Welcome to the Faculty of Social Science at Western

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. The Faculty of Social Science at Western is committed to intellectual inquiry that uncovers problems and solutions to these and other factors that affect the human condition. We produce new and innovative research and teach you the knowledge and skills necessary to make a difference in government, business, the non-profit sector and academia.

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). Our professors have received numerous teaching honors, including several prestigious 3M Teaching Awards. The combination of our research excellence and high-quality instruction is an important reason why student surveys demonstrate that Western provides the best student experience among Canada’s research-intensive universities.

I am a proud alumnus of the Faculty of Social Science at Western (BA’91) so I know what a great place this is to be a student. There is no better place in this entire country to be an undergraduate student. I invite you to read on to discover what we have to offer.

Regards,

Robert Andersen
Dean, Faculty of Social Science
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.

We are one of the largest and most diverse Social Science Faculties in Canada, made up of 237 faculty members, 6,500 undergraduate students and 540 graduate students. We cover a vast range of topics all related in one way or another to understanding our social world.

Our professors and students work on a great variety of projects. You will have the opportunity to learn more about the research that is being done, while developing your own university program to fulfill your own aspirations and career goals.

You can also take advantage of the best student experience at one of Canada’s most beautiful campuses. Many opportunities exist for you to take your educational learning beyond the classroom. Study, volunteer and work abroad opportunities are available to all Social Science students.

Each department has a student club that organizes events such as awards nights, social activities, philanthropic initiatives and lectures. Plus, our student council is very active with members from all constituencies of our Faculty including department representatives, members-at-large, Sophs and first-year students.

At Western, the choice is yours.

We look forward to being part of your journey.

Regards,

Joan Finegan
Associate Dean, Faculty of Social Science
Student Awards and Scholarships

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

In 2017-2018, more than 260 awards, scholarships and bursaries are available, worth more than $355,000 in total.

A sample of some of the student awards and scholarships we have available in the Faculty of Social Science:

**The Barry Connell Steers Scholarship** – valued at $2,500 – is awarded to Economics, History or Political Science students based on academic achievement.

**The Clark and Mary J. Wright Scholarship** – valued at $1,000 – is awarded annually to a fourth-year Psychology student with an “A” average who upon graduation will be entering a graduate program.

**The Dancap Private Equity Awards** – totaling $40,000 in value – are awarded to students and graduates from the different DAN Management modules.

**The David H. Swankie Jr. Award in History** – valued at $4,300 – is awarded to a History student with grades in the top third of their program, at least 80 per cent in one course in United States history, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

**The Dr. W. G. Campbell and Dr. M. K. Inman Scholarships in Economics** – valued at $2,500 – is awarded to one third-year and one fourth-year student in Economics with high academic standing.

**Grant and Peggy Reuber Merit Scholarships** – valued at $5,000 – are awarded based on promise for distinguished achievement after graduation as reflected by leadership and other personal qualities.

**The Imran Jaffer Memorial Award in Urban Development** – valued at $1,000 – is awarded to a student who has demonstrated active community leadership or volunteer involvement.

**The Lee Guemple Award** – valued at $1,000 – is awarded to an Anthropology student based on academic achievement including grades, contribution to the Department and other recognized measures of excellence.

**The Marlene Lee Scholarship** – valued at $1,000 – is awarded to a Sociology student based on academic achievement.

**The Women’s Studies Undergraduate Scholarship for Academic Excellence** – valued at $1,000 – is awarded to a full-time undergraduate student in an Honors Specialization or Major in Women’s Studies, based on academic achievement.

**The Morrison Scholarships in American Studies** – valued at $1,300 – are awarded to students whose major includes American Studies, who earned the highest academic average in their previous year.

**The Thomas C.R. Lawson Award in Commercial Aviation Management** – valued at $6,000 – is awarded to a student in the Commercial Aviation Management (CAM) Flight Training module in DAN Management, with a minimum 70 per cent average and a demonstrated aptitude for aviation.
Discover Your Passion. Build Your Degree.

Flexible Degree Options
Our diverse programs will offer you a variety of ways to explore the many different fields within social science. We offer programs in traditional disciplines as well as interdisciplinary programs. You can focus on one area of study or you can combine two different areas of study – either from within Social Science (such as studying Sociology and Anthropology) or from another Faculty across campus (such as studying Economics and Philosophy).

Many of our modules can be combined with the Honors Business Administration (HBA) degree offered by the Ivey Business School. In this program you can complete your Honors BA and HBA in five years rather than six.

Classroom Connections to Real-World Experiences
Many opportunities exist for Social Science students to apply their classroom knowledge in real-world settings. You can test-drive a particular job, employment sector, or community organization with our internships opportunities.

International Experiences
Study, volunteer or work abroad. Western Social Science offers exchange programs with a number of universities around the world and we encourage students to study abroad for one or two terms. To date, our students have taken courses in more than 20 different countries.

Academic Counselling and Student Support
With all of the choices we offer, it can sometimes be difficult to decide exactly what opportunities to pursue or courses to take.

Our academic counsellors are available to support you with your academic decisions. As well, each department has an academic advisor who can provide more specific information about their department’s programs and courses.

Discover What We Have to Offer
Information on your academic options are provided in this brochure.

Learn more about the supports available to our students, and the opportunities and features that make the Western experience unique.
**Anthropology**

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.

**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)

**Sample Courses**

- Archaeology and World Prehistory
- Field School: Archaeological Summer Field School
- Field School: Environmental Anthropology
- Indigenous Peoples, Globalization, and the Environment
- Many ways of being human
- Plagues and Peoples: Cultures of Health and Healing
- The Anthropology of Reading and Writing

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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.

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.
DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies

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 six 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)

Public Administration
(Honors Specialization, Specialization)

The DAN Department of Management & Organizational Studies is named in honour of Aubrey Dan (BACS’85). Aubrey Dan is founder and President of Dancap Private Equity Inc. Dan provided a $5-million gift to support faculty and students through endowments for professorships, faculty fellowships, a research fund and student awards.
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.

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. Microeconomics seeks to answer questions such as: Who gains and who loses from a minimum wage? Why are some goods produced in competitive markets and others are not? Is a market with a tax an efficient market? Why is income unequally distributed?

In macroeconomics we also consider the national and world economies. We apply economic tools and models to the questions facing today's exciting macroeconomy that include: Why do some countries experience rapid growth? Why do some countries experience low unemployment and others experience high unemployment? Is a large government debt a concern? Do we want low interest rates and low, steady inflation? Why does Canada’s exchange rate appreciate and depreciate against the U.S. dollar?

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.
First Nations Studies

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.

As an interdisciplinary 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)

Sample Courses
- Aboriginal Landscapes in Context
- Algonquian Language and Culture
- 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
- Lunaaape Language, Culture, and History

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

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.
Geography

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)

Dual Degree Option
Honors Business Administration (HBA) and Geography or Urban Development

Sample Courses

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

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.

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.
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.

History

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. Develop your abilities in writing, speaking, argumentation and analysis.

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.

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.

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)

Sample 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
- Wars that Changed the World

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.
Political Science

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.

Areas of Study

Political Science
(Honors Specialization, Major, Minor)

International Relations
(Honors Specialization)

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

Dual Degree Option
• Combined Honors Business Administration (HBA) and Political Science

Sample Courses
• Capitalism and Democracy
• Elections and Voting
• Globalization: Competition and Cooperation
• Political Parties
• Politics of the Environment
• Politics of the Middle East
• United Nations in the New Millennium

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.

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.
Psychology

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 Behavior
(Honors Specialization BSc)

Neuroscience
(Honors Specialization BSc)

Dual Degree Option

• Honors Business Administration (HBA) and Psychology

Sample Courses

• Attitude and Attitude Change
• Clinical Psychology
• Cognitive Science
• Drugs and Behaviour
• Exceptional Children
• Mind, Brain and Education
• Psychology of Language

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.
Sociology

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)

Sample 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

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.
Women’s Studies and Feminist Research

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)

Sample 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

The Department promotes feminist scholarship through a Distinguished Speakers Series, faculty colloquia, and annual conferences for both undergraduate and graduate students. The active and lively Women’s Studies Students’ Collective also organizes talks and social events.

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.
Canada’s Best Student Experience

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.

**Welcome Environment**
Canada’s most comprehensive O-Week welcomes new students to campus with the help of more than 800 upper-year student leaders (Sophs) dedicated to guiding students through their first week at Western.

**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.

The council funds 11 leadership awards annually valued at $1,800 each to recognize the accomplishments of our students.

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.

For example, the Political Science Student Association has organized trips within Canada and abroad.

**Volunteer Opportunities**
Make a difference locally, nationally and internationally. Western offers many experiential learning opportunities in London and beyond. You can participate in Alternative Spring Break, Community Engaged Learning, Western Heads East, Western Serves, Western’s Volunteer Program and more.

**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.

The Western Mustangs football team is one of the most decorated in Canadian history. Western Cheerleaders have won 26 of 27 Canadian national collegiate cheerleading titles and are the five-time Cheersport National Champions in the Collegiate Coed Division. Join a team and show your purple pride!

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

London, Ontario is a vibrant community, home to Western University. The city hosts many exciting events and places to discover.

With a diverse population of more than 383,000, London is an educational, cultural and economic hub of southwestern Ontario. Big enough for the 'big city' experience, but still far more affordable in comparison with many other Canadian cities, London boasts an extensive educational and health-care community, while providing the safe and clean atmosphere of a small community.

**Sports**

London is home to many minor league sports teams: London City plays in the Canadian Soccer League; the London Lightning play in the National Basketball League of Canada.

The Junior A London Knights are recent Canadian Hockey League champions, winning the 2016 Memorial Cup.

Budweiser Gardens is a 10,000-seat stadium and arena and hosts many concerts and sporting events.

**Music and Culture**

Budweiser Gardens has hosted big names like The Tragically Hip, Pearl Jam, Elton John, Metric, and Kings of Leon and events like the Canadian Country Music Association Awards.

London is also home to smaller musical venues like Centennial Hall, Call the Office, Aeolian Hall and the London Music Club.

The Grand Theatre is a professional theatre in downtown London with regular performances and special events. The London Public Library also hosts art exhibitions, author readings and other presentations.

On Western’s own campus we offer various activities for you to connect with your artistic side – everything from our McIntosh Art Gallery to noon-hour ensembles in music to various theatrical productions and fashion shows put on in the Paul Davenport Theatre.

**Nightlife**

As a student you want to work hard and have fun. As home to a large university, London has a vibrant nightlife with many options for you to enjoy.

London is home to a growing culinary culture. Close to local farms, London is building a reputation as a gastronomic destination with chefs, restaurants and farmers’ markets working together to create a unique local experience.

**Outdoor space**

With more than 200 parks, including Victoria Park and Springbank Park, it’s no wonder London is known as ‘The Forest City’. There is an extensive trail system for walking, running, biking or inline skating that runs along the Thames River, right onto Western’s campus.
Western maintains a commitment to delivering the
premiere academic experience in Canada — The Western
Experience — developing leaders, creating a global
context for learning, and valuing research and the
discovery of new knowledge that has a tangible impact
on society.

Collaboration, community and support are key to
student success. Western is committed to finding
innovative solutions to enable students to realize their
academic goals.

The Faculty of Social Science and the Social Science
Students’ Council have come together to provide
students in the Social Science Centre with a new, quiet
modern space to study and collaborate.

The Student Reading Room is a quiet study space
consisting of soft seating areas, study carrels, and several
partitioned study rooms for students to collaborate and
complete group project work. All spaces are equipped
with the latest technological capabilities.

Along with the Reading Room, the Faculty intends
to improve student space in our building, including
upgrading labs, teaching spaces and common areas to
encourage collaborative and interactive learning.

2016/2017 Teaching Award winners
in the Faculty of Social Science

Dan Bousfield
Political Science
Marilyn Robinson Award
for Excellence in Teaching

Lisa Hodgetts
Anthropology
Social Science Dean’s
Award for Excellence
in Teaching

Ian Colquhoun
Anthropology
Vice-Provost Award for
Excellence in Collaborative
Teaching

Andrew Walsh
Anthropology
Vice-Provost Award for
Excellence in Collaborative
Teaching

Renewing our student spaces to create a great
learning environment
Preventing 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.

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
• Translate your academic interests into a career path

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, LL’07); Chairman and CEO of Mission Hills Group
• Craig Cohon (BA’85); Vice-Chairman, Cirque du Soleil Russia
• Jack Cowin (BA’64, LL’00); Chancellor, Western University
• Aubrey Dan (BACS’85); Founder and President of Dancap Private Equity Inc.
• Randy Lai (BA’93); Managing Director of McDonald’s Hong Kong
• 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); Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia

Words from recent graduate 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.
Explore Canada’s Most Beautiful Campus in Person!

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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