

**THIS  
IS  
INTERDISCIPLINARY  
SOCIAL SCIENCE**



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# Interdisciplinary Social Science: An overview

- I. Our program challenges students to grapple with defining what it means to do **interdisciplinary** research and to develop their own interdisciplinary approaches to social inquiry.
- II. We help students think **critically** about a broad range of historical and contemporary issues related to social and political thought, social justice and diversity, sustainability and the environment, social exclusion and identity, diaspora and global development.
- III. An ISS major allows students to develop **transferable skills** for a range of different careers, as well as further studies at the graduate level. These skills include oral and written communication, research, analysis, critical thinking, problem-solving and time management.

# Degree options

## 1. **BA Program** (90 Credits)

- ✓ General Education: 21 Credits
- ✓ ISS: 30 Credits
- ✓ Outside the major: 18 Credits
- ✓ Free Choice: 21 Credits

## 2. **Honours BA** (120 Credits)

- ✓ General Education: 21 Credits
- ✓ ISS: 42 Credits
- ✓ Outside the major: 18 Credits
- ✓ Free Choice: 39 Credits

For degree checklists, please visit:

<http://iss.sosc.laps.yorku.ca/degree-requirements/degree-checklists/>

# Degree options

## 3. Honours Double Major (120 Credits)

- ✓ General Education: 21 Credits
- ✓ ISS: 42 Credits
- ✓ Second Major: 42 (or 48) Credits
- ✓ Free Choice: 15 (or 9) Credits

## 4. Honours Major/Minor (120 Credits)

- ✓ General Education: 21 Credits
- ✓ ISS: 42 Credits
- ✓ Minor outside ISS: See program specific criteria.
- ✓ Free Choice: 15-27 Credits

For degree checklists, please visit:

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# BA at a glance (90 credits)

First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Recommended to take the following course:	Must take <b>6 credit</b> core course <b>AND 12 credits</b> chosen from ISS course list:	Must take <b>12 credits</b> at the 3000 level chosen from ISS course list:
<b>Self, Culture and Society</b> (AP/SOSC 1140 9.0)	<b>Interdisciplinary Approaches to Social Inquiry</b> (AP/SOSC 2000 6.0)	<b>Sample</b> 3000 level ISS course options:  <b>Colonialism and Reconciliation in Settler Societies</b> (AP/SOSC 3007 6.0)  <b>Gender and Development</b> (AP/SOSC 3543 6.0)
	<b>Sample</b> 2000 level ISS course options:  <b>Special Topics in ISS: Representing Climate Change</b> (AP/SOSC 2005 6.0)  <b>Critical Study of Health and Society</b> (AP/SOSC 2150 6.0)	

For a list of current ISS course offerings, please visit <http://iss.sosc.laps.yorku.ca/students/courses/>

# Honours BA at a glance (120 credits)

First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year
Recommended to take the following course:	Must take <b>6 credit</b> core course <b>AND 6 credits</b> chosen from ISS course list:	Must take <b>6 credit</b> Theory list course <b>AND 12 credits</b> at the 3000 level chosen from ISS course list:	Must take <b>6 credit</b> Honours Seminar from the following options <b>AND 6 credits</b> from list of additional 4000 level courses:
<b>Self, Culture and Society</b> (AP/SOSC 1140 9.0)	<b>Interdisciplinary Approaches to Social Inquiry</b> (AP/SOSC 2000 6.0)	<b>Sample</b> Theory list course: <b>Ideology &amp; Everyday Life</b> (AP/SOSC 2560 6.0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Topics in Social Science Research</b> (AP/SOSC 4000 6.0)</li> <li>• <b>Critical Issues in Tourism Studies</b> (AP/SOSC 4001 6.0)</li> <li>• <b>Human Zoos: Spectacle and the Politics of Spectatorship</b> (AP/SOSC 4002 6.0)</li> <li>• <b>Social and Political Thought Seminar</b> (AP/SOSC 4511 6.0)</li> </ul>
	<b>Sample</b> 2000 level ISS course options:  <b>Special Topics in ISS: Representing Climate Change</b> (AP/SOSC 2005 6.0)	<b>Sample</b> 3000 level ISS course options:  <b>Colonialism and Reconciliation in Settler Societies</b> (AP/SOSC 3007 6.0)	
			<b>Sample</b> additional 4000 level ISS major course: <b>Ethics and Economics</b> (AP/SOSC 4044 6.0)

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# First-Year program of study

(Recommended)

**AP/SOSC 1140**  
**9.0**

**Self, Culture  
and Society**

(General  
Education)

1000-level 6.0  
credit General  
Education  
course in

Humanities  
(HUMA)

1000-level 6.0  
credit General  
Education  
course in  
Natural Science  
(NATS)

1000-level 6.0-  
credit Elective  
(course outside  
major) AND 3.0  
credit free choice

**Total for the year: 30 credits**

**Completed: General Education requirement (21 credits)**



## Second-Year program of study

**AP/SOSC 2000 6.0**

**Interdisciplinary  
Approaches to Social  
Inquiry**

**12 credits at 2000-  
level (or above) from  
ISS course list\***

12 credits  
Elective(course  
outside major)  
at 2000-level (or  
above)

**Total for the year: 30 credits (18 ISS credits)**

# Third-Year program of study

12 credits at **3000-level**  
from **ISS course list\***

(At least  
6 credits must come from  
Theory list for ISS  
Honours majors)

6.0 credits at **3000-level**

Free choice  
(for BA 90/120 Honours  
ISS single majors only)

12.0 credits at any level

Free choice  
(for BA 90/120 Hnours ISS  
single majors only)

\*Double Major or major/minor see advising

**Total for the year: 30 credits (12 ISS credits for single majors)**  
**Completed by this year: at least 18 credits outside the ISS major**

\*For a list of current ISS course offerings, please visit <http://iss.sosc.laps.yorku.ca/students/courses/>

# Fourth-Year program of study

**6.0 credit 4000-level ISS Honours Seminar**

**6.0 credit course from list of “additional 4000-level courses”**

(This can also be another ISS Honours seminar)

**6.0-credit 4000-level**

Free choice (ISS single majors only)  
\*Double Major or major/minor see advising

Complete 12 credits to fulfill Free choice requirements  
*(Honours ISS single majors only)*

\*Double Major or major/minor see advising

**Total for the year: 30 credits (12 ISS credits)**

**Completed: 120 credits over 4 years, including:**

**At least 18 credits at the 4000 level and;**

**At least 18 additional credits at 3000 or 4000 level credits**

# Grade Requirements

In order to maintain good standing in the ISS program, students must maintain:

- ✓ an overall GPA of 4.0 (C) or above.

After first year, students must maintain an overall GPA of 5.0 (C+) or above in the subsequent years of study in order to graduate in the Honours program.

Students who fail to meet these grade requirements will be removed from the ISS Program.

Scale for Calculating Grade Point Average

Grade	Point Value	Definition
A+	9	exceptional
A	8	excellent
B+	7	very good
B	6	good
C+	5	competent
C	4	fairly competent
D+	3	passing
D	2	barely passing
E	1	marginally failing
F	0	failing

# Advising

Students in need of academic advising or advice can book an appointment with the ISS Program Coordinator and/or an academic advisor in the Department of Social Science.

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