor, people of different nationalities or ethnicities.
- Compare and analyze the different ways that people live and work together.
- Obtain skills that are coveted in business, government and non-profit organizations.
- Prepare for a career in business, government, social services, market research and policy development. Graduates from the Sociology program have gone on to careers in marketing for companies such as Air Canada and Shoppers Drug Mart, with research firms such as Ipsos, and software companies such as Salesforce.

### MacKenzie Vozza, Sociology alumna

As a Sociology student, 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 volunteering 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 worked closely with faculty members to organize events and research areas of inequality in the community.



# Department of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies

[uwo.ca/womens](http://uwo.ca/womens)

## Programs

### Women's Studies

(Honours Specialization, Specialization, Major, Minor)

### Global Gender Studies

(Honours Specialization)

### Sexuality Studies

(Major, Minor)

### Feminist, Queer, and Critical Race Theory

(Minor)

- Explore the dynamics that shape your everyday experiences as a gendered person in contemporary culture.
- 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.
- 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.
- Take part in feminist scholarship through interactions with resident scholars, a Distinguished Speakers Series, faculty colloquia, and annual conferences for both undergraduate and graduate students.
- Prepare for professional schools such as law, journalism and social work, or careers in education and public analysis, with the analytical and practical tools that enable you to engage critically and responsibly with the world, to interact respectfully with others.

### Levi Hord, WSFR alumx

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.



## Preparing your path to the future

- Social Science programs provide students with important career skills. Social scientists are trained to be problems solvers. Understanding social science provides context to many major problems.
- With student organizations for the faculty and for each of the departments, and with a wide-variety of students clubs, there are many opportunity to get leadership experience.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 were available, worth more than \$355,000 in total.

**44%**  
of leaders in corporate, non-profit and government roles studied Social Science, according to a study conducted by the British Council, which compared the educational backgrounds of 1,700 people from 30 countries.

Explore our websites  
to learn more about  
our great programs!



While we would love to welcome you to our campus, our current situation dictates that we cannot. We welcome you to visit our department websites, and take virtual tours. Attend our online recruitment events, where you will have a chance to meet with our Social Science faculty, staff and students and learn why Western offers the best student experience.

Find out more about our programs at [ssc.uwo.ca/prospective\\_students/fall\\_preview\\_day\\_videos.html](https://ssc.uwo.ca/prospective_students/fall_preview_day_videos.html)

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