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INDIGENOUS AFFIRMATION

We pay respect to the Algonquin people, who are the traditional guardians of this land. We acknowledge their longstanding relationship with this territory, which remains unceded. We pay respect to all Indigenous people in this region, from all nations across Canada, who call Ottawa home. We acknowledge the traditional knowledge keepers, both young and old. And we honour their courageous leaders: past, present, and future.
Dear Future Students,

My name is Vicky Barham and I’m the dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences. I know that an important decision regarding your education lies ahead. Reading through these pages, you’ll learn about our programs, the support available to help you reach your goals and ways to customize and enrich your student experience. I’m truly proud of what we do here. Allow me to start off by sharing some of attractions of the Faculty.

Rewarding, hands-on learning

Enrich your learning through activities, both inside and outside the classroom, that will develop your problem-solving skills and allow you to contribute directly to complex social issues. The Venture Initiative is one example, with courses that introduce you to social innovation and learning goals focused on real-world problems our community partners bring up. And you can take these courses as early as your first year. These experiences will equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to make a meaningful difference in the lives of people in your local community and beyond.

Countless career paths

A degree in the social sciences opens the door to countless career paths. You’ll acquire both practical and soft skills crucial for longer-term career success. Many graduates become business leaders, influential policy makers or advocates for change in society. You’ll have many opportunities to meet with alumni, learn from them and discover what interests you. After graduation, you may find yourself starting your own venture, working for an international organization or going into either the public or private sector. Your education will prepare you for your future career, whichever direction you take!

By studying at the Faculty of Social Sciences, you’re signing up for an unparalleled experience. I wish you all the best in your journey and look forward to meeting you on campus!
THE KEYS TO YOUR SUCCESS

We want to see you succeed and reach your goals, whether academic, personal or professional. Discover resources to help you along the way.

Office of Undergraduate Studies
Our dedicated team of academic officers and specialists stands ready to support you by providing academic counselling, designing a success plan with you and helping you with course enrolment, program changes and other important decisions you need to make as a university student.
socialsciences.uOttawa.ca/help

Student Experience Centre
At the FSS Student Experience Centre, student mentors draw on their own experience and extensive training to offer workshops on topics you’re sure to find useful, from notetaking to exam preparation.
socialsciences.uOttawa.ca/mentoring

FSS 1150 Skills for success and well-being in Social Sciences
This course is specifically designed to help ease your transition to university. You will develop skills and strategies that will start your post-secondary career off on the right foot! FSS 1150 should be taken in your first year

Support for mental health and wellness
Mental health and wellness are top priorities for both the Faculty and the University. The campus medical clinic is staffed by a team of wellness and mental health experts who can assist you when you need help. As an enrolled student, you can chat with a counsellor or mental health specialist, meet with a peer expert or mentor, and even participate in pet therapy.
uOttawa.ca/wellness

FACULTY DECOLONIZING AND INDIGENOUS COMMITTEE

Established in 2018 in response to calls to action in education issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, the committee supports the Faculty’s decolonization initiatives by broadening concepts of knowledge, research and teaching to include experiential and holistic learning opportunities based on Indigenous ways. Raising awareness of the experiences of Indigenous students will initiate transformative change within the Faculty community that will meet the needs and interests of current Indigenous students and those of the next seven generations, which traditional teachings tell us to honour and respect.

QUICK STATS ABOUT THE FACULTY

260 full time professors
Network of over 37,000 alumni
100 countries represented in our student body
97% graduate employment rate - two years after graduation
1,500 co-op placements a year
A degree as unique as you

We offer programs ranging from 90 to 183 units*, such as honours degrees, joint honours, double degrees and majors. Our program flexibility lets you customize your experience by combining disciplines that interest you. You can finish your studies with a degree just as unique as you!

Additional programs
You can explore a variety of disciplines in the social sciences by adding to your main program of study once you’ve enrolled. You can take minors in many of the disciplines we offer. We also offer the following minors, which you can add starting in first year.

Minors
- Aging Studies
- Global Studies
- Social Impact

Microprograms
- Aging Studies
- African Studies

Microcredits
Micro-credits are hands-on educational courses or workshops on selected topics. The intensive nature of the workshops encourages practical, experiential learning.

*Each successfully completed course is worth 3 units (credits) per term towards your degree.
Choosing your program of study

Choose a discipline according to your personal interests and strengths
Read the descriptions, the highlights and admission requirements for Faculty programs starting on page 6.

Explore possible combinations
You must first choose a main discipline when you apply. Some paths allow you to add a second discipline as a minor or major. Joint honours and integrated programs already combine courses from two disciplines.

Confirm your choice by finding out more about the University
Attend the events hosted by the University of Ottawa and the Faculty of Social Sciences (see page 37 for details).

Apply for admission
Apply online through the Ontario Universities’ Application Centre.
ouac.on.ca

Stay connected
Keep up to date with ongoing events and news from the Faculty. Follow us on our social media and keep a close eye on your email! @uOttawaFSS
Study what it means to be human amongst contemporary challenges.

In the Anthropology program, you will experience intricate and stimulating fieldwork, where one observes and participates in people’s lives. You will also experience the depth and rigour of academic research that explores the ways in which we have lived in the world, through time and in different places. You will gain a better understanding of the vast array of human practices and constitutive relations with non-humans, which are fundamental to identifying and understanding the critical social, cultural, political, economic, and environmental challenges of today.

Critical thinking is the most essential skill one can have in the workplace. Being able to deconstruct thoughts/problems/processes and challenging those strongly-held ideas is the foundation of a successful academic or employee. In choosing anthropology, you are deciding to dedicate four years of your life to doing exactly that. You are challenged to learn a variety of subjects and dive deep into them. Then you are given an opportunity to challenge yourself by having something to say about those subjects.

Zachary Miller, Honours Bachelor in Psychology and Anthropology (‘18) Security Awareness Advocate, Shopify Inc.
Part of your learning experience
As part of our Honours program, the School offers a one-term practicum course in which you have the opportunity to design, conduct, and analyze results from your own research project. Research laboratories – Cities and Contemporary Urban Processes, the Interdisciplinary Study of Food, Human-Animal Relations Lab, Taiwan Studies Research Chair and Media and Visual Anthropology – enable students to collaborate on research with professors and with students from across campus.

Why choose the School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies
The School offers a distinctive and innovative approach to culture and society, in both French and English. Our specialized program in sociocultural anthropology prepares you for future careers. You will acquire skills in empirical research, analysis and critique, and will develop creative and innovative solutions to problems brought on by globalization, environmental change, poverty and development, migration, and new technologies.

General admission requirements

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Our anthropologists have expertise in:
- Health and medicine
- Science and technology
- Media, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and the Internet
- Social movements
- Minority groups
- Cities
- Labour and the future of work
- Food, ecosystems, and the environment
- Human rights
- Human/non-human relations in Asia, Latin America, Africa, Europe, North America, and the Arctic

Programs
- Honours BSoSc in Anthropology
- Joint Honours BSoSc in Anthropology and Sociology
- Major in Anthropology
- Minor in Anthropology

Course examples
- Anthropology of Popular Culture
- Museums, Representation and Power
- Indigenous Resurgences in a Globalized World
- Medical Anthropology
- Environmental Anthropology
- Ethnography of New Media
- Specialized courses on Africa, Latin America, South Asia, the Middle East, Oceania, and Japan

Career opportunities
- Health researcher
- Documentary filmmaker
- Social entrepreneur
- Community organizer
- User experience designer
- Diplomat
- Global product expert
- Public policy analyst
- Parks and museums conservator
- Marketing consultant

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA Faculty of Social Sciences
CONFLICT STUDIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Examine issues relating to conflict and human rights in a world where conflict resolution is ever evolving.

The international community has sought to prevent and end conflict while helping to build sustainable peace for several decades. Globally, there is a tendency towards adopting human rights-based approaches to ending conflicts. In this program, you will explore the causes and consequences of the many armed conflicts that persist around the world. You will be challenged to reflect objectively on issues such as human rights, war, peace and international security.

I’ve been interested in human rights since high school. I chose this program because it allowed me to dive into both conflict studies and human rights, which is truly unique. Since graduation, I’ve been working in a position related to my field of study with asylum seekers and spontaneous refugees. I was recruited to this position because of the particular skills I acquired through the Conflict Studies and Human Rights program at uOttawa. The employer thought my skills would be an asset due to the nature of this line of work. With all that the city of Ottawa has to offer, I can definitely see myself staying here for a while.

Elsia Ferreri, Honours Bachelor in Conflict Studies and Human Rights, Minor in Political (’21)
Part of your learning experience

You are offered fantastic experiential learning opportunities through field research courses, international internships, student exchanges and practical projects both locally and abroad.

Why choose the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs

The School offers the only program in Canada that combines the study of conflict and that of human rights. Our location in the nation’s capital, and the expertise of our researchers and our professors provides you with the opportunity to meet with guests and keynote speakers from government and from around the world.

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Program highlights

- A multidisciplinary approach is adopted to encourage critical perspectives, debate and in-depth research into the causes of conflicts and the role of human rights in resolving conflicts.
- Due to the multidisciplinary nature of this program, some courses are taught by professors at the Faculty of Law, making this ideal if you are interested in pursuing a law degree.

Programs

- Honours BSocSc in Conflict studies and Human Rights
- Minor in Conflict Studies and Human Rights

Course examples

- Conflict and Human Rights Field Research
- Conflict Resolution and Peace Building
- Conflicts and the Peace Process in the Middle East
- The Challenge of Democracy in International Affairs
- Track Two Diplomacy
- Indigenous Politics and Human Rights

Career opportunities

- Development officer in peace-building initiatives
- Department assistant in international relations
- International development officer
- Program or project officer
- Security and defence policy analyst
- Conflict resolution worker
- Foreign-service office
- Human rights lawyer (requires a Juris Doctor (JD))

To learn more!
CRIMINOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY

Study in one of the largest Criminology departments in the world.

This program is an opportunity for you to engage with and learn from both nationally and internationally renowned professors. You will acquire foundational knowledge about criminology and the workings of the Criminal Justice System, along with in-depth knowledge in carceral studies, crimes of the powerful, culture and crime, and intervention and social action.

My curiosity and endless questions led me to the criminology program, and have allowed me to continue to study this field at the graduate level. From day one of your undergraduate studies, your courses will invite you to reflect on many issues that will have a lasting impact on how you see the world. You will learn through thought-provoking theories and be taught by amazing professors who will encourage you to notice all of society’s complexities.

Alec Pagé,
Master of Criminology;
Honours Bachelor in Criminology ('21)
Part of your learning experience

In partnership with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Department offers a course based on the “Walls to Bridges” program model. A small group of students from the University of Ottawa and youth from a detention centre study together as peers. Classes are held inside a detention centre and the instructor acts as a facilitator to guide discussions on the various topics.

Why choose the Department of Criminology

During your fourth year, you can explore topics of interest in greater depth through three different options: traditional course format, field placements or research. If you choose our unique research option, you will participate in four seminars on very different themes facilitated by professors conducting research in the area of study. In each seminar, you will conduct original research under the professor’s supervision.

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Quebec has a professional order of criminologists. Learn more about l’Ordre des criminologues du Québec. https://socialsciences.uottawa.ca/criminology/about-department/agreement-ordre-professionnel-criminologues-quebec

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Our Criminology programs explore the following streams:

Carceral studies: You will analyze coercive institutions and practices that generate harm as well as its impact on marginalized populations. You will also explore the forms of resistance and prevention aimed at minimizing the use and impact of carceral control and consider alternative ways of addressing crime.

Crimes of the powerful: You will examine harm produced by and in collusion with government institutions, corporations, other economic actors and political elites. You will also explore forms of resistance and social justice initiatives aimed at countering power-based harm.

Culture and crime: You will reflect on the wider social and cultural context shaping harm, criminalization and victimization, as well as the cultural creations and practices related to the social construction and contestation of the notions of crime and justice.

Intervention and social action: You will analyze the impact of criminological intervention on criminalized and marginalized populations as well as the scope and impact of social action and advocacy to effect social change. You will also explore alternative ways of addressing social harm in practice.

Programs

- Honours BSocSc in Criminology
- Joint Honours BSocSc in Criminology and Feminist and Gender Studies

Course examples

- Victimology
- Mental Disorder and Justice
- Crime and the Media
- Police and Social Control

Career opportunities

The program provides access to a wide range of workplaces in areas of activity such as:

Intervention with vulnerable and criminalized populations
- Police officer
- Restorative justice case worker or practitioners

Organizing and assisting community agencies and their initiatives
- Public education worker
- Community outreach worker

Research and development
- Policy adviser or developer (government or not for profit)
- Project manager

Global efforts and other areas
- Emergency relief worker (e.g., UNICEF, UN)
- International human rights officer

Study Abroad
French Immersion Stream
Graduate Studies

SCAN TO LEARN MORE!
As a field of study, Economics is vast and encompasses other disciplines.

Given the complexity of the world in which we live, it is often beneficial to examine issues from different angles. For this reason, the Department of Economics offers a number of programs.

This program provided me with the opportunity to understand how society can tackle the current climate crisis through sustainable and substantive change. I credit the flexibility within the program as the main reason I enjoyed my degree. I added a microprogram and a minor, as well as CO-OP, while also taking classes in 12 unique disciplines and conducting research. So, if you are looking for a program that feeds your passion for the environment this is perfect for you! With my newfound knowledge and skills, I am working towards my Canadian professional planner certification, with the goal of building climate resilience in urban areas across Canada.

Teagan Gran-Ruaz, Masters of Arts in Geography; Honours Bachelor in Environmental Economics and Public Policy (Microprogram in Urban Studies), Minor in Biology (’21)
Part of your learning experience

In your fourth year, you can carry out an off-campus research project in the public or non-profit sector. This experience is an opportunity to develop not only your research skills, but your team-working and project management skills as well. It’s a way to start building your network, before you graduate.

Why choose the Department of Economics

The Department’s specialty is to educate you to move beyond ready-made ideas. We help you build academic and professional credibility by teaching you solid statistical and analytical skills. You will be prepared to work in a variety of sectors including public policy, international trade, business, banking and finance, consulting, research, international development and advocacy.

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| English, Language Arts (Sec. V) or Français, langue d’enseignement (5e sec.) Mathematics (201) Calculus I A minimum average of 70% is required for prerequisite courses in mathematics. | ± 65% |

| **Québec / Sec. V** |                     |
| English or Français Mathematics Technical and Scientific option or Science option (Sec. V) | 84% |
ECONOMICS

Study why people and governments behave the way they do, and how they make choices in a world where resources are limited.

Economics focuses on the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services. During your studies, you will explore questions like:

- Why are some countries richer than others?
- Why has income inequality been growing in recent years?
- Why do some companies succeed while others fail?
- Should health care be provided by the government or by the private sector?
  - Are tuition fees too high?

Course examples
- International Trade
- International Finance
- Labour Economics
- Introduction to Money and Banking
  - Economics of Conflict

Career opportunities
- Economist
- Program officer
- Public policy analyst
- Market analyst
- Industrial or economic development officer
  - Export and import agent

ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

Study the complexities behind how governments make policy decisions to shape daily life and well-being.

Governments provide essential services, such as health care and education. They collect taxes to pay for their operations. They also seek to regulate human behaviour, for example, to promote competition among firms. This program draws on economic analysis and various disciplines to give you a better understanding of the challenges involved in developing good public policy and why governments sometimes fail to make the right choices.

Course examples
- Public Economics
- Health Economics
- Industrial Organization
- Regional and Urban Economics

Career opportunities
- Economist
- Policy analyst
- Program officer
- Market analyst
  - Industrial or economic development officer

SCAN TO LEARN MORE!
ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

Gain a multidisciplinary understanding of the environment and the economy, and the interaction between them.

Environmental issues fill the headlines — climate change, pollution, species loss, to name but a few. In this program, you will study important questions such as how it might be possible to grow the economy while protecting the environment at the same time. You will reflect and exchange on the complexities of our current model of economic development and evaluate how sustainable it is.

Course examples
• Global Environmental Challenges
• Environmental Economics
• Introduction to Environmental and Natural Resources Economics
• Cost-Benefit Analysis

Career opportunities
• Environmental economist
• Policy analyst
• Environmental program officer
• Researcher

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT

Gain insight into how globalization affects individuals, industry, and governments, with a particular focus on developing countries.

The issues of international development and globalization are central to the future world order. In this program, you will acquire quantitative and analytical skills while being exposed to practical international learning experiences that will benefit you regardless of where in the world you choose to work or pursue your studies.

Course examples
• Development Economics
• International Trade
• International Finance
• Introduction to Environmental Economics and Natural Resources

Career opportunities
• Economist
• International development officer
• International economic consultant
• Researcher

SCAN TO LEARN MORE!
FEMINIST AND GENDER STUDIES
INSTITUTE OF FEMINIST AND GENDER STUDIES

Study issues that lie at the heart of national and international debates about socio-political equality.

The Feminist and Gender Studies program seeks to explore questions related to women, gender, power, and diversity. You will study important issues such as globalization, transnationalism, sexualities, gender identities, disability, colonialism, indigeneity, labour, reproduction, and racism. Course offerings are a blend of theoretical and practical knowledge that contributes to intellectual development, analytical competence, and collective efforts for social justice and transformation.

There are many stereotypes associated with feminism. Some people, for example, assume that feminism is only concerned with women and lesbians who hate men. What a shame! On the contrary, this program is very inclusive and attracts all kinds of students, both women and men. Subjects studied include not only feminism but also masculinity.

Personally, the program helped me learn more about a variety of interesting subjects, ranging from women’s economic equality to legal reforms, genital mutilation and Wall Street capitalism. During my years as a student, I never met a single professor who wasn’t extraordinary!

Alexandra Nytschyk-Dibartolomeo, Honours in Feminist and Gender Studies (18)
Part of your learning experience

The student community is vibrant and practises collaborative forms of scholar activism. You will have the opportunity to attend the Annual Shirley Greenberg Lecture, participate in the Feminist Café series, and volunteer at the Women’s Resource Centre on campus. You can conduct research at the Canadian Women’s Movement Archives, located at the University of Ottawa’s Morisset Library.

Why choose the Institute of Feminist and Gender Studies

The Institute offers many exciting and bilingual opportunities to advance your learning. You will benefit from the presence of top scholars such as the Joint Chair in Women’s Studies, which is shared with Carleton University, and the University of Ottawa Echo Chair in Women’s Health, and the Bank of Montreal Visiting Scholar in Women’s Studies. These are resources available to meet and exchange ideas with you. The knowledge and expertise of professors engaged in research related to transnational feminism, queer and antiracist theories, masculinities and (dis)ability, and trans studies enrich the course offering at the Institute.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

• You will acquire and refine theoretical and practical knowledge in intersectional analysis, which is increasingly valued by employers to tackle society’s complex and pressing challenges.

• You can set yourself apart with an interdisciplinary profile. The majority of our professors are cross-appointed: they are experts in more than one discipline. This has contributed to the program’s signature approach to intersectionality and interdisciplinarity.

Programs

• Honours BA with a major in Feminist and Gender Studies
• Joint Honours BSc in Criminology and Feminist and Gender Studies
• Joint Honours BSc in Feminist and Gender Studies and Political Science
• Joint Honours BSc in Feminist and Gender Studies and Sociology
• Major in Feminist and Gender Studies
• Minor in Feminist and Gender Studies

Course examples

• Feminism, Justice and the Law
• Women, Gender and Development
• Queer Theories
• Indigenous Feminisms
• Gender, Identity and Embodiment
• Sexuality, Gender and Popular Culture
• Class, Work, Gender and (Re)Production

Career opportunities

• Community or international development officer
• Program or project officer
• Equity and human rights, women or minorities adviser
• Feminist program coordinator
• Gender equity specialist
• Journalist
• Documentary filmmaker
• Civil rights activist
• Public servant
• Writer and researcher

Study Abroad
French Immersion Stream
CO-OP
Graduate Studies
Scan to learn more!
Tackle environmental, economic and sociopolitical challenges that humanity faces in the 21st century.

In the International Development and Globalization program, you will study how and why some countries “develop” and others do not in an age of globalized markets, technological advances and innovative ideas. You will explore how humanity can find both fair and lasting solutions to problems such as global inequality, climate change and the education and health of marginalized populations.
Part of your learning experience

The Honours program in International Development and Globalization allows you to experience a combination of theory and practice within a rigorous academic program. It includes field experience through study and work terms in Canada and abroad. You can choose to gain experience working with local organizations on community development and social justice, or with partners in social impact organizations in more than 50 countries around the world.

Why choose the School of International Development and Global Studies

The School of International Development and Global Studies is Canada’s largest academic unit specializing in international development. Students and professors take advantage of the unique opportunities afforded by being located in the capital of a G7 country, where national organizations and policy makers converge.

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Program highlights

The School of International Development and Global Studies has experts in the following fields:

- Global inequality
- Human rights
- Poverty reduction
- Climate change
- Humanitarian crises
- Social movements
- Corporate responsibility
- Fragile states
- Social justice
- Education and health of marginalized populations

Programs

- Honours BSc in International Development and Globalization
- Licentiate in Law (LLL) and Honours BSc in International Development and Globalization (offered through the Faculty of Law)

Course examples

- Social Impact
- Global Experiential Learning
- Humanitarian Action
- Food Security and International Development
- Conflict and Development
- Private Enterprise and Development
- Women, Gender and Development
- International Projects Management

Career opportunities

- International development officer
- Community organizer
- Community development planner
- Humanitarian aid worker
- Foreign service officer
- Program or project monitoring and evaluation specialist
- International policy analyst
- Human rights lawyer (requires a Juris Doctor (JD)).
- Gender equality trainer
Study international issues and cultural phenomena in a global context while learning new languages.

In this program, you will acquire an in-depth understanding of the complex connections and interactions among local, national, regional and global processes. While providing you with a solid training in political science, it introduces you to a broad variety of disciplines, such as economics, geography, history and world religions. Furthermore, you will become proficient in Canada’s two official languages and in at least one additional modern language (Arabic, Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish), thus preparing you for the demands of an internationally oriented career.
Part of your learning experience
You can choose from a wide range of international experiences that complement your degree: international exchanges, field research courses, international internships and the Model United Nations course. These unique opportunities can set you apart on the job market.

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Program highlights
• One of only three programs in Canada offering students intensive training in a second and third language.
• You have a wide choice of courses in many disciplines of the social sciences and humanities, which aims to complement and enhance a solid foundation in international relations and comparative politics.

Programs
• Honours BScSc in International Studies and Modern Languages

Course examples
• Protection of Civilians in International Law
• World Languages and Cultures in Canada
• Identities, Ideas, and Ideologies Across World Cultures
• Migration, Mobility, Borders and Citizenship
• Gender Studies and Feminist Theories in International Relations
• Global Environmental Politics
• International Internship

Career opportunities
• Departmental assistant in international relations
• Program or project officer
• International development officer
• International policy analyst
• Foreign-service officer
• NGO consultant/office

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Explore the notion of power, the key principles of living together and the differences between political regimes.

Political science examines the State, institutions, collective action, the distribution of resources, conflict resolution, the role of ideas, international relations and globalization on all political levels: local, regional, provincial, national and international. This program offers you solid training on pivotal issues such as citizenship, federalism, minorities, First Nations, political participation, political economy, public policy, globalization, ethics and democracy.
Part of your learning experience
Open to many theoretical and methodological approaches, the School of Political Studies focuses on critical reflection and experiential learning both within and outside the classroom.

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Program highlights
You will have an extensive choice of courses in four distinct subfields of the discipline:

- Political thought
- Canadian and Quebec politics
- Comparative politics
- International relations and global politics

- In light of its bilingual status and its diversity, the school is recognized as one of the most important centres for the meeting of English-and-French-language intellectual traditions in the country and internationally.

Programs
- Honours BSocSc in Political Science
- Honours BSocSc in Political Science and Juris Doctor (JD)
- Joint Honours BSocSc in Communication and Political Science
- Joint Honours BSocSc in Economics and Political Science
- Joint Honours BSocSc in History and Political Science
- Joint Honours BSocSc in Philosophy and Political Science
- Joint Honours BSocSc in Public Administration and Political Science
- Joint Honours BSocSc in Feminist and Gender Studies and Political Science
- Major in Political Science
- Minor in Political Science
- Certificate in Political Science Honours

Course examples
- Migration, Mobility, Borders and Citizenship
- Indigenous Politics in Canada
- Political Violence
- Comparative Provincial Politics
- International Relations as Political Theory
- Non-Western Political Thought

Career opportunities
- Government programs officer
- Political commentator or columnist
- Political scientist
- Departmental officer
- Public policy analyst
- Survey or poll analyst
- Regional or international development officer
- Foreign service officer
- Lobbyist
The integrated program in political science and common law, offered in French, aims to provide future political scientists also interested in becoming legal professionals with a comprehensive understanding of the issues and mastery of the approaches and methodologies central to these two complementary disciplines. The integrated program allows you to complete the requirements of the two programs in six years and receive two separate degrees, an Honours Bachelor of Social Sciences in Political Science and a Juris Doctor (JD).

Admission to the program is in first year only. CEGEP Students are given advance standings. The CO-OP option is not offered in this integrated program.

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For me, this program was a perfect marriage between the political and legal worlds, areas that invoked in me great intellectual curiosity. Since graduation, I have been working with the largest group of labour and employment lawyers in the National Capital Region. Since the firm represents its clients in both official languages, having completed my studies in French is an asset. I use what I learnt in my classes, such as legislative interpretation and contract analysis, every day in my work. The skills I have developed throughout my studies, my critical thinking and writing skills, are essential to my career.

Patrick Twagirayezu, Honours Bachelor in Political Science and Juris Doctor (JD) ’19
Intern Emond Harnden Law Firm
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PSYCHOLOGY

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is the science specializing in the understanding of human behaviour and mental processes. In our programs you will gain an understanding of the mental structures and processes that underlie individual human experience and behaviour and the scientific methodologies by which such a knowledge base is acquired.

Part of your learning experience

You can seek out in-depth apprenticeships and opportunities in the many psychology laboratories. Along with researchers and professors, you will be able to experience community-focused projects that have real-world applications in everyday life, to help you excel in your career and contribute to society.

Why choose the School of Psychology

The School serves as a national and international reference point in psychology. It is characterized by its openness to other disciplines, its strategic directions to meet future needs in the field and its commitment to bilingualism. Our two programs give you, as an undergraduate student, the opportunity to take part in academic research projects, providing you with privileged insight into the many facets of the discipline. The school encourages interdisciplinary collaboration which creates numerous opportunities for you to collaborate with professors and colleagues from other faculties such as Science, Medicine, Health Sciences and Arts.
PSYCHOLOGY BA

Study the fundamentals of human interaction

The BA program studies the fundamentals of psychology, with a particular focus on how we learn, communicate and interact with one another. It gives you the opportunity to take part in academic research projects that provide you with privileged insight into the many facets of the discipline, also preparing you for graduate studies in experimental psychology, clinical psychology, health sciences, education or administration.

Course examples
• Human Sexual Behaviour
• Cross-Cultural Psychology
• Forensic Psychology
• Sleep and Dreams

Career opportunities
• Child development specialist
• Teacher (requires BEd)
• Clinical psychologist
• Research psychologist

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PSYCHOLOGY BSc

Study the scientific fundamentals of behaviour

The BSc program studies the scientific fundamentals of psychology with a particular focus on the biological, chemical and cognitive factors underlying human and animal behaviour. It gives you the opportunity to take part in academic research projects that provide you with privileged insight into the many facets of the discipline, also preparing you for graduate studies in experimental psychology, neuroscience or health sciences.

Course examples
• Behavioural Neuroscience
• Psychometric Methods
• Laboratory in Physiological Psychology
• Honours Thesis

Career opportunities
• Researcher in neuroscience
• Psychopharmacology researcher
• Research psychologist
• Neuropsychologist

General admission requirements

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English 4U or Français, 4U Advanced Functions 4U Two of the following courses: Biology 4U, Physics 4U, Calculus and Vectors (strongly recommended) A minimum combined average of 70% is required for all prerequisite courses in science and mathematics. Admission average : ±75%

QUEBEC / CEGEP
English (603) or Français (601), Mathematics (201) Calculus I Two of the following courses: Biology (101) General Biology, Chemistry (202) General Chemistry or Organic Chemistry, Physics (203) Mechanics or Electricity and Magnetism, Mathematics (201) Algebra I. A minimum average of 70% is required for the prerequisite course in science and mathematics. Admission average : ±65%

QUEBEC / SEC. V
English, Language Arts (Sec. V) or Français, langue d'enseignement (5e sec.), Mathematics Technical and Scientific option or Science option (Sec. V), Chemistry (Sec. V), Physics (Sec. V), Science and Technology with or without option (Sec. IV). Students may be required to take up to two mathematics make-up courses at the University either the summer before or during their first year. Admission average : 84%
Advance your understanding of how governments work and of their role in contemporary societies.

The program examines public management principles from various perspectives (administration, financial management, human resources, ethics, administrative reforms, governance, etc.) and the processes involved in designing public policies (policy cycle, roles of various stakeholders, ideologies, contextual factors, etc.). It prepares you for a career in the public or para-public sector, or for work in the private or community sectors, or in government relations.
Part of your learning experience
You can choose to customize your program to focus specifically on public administration or to complement it with other related disciplines such as political science, economics, history or many more.

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Program highlights
- This program offers a solid education in public policy and public management.
- The program is offered in a bilingual environment where you can choose to study in one or both languages. This is a great opportunity if you are wishing to enhance your bilingualism, an essential requirement to advance in today’s federal public service.

Programs
- Honours BSocSc in Public Administration
- Joint Honours BSocSc in Public Administration and Political Science
- Major in Public Administration
- Minor in Public Administration

Course examples
- Gender and Public Policy
- Human Resources in Public Organizations
- Public Policy Analysis
- Ethics and Public Affairs
- Negotiation, Collaboration and Private-Public Partnerships

Career opportunities
- Public administration manager
- Manager in community organizations
- Public policy analyst
- Consultant in business-government relations
- Public relations officer

To learn more!
BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF SOCIOLOGICAL AND ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDIES

Gain insight into a multitude of fields within the social sciences.

Many of today’s most compelling social, cultural, environmental and economic issues require interdisciplinary thinking and problem-solving skills. Having a basic understanding of the fundamentals of multiple disciplines helps you build versatility and capacity to work in a variety of fields. In addition to a solid foundation, this 3-year program provides you with a strong background in community-based social innovation and social justice. This is a flexible option if you are curious about various social science disciplines and want to keep your options open for graduate studies. It’s an excellent stepping-stone to further studies in law or education.

Part of your learning experience

During this program, you will have the choice of a placement in a community organization or an internship in the Mauril-Bélanger Social Innovation Workshop where you will work on innovative projects in the field of social justice.

Why choose the School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies

The School offers a distinctive and innovative approach to culture and society, in both French and English. Our teaching and research strive to follow both traditional and emerging intellectual approaches to inquiry. At the crossroads of North American and European traditions, the School offers a stimulating environment for students, faculty and guests.

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One of the most valuable skills I learned in university is resilience. We all face difficult times academically and personally. By not giving up, I was able to face and overcome challenges. Of course, there were always successes and failures, but it is important not to run away from them. Employers do not expect you to present an amazing idea or do a big sale. They are looking for people who have the right attitude to learn and grow in the field. After completing my degree, I worked as a casual teller at a bank and went on to obtain my mutual fund sales license. I became a financial advisor and more recently became a small business advisor.

Younghwan (Harry) Cho,
Bachelor of Social Sciences with Minor in Economics ‘18
Small Business Adviser, Scotiabank

program highlights

• The Bachelor of Social Sciences is the only three-year program offered in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Program
• Bachelor in Social Sciences

Course examples
• Introduction to Social Sciences
• Social Sciences and Changing Societies
• Social Innovation and Community Engagement

Career opportunities
• Program or project officer in government or community agencies
• Administrative assistant
• Teacher (requires a BEd)
• Public servant
• Entrepreneurship

French Immersion Stream

To learn more!
BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Become a specialist in social work who can work directly with individuals, groups and communities.

In this program, offered in French only, you will acquire knowledge on theories, social contexts and social policy. Through a combination of classroom training and two field placements, you will learn to apply intervention skills in the context of poverty and other social inequalities, including those based on gender, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation and identity, and physical and mental abilities. This specialized program has limited enrolment.

Part of your learning experience

Two full-term field placements provide you with professional experiences and the opportunity to start building your network while you study.

Why choose the School of Social Work

The School’s Social Work program is accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education and gives you access to professional associations in Ontario and Quebec, as well as in Canada and many other countries.

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I chose this program because it aligns with my values. Social work encourages people and structures to meet life’s challenges and acts to improve people’s well-being. The most memorable experiences to date have been the placements, because they afforded me the opportunity to learn in the field. I learn best by doing, so these experiential learning opportunities have let me solidify what I am being taught in the classroom. They have also allowed me to develop my sense of autonomy, workplace ethics and open-mindedness. I hope to pursue a master’s degree in social work, to qualify for institutional jobs like being a social worker in schools.

Jennica Thomas,
Honours Bachelor in Social Work,
Minor in Communication
Learn about the processes and social relations that organize and influence individuals’ behaviour in a society and the dynamics of social change.

Sociology involves the empirical study of societies, institutions and cultures. During your studies, you will apply theoretical approaches to real-world cases and learn how to use quantitative and qualitative research tools (interviews, focus groups, discourse analysis and surveys), all heavily used in the current work environment. The connection between theory and research will enable you to develop a critical understanding of a range of contemporary social issues, such as social justice and inequality, ethnic relations, deviance, individual and collective identity, gender relations, international development, social power, and science and technology.

Activism and social justice are important parts of my life and I enjoy critically engaging with the important social issues of today. I decided to study sociology because it allows me the opportunity to learn about topics that are important to me such as racism and colonialism, feminism, and the climate crisis. I am excited for my future as a sociology graduate because my education in the social sciences has equipped me to be able to make real change in the world.

Libby Alger, Honours Bachelor in Sociology (’22)
Part of your learning experience
As sociology is one of the disciplines that pioneered global studies, we encourage you to acquire international experience to develop a hands-on understanding that the local and the global are inseparable. We encourage interdisciplinary studies and real-world experiences.

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Enjoy rich and unique experiences, on and off campus, to make the most of your time as a student and stand out when it comes time to enter the job market.

SOCIAL INNOVATION
Develop your entrepreneurial, creative and problem-solving skills by participating in learning with a social innovation component, such as a Venture Initiative course. Through courses that match you with community partners facing real challenges, you’ll be involved in project-based learning to solve a social problem.

CO-OP
Choose from 23 CO-OP programs offered by our faculty! Alternate between paid work and study terms to gain experience in the field of work you’re interested in. At the end of your program, you’ll have gained 16 months of hands-on experience and met key people to ease your entry into the workforce.

RESEARCH
Discover the world of academic research in second year. Our undergraduate research initiatives are designed to let you experience research by working with a professor, while putting concepts you learn in the classroom into practice.

BILINGUALISM
As the largest English-French bilingual university in the world, the University of Ottawa offers innumerable opportunities to improve your skills in both of Canada’s official languages! You can also earn a second language certificate, proof of your second language skills and a key asset in the job market.

VOLUNTEERING
Give your time — it matters! Moreover, employers recognize the unique value of volunteer work. Find exciting volunteer opportunities through the Career Corner community engagement team.

CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS
Getting involved in campus activities is an excellent way to improve your student experience at uOttawa. Participate in a wide variety of exciting and dynamic activities, competitions, shows and events, or join your student association or one of 360 university clubs.
EXPERIENCE THE WORLD

FIELD RESEARCH COURSES
Every summer, the Faculty offers courses in several countries. You attend lectures in the field by professionals and academics in your host country, along with your professor and classmates, and visit local organizations and stakeholders. These three-week credited courses let you carry out a field research project. They offer a dynamic way to put what you’ve learned about research methodologies into practice and take part in activities that enrich your learning.

INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS
Take on the unique experience of working 12 weeks for a non-governmental organization abroad! Every term, there are over 70 credited internships offered in 20 countries. These unpaid internships allow you to gain professional skills in your field of study and put your new knowledge into practice in an international, intercultural work environment. Some of our organization partners have included Mines Action Canada, the Forum of Federations, the Tunisian Forum for Economic and Social Rights (FTDES), the National Fisheries Solidarity Movement (NAFSO/Sri Lanka) and the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation. You could land an internship in an organization working in a position such as human rights research officer, communication officer, program assistant, gender equity researcher, communication support staffer for development assistance and policy programs, women’s economic empowerment officer or sustainable development policy officer.
Check out our blog to read about our students’ experiences!

MODEL UNITED NATIONS COURSE
Interested in development, international security or human rights? Students in the Model United Nations Course (FSS 3295) learn about and experience international diplomacy and current international issues. The course culminates in a trip to New York City, where students take part in the prestigious Model United Nations conference.

250+
in the Faculty participate in an international activity as part of their program of study each year.

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in financial support is offered by the Faculty and uOttawa each year to students who participate in an international activity.

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SCAN TO LEARN MORE!
Discover Social Sciences Outreach, a set of programs to connect you with current students and faculty.

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL SCIENCES WORKSHOPS
Our interactive workshops highlight the many disciplines that make up the social sciences. Learn more about the social sciences and exchange ideas with outstanding graduate students who are finding solutions to current social problems through research in their fields.

INTRODUCTION TO STUDIES IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES COURSE (SCS 1550)
Want to know what a university course is like, what the professor’s expectations are and what tools you need to start your university studies? Experience uOttawa as a student by enrolling in SCS 1550 online. Completing this course will give you three units towards your program! The course is offered in French only.

STUDENT FOR A DAY
Experience what it’s like to be a university student for a day! Attend a class in the subject of your choice, learn more about a program of study and chat with a student or professor.
DISCOVER THE FACULTY

Discover all that’s available to you at the Faculty through our videos or, better yet, visit us on campus!

SAVE THE DATES!
The University will be hosting fall and winter open houses. Learn about our programs and the student experience at the Faculty. Take part in a range of activities in a stimulating atmosphere and get information on the admission process.

Fall Open House:
Saturday October 22 2022

Spring Open House:
Saturday March 25 2023

There are also events throughout the year you can attend virtually or in person. We look forward to meeting you!
Keep an eye out for these dates
uOttawa.ca/events

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My name is Danielle, feel free to email me or book an appointment to go over any questions you have.

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