

Social Development Studies

Undergraduate Degree Programs

General B.A., 3-Year or 4-Year, Social Development Studies
Honours B.A., Social Development Studies
Honours B.A., Social Development Studies, Arts and Business, Co-op
Honours B.A., Social Development Studies, Arts and Business, Regular
Joint Honours with Social Development Studies
Minor in Social Development Studies

Social Development Studies (SDS) applies an interdisciplinary approach to address the human condition in relation to social issues in local, national, and global contexts. This innovative program offers courses in human and social development, including psychology, sociology, and social work. The curriculum develops skills in critical thinking, problem solving, interpersonal relations, leadership, civic engagement, and global citizenship. SDS provides an excellent foundation for graduate studies, professional programs, and careers in human and public service.

Students in SDS highly rate the variety and flexibility of course offerings and the direct application of the program to their career goals. In SDS courses, students enjoy small class sizes, interesting class discussions, and interactions with their professors.

In the first year, all SDS students take introductory courses in the four subjects of the major: one course in each of sociology, social work, and psychology and two courses in interdisciplinary social science. In each of the following years, students take four or more SDS courses, including required courses in social statistics and social research in second year (with a total of 40 courses to complete a degree).

The Honours plan requires 20 SDS courses, including three senior courses which call for in-depth analysis and research. Honours students can also benefit from the experiential, practical, and reflective learning that takes place in applied and research apprenticeships offered through the department.

Honours students wishing to combine courses in Social Development Studies with those in other disciplines follow a Joint Honours plan and take 14 to 16 courses from each of the two majors.

Students interested in applying to Renison's one-year post-BA **Honours Bachelor of Social Work** program find that SDS provides a particularly solid foundation.

Courses in the Major

Interdisciplinary Social Science (ISS)
Social Ideas, Social Policy, and Political Practice
Lifespan Processes: The Normal Events
History of Education in Canada
Education and Social Development from a Global Perspective
Changing Concepts of Childhood
Introduction to Social Policy Processes
Art and Society
Social Statistics
Social Research
Public Policy and Native Peoples in Canada
Social Inequality, Social Justice, and Public Policy
Homelessness and Public Policy
Adult Life Crises and Events
Qualitative Research in Social Development Studies
The Evolution of Family Law in Canadian Society
Values and the Contemporary Family
Resilience and Social Support
International Learning Experience
Gender Relations within Educational Institutions
Comparative Social Policy
Critical Encounter with Human Nature
Educational Equity in Canada
Optimal Living
Applied Apprenticeship
Research Apprenticeship
Independent Study
Honours Seminar in Special Topics
Special Studies
Senior Honours Essay

Psychology (PSYCH)
Introductory Psychology
Social Psychology
Interpersonal Relations
Cross-Cultural Psychology
Positive Psychology
Personality Theory
Psychopathology
Theories of Individual Counselling Psychology
Educational Psychology
Exceptional Children
Learning Disabilities
Special Studies

Social Work (SOWK)
Introduction to Social Work

Co-operative Programs in Arts

Honours SDS students may pursue co-operative education programs in two ways:

Arts and Business Co-op - a direct entry program through which students complete their honours major and core Arts and Business courses in areas such as accounting, economics, languages, history, political science, business management, and leadership training. Five paid work terms alternate with academic terms on a four-month rotation. All students spend eight months on campus during their first year.

There are four optional specializations available for Arts and Business Co-op students:

- Digital Arts Communication
- Global Engagement
- Human Resources Management
- International Trade

Careers

Graduates from Social Development Studies have obtained satisfying employment locally, national, and globally in work areas such as the public service, the helping professions, not-for-profit agencies, and the private sector. Here is a sampling of positions held by SDS graduates:

- Elementary School Teacher, *Waterloo Regional District School Board*
- Consultant/Teacher, *Loyalist College*
- Childcare Worker, *Ray of Hope Inc.*
- Counsellor, *House of Friendship*
- House Manager, *Pioneer Youth Services Inc.*
- Social Worker, *Family and Children's Services*
- Community Services Worker, *Peel Children's Centre*
- Welfare Caseworker, *Toronto Social Services*
- Manager of Social Work, *Freeport Hospital*
- Assistant Pastor, *Bethel Mennonite Church*
- Assistant Publisher, *Professional Publishing Association*
- Audiologist, *Northeastern Audiology Services*
- Chiropractor, *Frederick Street Chiropractic Centre*
- Registered Nurse, *Cambridge Memorial Hospital*
- Rehabilitation Coordinator, *Prudential Insurance Company of America*
- Constable, *Halton Regional Police*
- Employment Counsellor, *Metro Toronto Community Services*
- Flight Attendant, *Canadian Airlines*
- Group Underwriter, *Canada Life Assurance Company*
- Personnel Officer, *Canada Trust Company*
- Senior Clerk, *Bell Canada*
- Planning Analyst, *Municipality of Metro Toronto; Environment Canada*
- Program Consultant, *Addiction Research Foundation*
- Project Administrator, *YMCA*
- Purchasing Agent, *KW Health Centre*
- Researcher, *University of Guelph*
- Policy Analyst, *Environment Canada*

- Social Work with Individuals
- Social Work with Families
- Social Group Work
- Community Organization
- Palliative Care
- Canadian Social Welfare Policy
- Understanding Diversity in Canada
- International Perspectives in Community Organization
- Philosophy and History of Social Welfare
- Child Maltreatment: Identification and Prevention
- Developmental Disabilities and the Family
- Family Violence
- Social Work in Health Care
- Social Work with the Elderly
- Family Violence: An Advanced Seminar
- Advanced Family Practices
- Special Studies

Sociology (SOC)

- Fundamentals of Sociology
- Sociology of Adolescence
- Sociology of Education
- Deviance: Perspectives and Processes
- Poverty in Canada and its Social Consequences
- Special Studies

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