



Social Science

Undergraduate
Viewbook '27–28



Social Science **Quick Stats**

TOP 100

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

44%

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

LARGEST FACULTY AT WESTERN

with 8 departments and numerous programs

The Faculty of Social Science brings together students and faculty from

DIVERSE

backgrounds, creating a vibrant community of perspectives and experiences

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

The world is facing unprecedented challenges: the climate crisis, global conflict, pandemics, rising living costs, housing shortages, and the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence, which is reshaping education and employment. Studying a social science discipline places you at the forefront of understanding and addressing these complex 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, analyze, and interpret data, providing a solid foundation for making informed decisions.

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

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



Choose Your Own Path



YEAR 1

General Social Science

First-year students in Social Science take prerequisite courses from a variety of departments, along with elective(s). It is a great opportunity to explore different areas of interest before choosing a specific path.

YEAR 2

Choose Your Path

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

OPTION

YEAR 3

OPTION

Gain Work Experience

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

Continue to Explore

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

YEAR 4

YEAR 5

Graduate

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

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

Optional

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

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



Co-op

Earn Credit. Get Paid. Gain Experience
Through the Social Science Co-op program, differentiate yourself from your peers: Apply classroom learning, build your professional network, and explore your career potential.

Co-op Options

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

4-Month Co-op:

Register in Year 2 of a four-year program.

8, 12 or 16-Month Co-op:

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

Earn an average of \$45K/year during your Co-op!

Past Employers Include:

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	
MFC Flight Training	



Scan for more information about Co-op.

Undergraduate Summer Research Internships

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 opportunities that partner with local organizations. Gain practical experience in unique courses on animal behaviour and cognition, working directly with songbirds and migratory birds.

Sociology

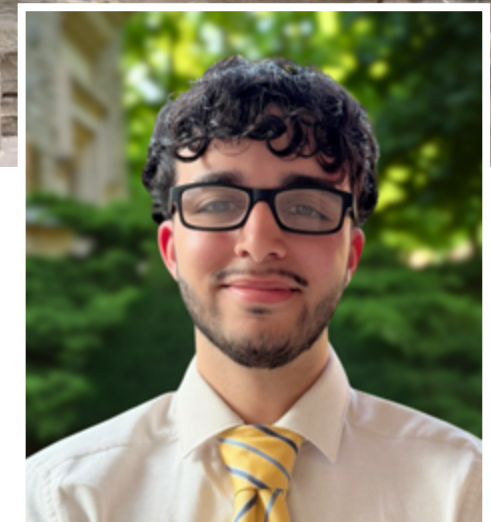
Explore the complexities of social dynamics and gain practical skills that extend far beyond the classroom, where we embrace hands-on learning and real-world impact. Dive into courses like "Mapping Inequality" and "Immigrant Integration", where you'll tackle pressing societal issues head-on.



Asking Better Questions: A Journey in Economics and Finance

"My Economics and Finance courses were where I fell in love with asking questions. They didn't just teach me theory—they taught me how to understand the world and think critically about how it works. Through the support of my professors, hands-on co-op experience, and leadership opportunities across campus, I gained the confidence to grow both professionally and personally."

Karen Oommen
Economics Graduate



Building Confidence Through Challenge

"My journey in Political Science has shown me that growth happens when you step outside your comfort zone. From tackling challenging courses to competing at Canada's largest Model UN conference and gaining hands-on experience through a law internship, every opportunity has strengthened my confidence and prepared me for a future in law. The people I've met, the skills I've developed, and the lessons I've learned have made every challenge worthwhile."

Kiarash Kazemian
Political Science Student



Advocating for Change Through Sociology

“What I love most about studying Sociology is learning how social systems shape people’s lives and discovering ways to create meaningful change. My courses have strengthened my critical thinking and research skills, while leadership opportunities across campus have allowed me to advocate for equity, build community, and support other students. Together, these experiences have prepared me to pursue a future in family law and policy advocacy.”

Layla Hashi
Sociology Student

Interdisciplinary Programs

Linguistics

Politics, Philosophy
and Economics

Commercial Aviation
Management

International
Relations

Urban
Development

Transitional Justice and
Post-Conflict Reconstruction

Building Cities, Building Connections

“What I love most about Urban Development is how it brings together real estate, entrepreneurship, and the social sciences to help me understand how cities function. Through hands-on learning, co-op experiences, and leadership opportunities across campus, I’ve gained practical skills, built meaningful connections, and learned to approach challenges from multiple perspectives. These experiences have prepared me to turn my passion into a future career.”

Tyson Hamilton
Urban Development Student



Students in the Faculty of Social Science accessed over

**\$6.5
MILLION**

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

90%

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

Join a robust alumni network of

90,000

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

Participate in more than

200

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

Benefit from international study opportunities and partnerships with over

100

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

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

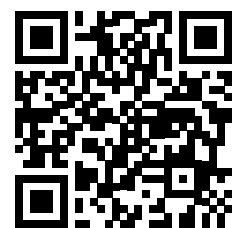
Exploring Global Perspectives Through International Relations

“What I love most about the International Relations program is how it gives me a deeper understanding of the geopolitical forces that shape our world. The combination of history, political science, interactive seminars, and meaningful discussions has challenged me to think critically about global issues. Beyond the classroom, leadership opportunities have allowed me to advocate for human rights, support my community, and make a meaningful impact.”

Emma Lee
International Relations Student



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