

Family and Social Relations

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Experience Map



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Highlights and Skills

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Family and Social Relations **G H C**

Families are dynamic. Gain theoretical and practical insights into the changes that affect families, and the social responses to those changes. This program explores child studies, sexuality and sexual health, family history and change, marriage dynamics, and gender issues. It combines courses from a variety of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, social work, history and women's and gender studies.

MIN. AVG.* 70% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS ENG4U required.

FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Identifying, interpreting, and communicating key issues relevant to individuals, groups and society
- Practising several scientific methods of data collection, statistical analysis, and evaluation; using methods and tests to analyze, interpret and assess possible behaviours
- Critically evaluating and interpreting existing research/theories and applying the results to solve problems
- Understanding and assessing the psychological, emotional, cognitive, and social determinants of human behaviour
- Appreciating the respective roles of various governmental, community, and health-care institutions

G General – 3-year program **H** Honours – 4-year program **C** Combined Honours programs available * Minimum grade point average for admission to program. A higher average may be required.

Build your Skills and Experience

Your UWindsor experience is more than attending classes. It is a combination of academics, co-curricular activities, and extracurricular involvement. By making the most of all three elements of your university experience, you will maximize your opportunities to build your skills, broaden your personal network, and clarify your long term academic and career goals.



CURRICULUM

Courses of study specific to each program



CO-CURRICULAR

Activities and experiences that complement coursework (Outstanding Scholars, peer mentoring, VIP)



EXTRACURRICULAR

Activities falling outside the scope of set curriculum (Part-time job, clubs, volunteering, athletics)

Career Planning Cycle

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation and beyond. It is a fluid, dynamic, and lifelong process. You can move on or return to an earlier stage in the cycle at any time.



Explore Opportunities Using This Chart

Explore a selection of opportunities recommended for students in your program. This chart shows some of your many options – you don't have to do everything on it or limit yourself to it. Engage in opportunities from each of the three categories to set yourself up for success.

High-Impact Practice (HIP)

A HIP is an enriching educational experience that can be life-changing and often includes learning outside of the classroom while encouraging meaningful interaction and collaboration, such as:

- Co-op, internship or field experiences
- Research with faculty
- Culminating senior experience
- Capstone courses
- Service-learning
- Learning communities
- Study abroad

Academics



Your Coursework






First Year

- Take required courses including Understanding Social Life and Social Dilemmas: Social Science Perspectives and Effective Writing I and II
- Review degree course requirements
- Enrol in a variety of social science courses to determine your core interests
- Meet with an academic advisor

Middle Years

- Take required courses and check in with academic advisor to make sure you are on the right path
- Look into completing a research project in final year 
- Begin taking courses in accordance with an Anthropology minor, a Sexuality minor or a minor in another discipline
- Seek out courses that offer field experience 
- Start taking courses required as pre-requisites for graduate/professional school
- Consider declaring a minor and/or specialization




Final Year



- Meet with an academic advisor to go over degree requirements
- Complete all required courses for your degree
- Apply to graduate through **UWinside Student Portal**
- Work with a faculty member on a research project or publication 
- Take a final year practicum course in Sociology with a focus on the city 
- Take a field work or practicum course to culminate your senior experience 

Experience

Ways To Get Involved



- Explore available Family and Social Relations research assistant opportunities 
- Volunteer with a local family-oriented or social justice community organization
- Investigate research opportunities as part of the **Outstanding Scholars** program 
- Research student exchange opportunities for middle years 
- Join a club like the **The University of Windsor Criminology Association, Social Science Society** or **UWSA**
- Participate in the **Bystander Initiative** workshop to gain skills that will help you be an effective and supportive ally to prevent sexual assault on campus
- Apply for a co-curricular experience such as **VIP - Community Service Learning**

- Join a professional association in your field such as the **Canadian Sociology Association** or **Canadian Anthropology Association**
- Volunteer with community organizations such as **Children's Aid Society** or **Foundation for Equal Families**
- Get involved with **Bystander Program** and **Victim Support** program run by the Courts, as well as other opportunities such as women's shelters, **Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Hospice,** and the **Multicultural Council**
- Participate in **UWill Discover** undergraduate research conference 
- Apply for student exchange program 
- Expand your skills by taking on a summer, part-time or volunteer position
- Look for a leadership role in a club or society

- Become a teaching assistant or research assistant with a faculty member 
- Run for a **UWSA** executive position
- Conduct field research with faculty member 
- Become a tutor for **Students Offering Support (SOS)** 
- Join the **UWindsor Model NATO** or **Model United Nations**

Career

Plan Ahead For What's Next



- Start by making a list of things that you enjoy and areas in which you excel
- Meet with a career advisor in **Career Development and Experiential Learning (CDEL)** for help developing a plan for your future years
- Consider a career assessment appointment to help you identify possible career paths
- Get involved with a part-time job, volunteer opportunity, campus group, or research assistantship
- Attend **CDEL** workshops to learn how to find a summer or part-time job and write a university-level resumé
- Chat with an advisor during **CDEL's Drop In** hours to get answers to your career and job search questions

- Research career fields and occupations with the help of a **CDEL** career advisor
- Explore opportunities and meet potential employers by participating in **Job Shadow Experience**, job fairs and industry networking events
- Explore further educational opportunities by attending the **Graduate and Professional Schools Fair** and researching admission requirements for programs you are interested in
- Create a **LinkedIn** profile and have it critiqued by **CDEL**
- Take part in informational interviews and join online communities like **LinkedIn** and **Ten Thousand Coffees** to connect with people in your targeted profession or industry
- Search job postings to learn what skills, knowledge, and credentials you will need for potential careers

- If you are considering applying to graduate or professional school, be aware of early application deadlines
- Meet with **CDEL** to prepare application documents like a resumé, cover letter, CV, or personal statement for jobs and education programs you are applying to
- Attend **CDEL's workshops** on interview skills and job search strategies.
- Set up a mock interview with a career advisor for professional school or job applications
- Take part in recruitment events and job fairs, including **CDEL's annual job fair**
- Compose a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience

Life After Graduation

23 Number of Graduates

(2019)

96% Employment Rate of Graduates

Employment rate of graduates 2 years following degree completion (OUGS Social Sciences, 2018)

Career Tracks*

Administrative assistant
Case worker
Child and youth worker
Communications specialist
Consultant
Counsellor
Court monitor

Development analyst
Educational assistant
Health educator
Human resources manager
Immigration officer
Industry instructor
Journalist

Lawyer
Legal consultant
Operations director
Professor
Project manager
Psychologist
Public official

Public policy analyst
Public relations officer
Recreational director
Research co-ordinator
Sales manager
Social worker
Teacher

**Additional education and/or training required for some of the above careers.*



Common Industries For Graduates

- **Academia**
- **Business:** analysis, research, corporate communications
- **Education:** public schools, vocational/corporate training
- **Government services**
- **Journalism:** political correspondence and analysis
- **Law and law enforcement**
- **Politics:** political office, campaign management, polling and research, speech writing
- **Public policy think tanks and consulting:** public/private sectors

Career-Readiness Competencies



Critical Thinking & Problem Solving



Professionalism & Work Ethic



Teamwork & Collaboration



Communication





Campus Resources

- Research scholarships and bursaries through the **Student Awards and Financial Aid Office**
- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** for help with academic assignments
- Check out the **Bounce Back** program designed to improve academic performance as well as decrease feelings of stress and anxiety through both effective learning strategies and life skills acquisition
- Build leadership skills and find leadership opportunities at the **Leadership Hub**
- Get advice and support about your academic status by making an appointment with **Academic Advising**
- Seek out assistance with academic accommodation from **Student Accessibility Services**
- Discover ways to get involved on campus through the **Student Success and Leadership Centre**
- Look into the **Ignite: Work Study** program for on-campus employment opportunities
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career Development and Experiential Learning**
- Consult with the **EPICentre** if you are interested in starting your own business
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Find support for Indigenous learners and broaden your understanding of Indigenous culture by visiting **Turtle Island**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services**, the **Wellness Outreach Office** and **Lancer Recreation**
- Receive confidential mental health counselling delivered by trained professionals at the **Student Counselling Centre**
- **Prevent.Resist.Support.** Seek personal support or learn more about sexual violence prevention and resistance education through the **Sexual Misconduct Response and Prevention Office**
- Explore professional development opportunities through **Continuing Education**



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