

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Our objective at King's, is to educate the whole person. An introduction to the major disciplines within the Arts and Social Sciences will familiarize you with fundamental skills that will enable you to think logically, acquire knowledge independently and express yourself clearly. In a world of rapidly changing technology, it is important to be able to learn new skills and to adapt to new environments. There is an increasing need, both in society and in the workplace, for innovators, problem solvers, managers and interpreters. An individual with a degree in the liberal arts has proven to be intelligent, articulate and flexible enough to meet these challenges. We also believe that a liberal arts education will teach you the pleasure and satisfaction of learning for its own sake. By opening further your mind to a spectrum of ideas and possibilities, it will lay a foundation for a rich, full life.

Educational goals are achieved through relatively small classes, excellent teaching and dedicated faculty. Our professors, who are highly regarded teachers and respected scholars, are committed to our students' academic development. Our faculty provide individual attention to students' assignments and are readily available beyond regular class hours for discussion, special help or encouragement.

King's graduates, with their degrees from The University of Western Ontario, are successful in a wide range of careers. Our graduates are not only respected professionals, but also informed and committed citizens. Your degree may also form the basis for further specialized education. Many of our students enter professional programs, such as law, business, education, journalism or library and information science, after completing their degrees at King's. Some go on to do graduate work in their specific subject areas, either at Western or another university.

General First Year - If you register in the Social Science program at King's, you will begin your studies with a general first year in which you may choose up to five different subjects from at least two of the three areas of Arts, Social Sciences and Science. The flexibility of a general first year program will give you ample opportunity to explore several possibilities before determining your area(s) of concentration (or major(s)).

Canadian Studies

Criminology

Economics

Finance

History

Political Science

PPE
(Politics, Philosophy &
Economics)

Population Studies

Psychology

Sociology

* A brief overview of each of these programs is found on the reverse side

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Canadian Studies

The Canadian Studies program is designed to promote the study and understanding of Canada from a comprehensive historical, political, cultural, social and economic set of perspectives. An emphasis is placed on both the historical context and contemporary realities in an interdisciplinary exploration of the diverse and contested meanings of "Canadense". A central theme of the program is the complexity of the Canadian experience. The program will encourage students to engage in research and reflective inquiry about the multiple ways Canadian identity has been and is being continually created and represented, in our history, literature, music, art, communications media, and landscapes of culture.

Criminology (Dept. of Sociology)

Within the Department of Sociology, King's offers a Minor and Major in Criminology. The Criminology minor includes courses in administration of criminal justice, sociology of law, deviance and juvenile delinquency among others.

Economics

The Economics program at King's provides the fundamental "core" courses which will provide you with a strong academic economics background. To complement these courses, senior economics courses have been selected so that you can develop a better understanding of many of the human and moral issues confronting our society and the material constraints involved in dealing with them. The variety of courses is reflected in some course titles: Canadian Economic History, Econometrics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Money, Labour Economics, Industrial Organization, Cost/Benefit Analysis and Industrial Finance and Trade. The Economics degree programs include Honors Specialization in Economics and a Minor in Economics. A Major in Finance and a Diploma in Accounting is also offered within the Economics program.

Finance (Dept. of Economics, Business & Math)

King's offers a Major in Finance which includes courses in Business, Economics, Mathematics and Management and Organizational Studies.

History

Historians attempt to explain the foundation of societies by examining how things came to be as they are. Historians also develop skills in problem-solving, communication and research which prepare them for a myriad of career opportunities. The History program at King's, offers a wide range of introductory and senior courses in American, British, Canadian, European and World History. The variety of courses are reflected in some course titles: Modern Europe, Totalitarianism, Canadian Business and Labour, The Historian's Craft, North American Environmental History, Origins of the United States, Britain Since 1688, France 1715 to the Present and Warfare, Korean Social and Cultural History and Topics in World History. The History program at King's offers: Honors Specialization in History, Major in History and a Minor in History.

Political Science

Political Scientists study the institutions and rationale of contemporary

government processes as well as political conflict, conflict resolution and political theory. With courses ranging in topics from Canadian Politics, American Government, The Politics of the Middle East, International Politics, Political Theory, International Law and Organization and Ethnic Conflict Resolution, Political Science students at King's enjoy a diverse range of courses. The Political Science program at King's offers: Honors Specialization in Political Science, Major in Political Science and a Minor in Political Science.

Population Studies (Dept. of Sociology)

Within the Department of Sociology, a Minor in Population Studies is offered which may be combined with a Honors Specialization, Specialization or Major degree. Courses in Sociology, Geography and Economics are required.

PPE (Politics, Philosophy & Economics)

The PPE program provides a cross-disciplinary curriculum that develops the critical thinking necessary to understand and participate in a public policy environment. Three honors specialization modules (Politics, Philosophy & Economics) are available in the program.

Psychology

Psychology attempts to understand the individual. It examines the cause and consequences of a person's behavior, actions, aspirations and mental processes. While the study of psychology may lead to a professional career in that field, many students pursue the subject as a means of understanding themselves and others and as a way to further their competence as a professional person in business, industry, politics, law, medicine or the arts. Students may register for an Honors Specialization in Psychology, Major in Psychology, Specialization in Psychology and a Minor in Psychology. The variety of courses is reflected in some course titles: Child Development, Human Sexuality, Psychology of Religion, Educational Psychology, Research Methods, Abnormal Psychological and Therapeutic Counselling. As university Math and Statistical Science are requirements for certain Psychology courses students without OAC Math will require a minimum of Grade 12 Advanced Math. Math is not however a prerequisite for admission into Social Science in Year 1.

Sociology

Sociology can be defined as a study of group life, the study of non-rational processes in social life or as the study of social interaction. At King's, the Sociology department has developed a distinctive program which provides students with a high quality liberal arts education and encourages them to develop a sociologically sensitive understanding of the complex relationships and societal structure as well as valuing human freedom and social justice. Students choose from a range of diverse courses which include: The Family, Minority Groups, Medical Sociology, Sociology of Education, Deviance, Methodology and Statistics, Social Change, Sociological Theory and Gender Roles. The Sociology degree program includes: Honors Specialization in Sociology, Major in Sociology, Specialization in Sociology and a Minor in Sociology. Two other minors in Criminology and Population Studies are also offered by the Sociology Department.

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