

**THIS
IS
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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: 36 Credits
 - ✓ Outside the major: 18 Credits
 - ✓ Free Choice: 15 Credits
2. **Honours BA (120 Credits)**
 - ✓ General Education: 21 Credits
 - ✓ ISS: 48 Credits
 - ✓ Outside the major: 18 Credits
 - ✓ Free Choice: 33 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

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BA at a glance (90 credits)

| First Year | Second Year | Third Year |
|--|--|--|
| Must take the following course: | Must take 6 credit core course AND 12 credits chosen from ISS course list: | Must take 12 credits at the 3000 level chosen from ISS course list: |
| Introduction to Social Science (AP/SOSC 1000 9.0) | Interdisciplinary Approaches to Social Inquiry (AP/SOSC 2000 6.0) | Sample 3000 level ISS course options: Special Topics in ISS: Consequences of Colonialism (AP/SOSC 3005 6.0) Gender and Development (AP/SOSC 3543 6.0) |
| | Sample 2000 level ISS course options: Special Topics in ISS: Body, Power and Society (AP/SOSC 2005 6.0) Critical Study of Health and Society (AP/SOSC 2150 6.0) | |

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

Honours BA at a glance (120 credits)

| First Year | Second Year | Third Year | Fourth Year |
|---|--|--|--|
| Must take the following course: | Must take 6 credit core course AND 6 credits chosen from ISS course list: | Must take 6 credit Theory list course AND 12 credits at the 3000 level chosen from ISS course list: | Must take 6 credit Honours Seminar from the following options AND 6 credits from list of additional 4000 level courses: |
| Introduction to Social Science (AP/SOSC 1000 9.0) | Interdisciplinary Approaches to Social Inquiry (AP/SOSC 2000 6.0) | Sample Theory list course: Ideology & Everyday Life (AP/SOSC 2560 6.0) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics in Social Science Research (AP/SOSC 4000 6.0) • Critical Issues in Tourism Studies (AP/SOSC 4001 6.0) • Human Zoos: Spectacle and the Politics of Spectatorship (AP/SOSC 4002 6.0) • Social and Political Thought Seminar (AP/SOSC 4511 6.0) |
| | Sample 2000 level ISS course options: Special Topics in ISS: Body, Power and Society (AP/SOSC 2005 6.0) | Sample 3000 level ISS course options: Special Topics in ISS: Consequences of Colonialism (AP/SOSC 3005 6.0) | |
| | | | Sample additional 4000 level ISS major course: Ethics and Economics (AP/SOSC 4044 6.0) |

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First-Year program of study

**AP/SOSC 1000
9.0**

**Introduction to
Social Science**

1000-level 9.0
credit General
Education
course in

Social Science
(SOSC)

OR

Humanities
(HUMA)

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

1000-level 6.0-
credit Elective
(course outside
major)

Total for the year: 30 credits (6 ISS credits)

Second-Year program of study

AP/SOSC 2000 6.0

**Interdisciplinary
Approaches to
Social Inquiry**

1000-level 6.0-
credit General
Education
course in

Social Science
(SOSC)
OR
Humanities
(HUMA)

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

12 credits
Elective
at 2000-level
(or above)

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

Completed: General Education requirement (21 credits)

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Third-Year program of study

18 credits at 3000-level
from ISS course list*

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

6.0 credit

Elective
(for ISS single majors
only)

OR

*Course for second
major/minor*

6.0 credit

Elective
(for ISS single majors
only)

OR

*Course for second
major/minor*

Total for the year: 30 credits (18 ISS credits for single majors)

Completed by this year: at least 18 credits outside the ISS major

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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

Elective (ISS single majors only)

OR

Course for second major/minor

Complete 12 credits to fulfill Elective requirements (for ISS single majors and those completing minors)

OR

Second major requirements (for ISS double majors)

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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