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2019: My financial consultancy invests in and empowers female entrepreneurs in emerging economies.

– Ban Kattan, Gender & Women's Studies,
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

York University students are ambitious, engaged and have the academic learning and real-world experience they need to make an impact on the world. yorku.ca/mytime

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Global Thinking



Experiential Education

Discover the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (LA&PS) - a diverse group of educators and researchers who are committed to your success. Our Experiential Education program is an engaged learning strategy that blends theory and coursework with guided practical experiences. When engaged in external projects, students support the mission and immediate goals defined by our business and community partners - while honing knowledge and skills for their future careers.



Choice & Flexibility

Need late afternoon or evening classes? Part-time studies? Want to study from home? We give you the flexibility to fit a busy schedule. LA&PS offers courses year-round – during the day, late afternoon and evening. You can also learn anytime, anywhere through our online distance-education courses.

Define Tomorrow

Be inspired by the options available to you in one of Canada's largest Faculties. LA&PS is helping to shape the global thinkers and thinking that will define tomorrow. With more than 1,500 courses and 80 undergraduate degree and certificate programs, our unwavering commitment to excellence reflects a rich diversity of perspectives and a strong sense of social responsibility that sets us apart. A degree from our Faculty empowers graduates to thrive in the world and achieve their life goals through a rigorous academic foundation balanced by real-world experiential education.

WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

A university is a place of growth, of questions and of answers. It is also a place for you to reach for and exceed your potential. As a Faculty, we provide a mutually respectful forum for discussion and debate, where diverse perspectives are welcomed, not stifled. We're a place where the curious thrive, where traditional boundaries are pushed – a place where you have room to explore and develop your interests.

Our undergraduate degree programs cover a wide range of areas: liberal arts programs that provoke, inspire and quench your thirst for knowledge; professional programs to accelerate your career; and international opportunities to give you a global perspective and a competitive edge – each of these areas has courses as diverse as our student population.

We pride ourselves on offering accessible education and educators who are accessible. Our learning options cater to your needs, whether you wish to pursue your studies during the day, in the evening or on the weekends. We'll support you outside of the classroom, too – by challenging you, encouraging you and helping you to reach your goals.



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You'll develop incredible relationships with fellow students, professors and professionals in your field. It won't just be the course content that matters; community and volunteer initiatives, as well as opportunities to engage with our researchers, will help you build strong networks that will continue to thrive long after you've graduated.

Be bold. As soon as you start, jump right in and take advantage of all that we offer. You can connect with an on-campus mentor, attend skills and study workshops, connect with students who share a passion, get

advice and support from our academic advisers, and join one of our many clubs and Students Associations.

As Dean of your Faculty, I am committed to your personal growth and success. I encourage you to explore our website, to take a campus tour and to get in touch with current students to hear about what university life here is really like.

I look forward to seeing you on campus!

Dr. Martin Singer

Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies



Degrees with **flex appeal**

Today's competitive job market demands customized skills for success. Most of our programs offer double majors as well as a minor option so you can be inventive with your choices. Blend two areas of study to explore what you love and learn what you need. You can combine a BA in Information Technology with a second major in Professional Writing, supplement a major in Criminology with a minor in History, pursue your passion while gaining professional skills through our minor in Business or complement a program offered by LA&PS with programs offered elsewhere on campus.

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“York is a place of opportunities. Be open to new experiences and have fun! It’s a great place to grow personally.”

Erica St. Louis
BA Communication
Studies/International
Development Studies graduate

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STUDY BEYOND BORDERS

Discover a world of opportunities beyond Canada’s borders. We want you to graduate with invaluable international expertise, so we’ve partnered with universities in 40 countries to create the International Bachelor of Arts (iBA). You can also broaden your view by participating in an international internship or exchange program. Take classes while building international networks and exploring the rich culture of countries such as Austria, Finland, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands and Spain. Even if you don’t travel with your studies you’ll get a global perspective right here at York. With students hailing from nearly 100 countries in LA&PS alone, your education will also be a cultural immersion. See page 27 for more information.

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The value of our degrees

Whatever your interests or goals, our programs are carefully crafted to provide you with relevant knowledge and expertise:

- graduate with the skills that employers value and that will empower you to manage your career for life
- hone your abilities to process, synthesize and communicate information – enabling you to make complex decisions quickly and effectively
- combine theoretical knowledge with applied research, preparing for the demands of working in a constantly changing world
- acquire the analytical and research skills needed to make sense of the issues that shape society

Prepare for grad school

Our undergraduate programs build a solid foundation to help you prepare for a master’s degree or PhD. Our graduate degree options span classic doctoral degrees in disciplines from economics, history and the humanities to cutting-edge specialized master’s programs, including the Master of Financial Accountability, the Master of Arts in Disaster and Emergency Management and the executive-style Master of Human Resources Management. See page 30 for more information.

We're Home to the Best

RESEARCH-ENRICHED TEACHING

LA&PS researchers bring leading-edge ideas into the classroom. Award-winning faculty members include Haideh Moghissi, recipient of a Trudeau Fellowship for her work on gender and Islam, and Alan Durston, who received the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada's Aurora Award for his expertise on Quechua – Peru's indigenous language. Paul Lovejoy received the Distinguished Africanist Research Excellence Award from the University of Texas at Austin. Carla Lipsig-Mummé is primary investigator of a Community-University Research Alliance grant to study how climate change affects employment, and Pat Armstrong leads a Major Collaborative Research Initiative grant regarding long-term residential care.

INFLUENTIAL EDUCATORS

Take advantage of your professors' first-hand knowledge – they are among the top researchers in their fields, committed to identifying and exploring issues that affect local and global communities. Attend courses with Robert MacDermid, whose research influenced the decision to ban corporate donations in Toronto's municipal elections, or take a creative writing workshop with Priscila Uppal, poet-in-residence during the 2010 and 2012 Olympics. Venture into the world of Arctic wetlands with Kathy Young, learn from William Wicken about how the study of Canada's Aboriginal history makes an impact on contemporary Aboriginal concerns, or study with Renita Wong, whose participation in a project on healing and cultural restoration could lead to a change in the way China responds to disasters.



RELATIONSHIPS FOR LIFE

Student life at York is rich and thriving. We're committed to supporting not only your academic success but also your personal success. Connect with classmates in smaller and more intimate student communities, and make personal connections through your degree program or college affiliation. We encourage you to become involved and engage with your peers. After all, these are the relationships that can last a lifetime.

SOCIAL NETWORKING

Students who engage in university life outside the classroom get better grades and are more successful. Be your best by building networks and joining a student club or association – there are more than 250 student-run clubs at York. Get involved with York International to connect with international students and attend one of our many exciting cultural events. Just as LA&PS offers the most choice and flexibility at York, we also provide the greatest opportunities for involvement.

RESOURCE RICH

Participate in workshops on topics such as how to study for an exam or how to avoid procrastination, go one-on-one with a student adviser to plan a university experience that matches the goals you've set for your education, improve your essays by taking a writing course and realize your potential through personalized counselling and development. As an LA&PS student, you'll have access to University-wide resources as well as distinct programs and services offered by the Faculty.

LEAD THE WAY

Add something meaningful to your resumé. Volunteer on campus or with a local organization, address key issues by having a voice in student government, head up a new student initiative or participate in an innovative community-based research project. These are the experiences and skills that employers are looking for – hone them now to give yourself an advantage in the job market later.



Research Matters


Researchers in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies engage in groundbreaking research and scholarship of local, national and international significance. Through a range of disciplinary, interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches, their investigations provide insight into issues that affect our world and identify innovative ways to apply their findings. Vital research allows our students and faculty members to flourish.

Through independent research, by engaging in collaborations with researchers at other institutions or by working with government, community partners or industry partners, LA&PS researchers are working to bring long-term benefits to us all. Their inclusion of graduate and undergraduate students in their research initiatives nurtures Canada's next generation of researchers and thinkers. For students, a vibrant research community in LA&PS means exposure to leading intellectuals whose knowledge provides them with the opportunity to thrive academically.

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RESEARCH IN ACTION

We foster a thriving community that supports high-level research and student involvement. One such example is the York University Community Finance Project, an outreach initiative that seeks to increase accessibility and awareness about financial literacy in local, inner-city groups and at-risk communities in Canada. It strives to uncover and develop best practices around community-based financial responsibility, community investment and local economic development.

The multi-faceted project encompasses several areas of research and involves collaboration with community partners, while engaging a variety of research methods, approaches and teaching methods with students. Three students, including Neil Britto (right), conducted research alongside their professor, Brenda Spotton Visano, to develop online financial self-assessment tools with the goal of introducing these resources to the community and ensuring individuals are using the tools effectively. 



UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS



Personalize your degree, pursue your passions and gain valuable skills that will help jump-start your career or prepare you for graduate studies (see page 30). You can combine your career goals with your personal interests by pursuing a double major or by adding a minor to your area of focus. Get creative with your education and take advantage of the unlimited choices LA&PS has to offer. **U**

Administrative Studies

- We're flexible: take classes during the day, evenings, weekends and on-line.
- Learn from leading experts in the field, many of whom are active in the Canadian business sector and make learning dynamic and exciting.

We have one of the largest undergraduate business programs in Canada, offering a 90-credit Bachelor of Administrative Studies (BAS), a 120-credit Specialized Honours BAS and a Specialized Honours BAS in Information Technology (BAS ITEC). You'll sharpen your critical thinking, analytical, communication and leadership skills – all of which are vital for success in today's competitive business environment.

Broaden your career horizons through our BAS Specialized Honours program in one of the following areas:

The **ACCOUNTING** program and courses are aimed at preparing students for professional careers in accounting and consulting firms, industry, government and nonprofit organizations as well as preparing them for advanced studies in accounting/finance graduate programs. The courses satisfy the comprehensive preparation requirements for certified accounting designations such as CA, CGA, CMA, or CPA.

BUSINESS RESEARCH teaches you survey design, data collection and interpretation, quantitative measurement, market and decision analysis and information systems design.

FINANCE gives you the knowledge and skills needed to work toward two major designations within the finance field: Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Certified Financial Planner (CFP).

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT develops your knowledge of workplace productivity, safety and equity legislation, labour-management relations, hiring, compensation and retention issues. See also the Bachelor of Human Resources Management on page 17.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY blends information management with business. Stand out to future employers by specializing in one of three streams: Business Systems Analysis, E-Commerce Development, or Information Technology Auditing & Assurance. See also Information Technology on page 18.

MANAGEMENT helps you gain cutting-edge managerial knowledge and skills, such as leadership, motivation, group dynamics, organizational design, strategic planning, small ventures and international business, which are essential for today's small, medium and large companies.

MANAGEMENT SCIENCE prepares students to address the unique and complex issues organizations face in their short-term and long-term strategic planning.

MARKETING helps you gain practical knowledge in all aspects of the field, including product management, advertising and communications, market research and consumer behaviour.

Place yourself ahead of the pack: pursue our business minor (see page 7) or pair your degree with one of our many certificates in Accounting, Emergency Management, Human Resources Management, Information Technology Auditing and Assurance, Logistics, Management, Marketing, or Real Estate. See page 28 for more information.

Thinking about graduate studies? We offer a Master of Arts in Disaster and Emergency Management and a Master of Financial Accountability. See page 30 for more information.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/adms

CAREER OPTIONS

Chartered Accountant, Human Resources Adviser, Logistics and Supply Chain Manager, Marketing and Sales Manager

COURSES INCLUDE

Cross-Cultural Management, Managerial Cost Accounting & Analysis, Marketing for Competitive Advantage and Personal Financial Planning

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Professional Accounting Students' Association

African Studies

- Critically examine the multiple dimensions of Africa and its people, including its influence in the Americas on R&B and jazz.
- Get involved with one of our active student organizations and network at engaging events such as the All-Africa Students' Conference.

Explore issues of social, political, economic and cultural development from pre-colonial Africa to the present day. Our program will offer you the challenge of personal and political insight, and it will encourage you to grow intellectually beyond the confines of traditional academic learning. From inspiring political leadership to poverty, economic development and major challenges to health, you'll discover why Africa is a continent of historical and contemporary global importance. Pursue your individual interests in Africa through courses that offer a variety of approaches to the area in a number of different disciplines.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Activist, Educator, International Development Worker, Policy Maker

COURSES INCLUDE

Introduction to African Studies; African Dance; African Diasporas; Culture, Development and Democracy in Africa; African Literature; and African Popular Culture

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

African Studies Students' Association

Anthropology

- Gain the critical analytic tools to understand our place in the social and cultural diversity of the world – past and present.
- Take courses that engage in topics such as development and the environment in local and global contexts; media and popular culture; health, illness and disability; gender and sexualities; and violence and conflict.

This interdisciplinary program focuses on a comparative study of the world's societies. You'll learn the anthropological perspective on the differences and the similarities among and between these living societies and cultures in today's world. Our world is constantly changing and its peoples are interconnected by new and powerful economic, cultural and technological forces.

Develop the knowledge and skills to think critically and productively about how concepts such as class, race, gender and ethnic identities are produced and expressed in shifting local and global contexts of power. Our overall goal is to help you become an informed global citizen.

See page 30 for related graduate programs in Social Anthropology.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Anthropologist, Diversity Educator, International Development Worker, Researcher

COURSES INCLUDE

Advocacy and Social Movements; Cultures of the Web; Indigenous Minorities and Human Rights; and Race, Racism and Popular Culture

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Anthropology Students' Association

Business

(HONOURS MINOR)

- Explore your interests through your major while gaining a practical and theoretical understanding of the business world.
- Get a competitive edge – business skills are useful in any work environment, whether you plan to pursue a career in the public, private, not-for-profit or educational sector.

Combine your degree with a minor in business and graduate with in-demand skills that will impress today's employers and give you the breadth of knowledge needed to understand business in our globalized world. No matter what field or career you end up in, having a background in business will complement the expertise and skills you acquire through your major and set you on a fast course for success. The possibilities for combining a major with this exciting minor are endless; pair it with Social Work, Human Resources Management, International Development Studies, Urban Studies or whatever other program you are interested in.

You must have completed 30 credits at York and at the time of your application have a GPA of 5.0 (C+). You must also have completed one 12U mathematics: Advanced Functions or the equivalent.

See page 6 for the related Bachelor of Administrative Studies program.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Business Manager, Entrepreneur, Government Relations Manager, Supply Chain Manager

COURSES INCLUDE

Business in the Canadian Context; Introductory Marketing; Introduction to Organizational Behaviour; and Finance

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

York Business Network

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS



Business Economics

- Gain the knowledge, understanding and disciplinary skills required to analyze business behaviour and formulate effective business strategy.
- Use economic reasoning to evaluate the effects of government policies on business and predict the consequences of alternative policy choices.

This comprehensive program integrates aspects of economics and business studies, focusing on the use of economic analysis and statistical methods to deal effectively with management problems in practical business fields. In applying economic theory to business management, you'll become familiar with the analytical and decision-making techniques used in business and the public and private institutional environments within which businesses operate. Gain critical insight into topics such as the international issues facing businesses in the changing global marketplace.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/buec

CAREER OPTIONS

Business Planner, Corporate Manager, Economist, Strategic Analyst

COURSES INCLUDE

Economics of Project Appraisal and Feasibility; Managerial Economics and Strategy; Monetary Economics I: Financial Markets and Institutions; and Monetary Economics II: Theory and Policy

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Economics Students' Association

Business & Society

- Learn to account for, evaluate and transform the various ways that business influences society and society influences business.
- Acquire an in-depth understanding of the relations between business, social structures and government.

Examine the practical relations between business, social structures and government through the lens of economic, political and social theory. Our program combines courses that provide the economic tools necessary to study and research business with courses that focus on the political, social and cultural context of business, both in Canada and globally. Choose two of the following 10 streams of study: The Firm; The Macroeconomy; The Global Economy; The Social Economy; Labour; Professions, Occupations and Social Change; Law and Governance; The Media and Communications; The Environment; and Business Ethics and Corporate Responsibility.

Consider a certificate in Non-Profit Management. See page 28 for more information.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/buso

CAREER OPTIONS

Human Resources Specialist, International Development Worker, Social Economist

COURSES INCLUDE

Introduction to Business, Foundations of Business, Government and Society; Macroeconomics; and Microeconomics

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Business & Society Club

Canadian Studies

- Our interdisciplinary approach provides you with flexibility and diversity in the study of Canadian history, society and culture in both national and international contexts.
- Customize your program of study according to your needs and strengths.

The Canadian Studies Program focuses on an awareness and analysis of Canadian stories. "Stories" can be considered literally (as in the study of Canadian authors, directors and artists) but they can also be considered politically (such as an investigation of how society is organized and who has power). In this respect, the stories of the marginal are no less critical to understanding Canada than is knowledge of Canadian civics. Moreover, Canadian Studies considers the land itself; the Earth tells its own stories in the composition of the rock, the biodiversity of our forests, oceans and tundra, and in the patterns of city and country living. Finally, the program is concerned with how Canadian stories are used to persuade us – only by understanding media and the techniques of propaganda can we defend ourselves against manipulation by corporations, special interests and politicians, and seek a better Canada.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Archivist, Educator, Journalist, Historian, Politician, Professional Writer

COURSES INCLUDE

Introduction to Canadian Studies; Contexts of Canadian Culture; Aboriginal Canada and European Immigrant Experiences; and Indigenous Literatures

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Students for Canadian Studies

Children's Studies

- Our program focuses on the experiences, knowledge and best interests of children and is based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Explore global childhood experiences over time.

A major focus of our program is the nature and significance of children's culture – distinguishing between culture created by adults for children and the culture of children themselves. Learn ethnographic techniques specific to children and their cultures. You'll analyze children's voices in contemporary and historical contexts, study representations of children and youth in literature, art, advertising, and film, and gain an understanding of the human condition from the child's perspective. You'll also be encouraged to take part in advocacy work.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Children's Rights Advocate, Educator, International Development Worker, Librarian

COURSES INCLUDE

The Worlds of Childhood; On Children: Introduction to Children's Studies; Listening to Children: Ethics and Methodology of Child-Centered Studies; and Contemporary Children's Culture.

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Children's Studies Students' Association

Classical Studies & Classics

- Immerse yourself in ancient Greek and Roman literature, culture and society.
- Explore the impact of the Greeks and Romans on the modern world.

Using ancient texts, documents and works of art, you'll explore the richness of two civilizations that have largely shaped the Western intellectual tradition. Classics focuses on the Greek and Latin languages, while Classical Studies focuses on the literature, culture and history of Greece and Rome. As well as gaining sophisticated knowledge, you'll develop excellent critical and analytical skills and learn how to make rational arguments and defend them clearly.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Classicist, Lawyer, Teacher, Librarian, Curator

COURSES INCLUDE

Myth and Imagination in Ancient Greece and Rome; Greek Drama and Culture; Alexander the Great; The City in the Roman World; Elementary Greek; and Elementary Latin

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Classical Studies Students' Association

Cognitive Science

- Interact with energetic instructors and researchers involved in groundbreaking work in fields such as vision, social cognitive neuroscience, language evolution, autism research, robotics, ape cognition and consciousness.
- Combine courses from philosophy, psychology, linguistics, information technology and computer science to gain in-depth knowledge of the reasoning processes we find in humans, animals and machines.

Take on the challenge of studying the operations of different kinds of minds through this distinctive interdisciplinary program. You'll examine the unique ways in which infants and non-human animals are able to think and reason without language, how computers may be programmed to model intelligent behaviour, and the nature of the relationship between social interaction and cognition. In order to integrate findings from different fields, you'll be trained in the methodologies of a range of disciplines, and you'll have the opportunity to apply these methods in order to examine the nature of thought, memory, perception, language and other cognitive processes.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Educator, Neuroscientist, Speech Pathologist, Therapist

COURSES INCLUDE

Animal Behaviour; Minds, Brains and Machines; Neural Bases of Behaviour; and Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Cognitive Science Students' Association

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS



Communication Studies

- You'll gain a comprehensive understanding of traditional forms of media – print, radio, film and television, computer-mediated communication and telecommunication networks that facilitate new media and new modes of communication.

The emphasis of the program is on conceptual and critical-skills development rather than on technical and applied training. The program aims to facilitate reflective learning and to develop effective verbal and written skills – not only as a means of critical and creative expression, but it is also fundamental to the development of social communication and media, life-long learning and contribution to community life. We aim to produce graduates who have acquired skills in communication analysis, who understand the increasingly complex field of communication and who can clearly and effectively communicate their knowledge. Graduates go on to careers in a wide range of media and policy-related fields or further graduate studies in media, culture, law or public policy.

See page 30 for related graduate programs in Communication Studies.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Media Relations, Public Affairs and Political Communication, International Relations, Creative Arts, New Media Development

COURSES INCLUDE

Information and Technology; Politics and Policy; and Media and Culture

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Communication Studies Students' Association

Creative Writing

- Study with professors who are accomplished and published poets, novelists and short-story writers.
- You can attend the Creative Writing Series and the Canadian Writers In Person Series with opportunities to hear from and speak with internationally acclaimed authors.

Develop your talents and abilities as a writer while honing your creativity. We emphasize literary writing rather than formula writing and will acquaint you with the forms and styles of writing that authors – past and present – have explored in their works. You'll be exposed to the history of formal experimentation and growth in particular genres. Specialization in one or two genres, such as fiction and poetry, is encouraged as you begin to write in an expanding environment of literary and linguistic knowledge.

Applications are accepted only after the completion of two years of university-level study, with a minimum of 54 credits completed.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Editor, Novelist, Poet, Screenwriter

COURSES INCLUDE

Fiction Workshop; Playwriting; Poetry Workshop; and Screenwriting

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

English Undergraduate Students' Association

Criminology

- Explore and critically analyze criminological theories about why people commit crime.
- Examine the way societies define crime and how criminal justice systems and other forms of security and regulation are affected by social and historical contexts.

Crime and criminality are central concerns within our contemporary world. From politics to law, in social and economic policy and throughout the media, issues of crime and justice, criminality and social control command increasing attention and interest. Our program will provide you with an exceptional opportunity to pursue study in this evolving and expanding field. You'll explore the ways in which concepts of crime, criminality and criminal justice have developed over time. You'll also investigate how crime has been, and is, understood legally, politically, economically and culturally.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Community Outreach Worker, Conflict Mediator, Policy Analyst, Researcher

COURSES INCLUDE

Criminal Justice System; The Politics of Crime Prevention; Regulation and Punishment; and Theories of Criminology

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Criminology Society of York University



Culture & Expression

- Explore exciting artistic expressions of human creativity in popular culture, literature, architecture, media and technology.
- Learn how a broad range of cultural and artistic forms convey social, political and philosophical concerns.

Study ways of understanding culture as an expression that animates human imagination and life and develop your own creative abilities. Students speculate on how creative cultural expression operates in social, political and cultural settings by examining popular culture, the arts, media and digital technology, literature, material culture and architecture. Explore your own creative impulse and the cultural setting that ignites it. Examine how historical and contemporary themes are expressed, refracted and reflected through various forms of popular culture, literary studies and a range of cultural forms, including cinema, theatre and music. Studies show that students who develop their creative and analytic skills are better trained to look at familiar problems from a fresh perspective. Such skills are invaluable for any career and complement all of your studies. They will prepare you to work in the cultural industries, including business and education, advertising, marketing and any profession that requires creative thinking.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/cult

CAREER OPTIONS

Cultural Policy Analyst, Curator, Journalist, Publicist, Teacher

COURSES INCLUDE

Arts and Rights; Media, Culture and Technology; Propaganda and Culture; and Questioning Culture

Disaster & Emergency Management

- Develop critical, analytic and applied skills as you explore key concepts, methodologies and technologies used by today's emergency management professionals.
- Examine a diverse range of topics, including business continuity planning, emergency management communications, disaster risk management, ethics and terrorism.

Gain the academic and technical skills necessary to aid in the prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery from regional and global disasters and emergencies. Our interdisciplinary program will provide you with a range of core management competencies relevant to career paths in government, the private sector and non-governmental organizations. You'll learn to apply key concepts, methodologies and strategies used by emergency management professionals to complex real-life challenges. Our focus on critical, analytic and research skills will ensure that you are well-positioned to pursue graduate education in disaster and emergency management or a related field such as environmental studies or business administration.

See page 30 for the related graduate program in Disaster and Emergency Management.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Business Continuity Planner, Disaster Recovery Coordinator, Emergency Manager, Public Policy Analyst

COURSES INCLUDE

Disaster Risk Management; Ethics: Society, the Environment and Disasters; Social Issues in Disaster Management; and Terrorism: The New Threat

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Disaster & Emergency Management Students' Association

East Asian Studies

- Add an international component to your degree: participate in the Canada-Taiwan exchange program sponsored by the Department of Human Resources Development Canada.
- Enjoy a rich and flexible program of study that brings together courses from the academic disciplines of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Languages and Literatures, and Fine Arts.

China, Japan and Korea, seats of ancient civilizations and modern societies of immense global significance, form the basis of this program. Expect to be challenged, engaged and rewarded with an in-depth understanding of the region. Bridging East Asia's dynamic modern milieu and its rich history, our program will help you gain an appreciation of the importance of Chinese, Japanese and Korean language, literature and fine arts, as well as the political, economic and social impact of these nations.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Foreign Service Officer, International Development Worker, Language Educator, Translator

COURSES INCLUDE

Culture and Society in East Asia; Japanese Culture, Literature and Film; and Zen Painting and Poetry

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

East Asian Studies Students' Association

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS



Economics

- Acquire the analytical skills necessary for understanding and solving complex economic problems.
- Learn to evaluate economic theories and interpret economic behaviour through the use of data and empirical testing.

Understand money and incentives and gain a clear grasp of the economy from both micro and macro perspectives. You'll focus on aspects of social behaviour and institutions that are involved in the allocation of scarce resources – among competing uses – in an attempt to satisfy our unlimited human wants. You'll also learn how to solve a wide range of individual and social problems related to production and consumption in a variety of national and international settings, including product, labour and capital markets.

See page 30 for related graduate programs in Economics and Financial Accountability.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/econ

CAREER OPTIONS

Economist, Market Analyst, Policy Adviser, Researcher

COURSES INCLUDE

Health Economics; Industrial Organization; International Trade; and Labour Economics

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Economics Students' Association

English

- Pursue your individual interests and explore all types of literature from the medieval period to the present.
- Choose from courses highlighting interdisciplinary approaches and methods.

Do you love literature? Then study how to read it critically and imaginatively in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies. Delve into literature's earliest origins. Marvel at its latest transformations. Explore the staged theatricality of drama and the meditative voice of poetic lyric. Indulge in the size and sweep of the novel and the concentrated power of the short story. Learn about the world's cultures through the writing of creative artists, and rediscover your own place in a global conversation. Train to express yourself with confidence and flair in spoken words and in writing. An English degree provides you with fascinating and valuable cultural knowledge, critical reading and thinking skills, and top-notch communication abilities, getting you ready for any career or life path. An English degree is one of the most valuable credentials a university student can graduate with today.

See page 30 for related graduate programs in English.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/en

CAREER OPTIONS

Copywriter, Marketing Director, Media Researcher, Public Relations Officer

COURSES INCLUDE

Apocalyptic Science Fiction; Comics and Cartoons; The Concept of Play; and Filming Literature

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

English Undergraduate Students' Association

English & Professional Writing

- Enrich your education by taking literature courses taught by renowned English professors, and rhetoric and writing courses taught by professional writers in the field.
- We emphasize close connections between critical reading, writing and analytical thinking – giving you the skills today's employers demand.

Our program blends English and professional writing, highlighting and enhancing the relationship between the two fields of study. You'll gain specialized knowledge by connecting the two fields and gaining in-demand skills suitable for a wide range of careers. This degree option provides a more coherent course of study than pursuing a double major or major/minor option that treats the two fields as separate disciplines.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/enpr

CAREER OPTIONS

Advertising and Promotions Coordinator, Book Editor, Copywriter, Corporate Communications Manager

COURSES INCLUDE

Books and Bookmaking; Introduction to Institutional Writing; Oral Traditions and Professional Writing; and Reading the News: Examining the Rhetoric of the Press

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

English Undergraduate Students' Association



European Studies

- Study for a year in Europe through one of our many exchange or internship programs in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal, Scotland, Spain and Sweden.
- Enhance your studies by attending activities organized by the on-campus Canadian Centre for German & European Studies, including workshops, seminars and lectures by visiting scholars.

We take a wide-ranging interdisciplinary and intercultural approach to the study of Europe. From Douro to the Don and from Tromsø to Tripoli, you'll examine European developments from the Middle Ages to the present day. You can study Europe in general or focus your studies on a specific country. To understand Europe fully, you'll take at least one course in a European language other than English; we offer French, German, modern Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Russian.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/euro

CAREER OPTIONS

Educator, Consulate and Foreign Affairs Official, Transnational Lawyer, Travel and Tourism Consultant

COURSES INCLUDE

Defining Europe: An Introduction to European Studies; Europe à la mode: Fashion and the Critical Methodologies of European Studies; The History of Modern Europe; and Imagining the European City in Literature and Film

Financial & Business Economics

- Acquire the conceptual and analytical tools of economics needed to investigate and understand monetary activities.
- Gain the theoretical skills to appreciate the role of uncertainty, options and/or information in the allocation of resources over time.

Our program combines a rigorous quantitative and analytical approach with practical application and is designed for students interested in understanding the workings of financial markets, such as the stock market and financing of companies. You'll gain a broad understanding of the economic framework upon which financial theory is based. Through a blend of theory and applied tools of modern finance you'll also develop a solid knowledge of the microeconomic principles underlying financial markets, the macroeconomic role of finance and the quantitative tools used for analyzing financial markets.

See page 30 for related graduate programs in Economics and Financial Accountability.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/fbec

CAREER OPTIONS

Consultant, Corporate Financial Manager, Investment Banker, Venture Capitalist

COURSES INCLUDE

Corporate Finance; International Monetary Economics; Financial Econometrics; and Financial Economics

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Economics Students' Association

French Studies

- Develop competence in oral and written French and the critical-thinking skills Canadian and international employers admire.
- Study with dedicated professors from a variety of French-speaking countries.

Learn not only the French language but also get acquainted with and explore the francophone world and the diversity of its art, cultures and societies. We offer courses in several areas, enabling you to pursue interests in French language and culture, linguistics and literature. Our teaching emphasizes the development of active learning and collaborative strategies to prepare you for the future.

Acquire a French Language Proficiency certificate or a certificate of French Language Proficiency in Business. See page 28 for more information.

See page 30 for the related graduate program in Études françaises.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/fr

CAREER OPTIONS

Educator, Public Relations Officer, Researcher, Human Resources

COURSES INCLUDE

French Cinema; Language and Culture in the French Speaking World; French Sociolinguistics; Linguistics Applied to the Teaching of French; Literature of French Canada; and Literature for Young People

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Étudiants francophones de York (efY)

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS



Gender & Women's Studies

- Our dedicated, dynamic, award-winning professors offer excellent learning environments at all levels of study.
- We have been a leader in the study of women and gender in Canada for three decades.

Think! Critique! Act! Create! Transform! These are skills and practices we encourage in our students. Our undergraduate programs offer challenging, interdisciplinary courses on women and gender. Courses explore relations of power in the lives of individuals, groups and cultures in multiple settings and sites locally and transnationally. They analyze constructions and intersections of gender, race, class, age, ability and sexuality in daily life, popular culture, the arts, the sciences, politics, society and the economy.

Graduates apply their understandings of women's issues and gender analyses in a wide range of fields, including the arts, education, law, social work, public service, NGOs, business, government and media.

We offer two certificates: Gender & Women's Studies and Advanced Gender & Women's Studies. See page 28 for more information. See page 30 for our graduate program in Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/gwst

CAREER OPTIONS

Advocate, Community Support Worker, Educator, Social Worker

COURSES INCLUDE

Gender and the City; Mothering and Motherhood; Self and Identity: Contemporary Feminist and Anti-racist Perspectives; Discerning Masculinities; and Sex, Gender and Popular Culture

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Feminist Action

Geography

- Geography is a cutting-edge field that investigates some of the world's most pressing issues such as climate change, conservation, and resource depletion.
- We are committed to hands-on learning, including using modern technologies and conducting field-work.

We offer students tools to analyze changes unfolding in places as diverse as Toronto's neighbourhoods, Arctic streams, North American deserts, and the national parks, forests, and cities of Asia, Africa, and the Americas. We enable you to focus your courses around broad themes including The City; Globalization, Environment, and Development; Extreme Environments; and Geoinformatics.

We invite you to take advantage of our specialized resources, including a world-class map library, a geographic resource centre, a GIS & remote sensing laboratory, a river flume laboratory, and an extensive water and soil analysis laboratory.

Pair your degree with a Certificate in Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing. See page 28 for more information. See page 30 for related graduate programs in Geography.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/geog

CAREER OPTIONS

Teacher, Journalist, NGO Officer, Urban/Regional Planner, GIS Technician, Climate Change Researcher, Air/Water Quality Manager, Hazard Assessor

COURSES INCLUDE

Global Environmental Change; Public Space; Foodscapes and Agriscapes; Immigration, Ethnicity and Race; Ecological Climatology

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Geography and Environmental Science Students @ York (GESS@Y)

Geography & Urban Studies

- Our program stresses first-hand fieldwork of the social and spatial fabrics of cities.
- Learn from a group of dynamic professors who care about individual student success.

Combine an interdisciplinary exploration of urban life, its qualities and its discontents with the study of social geography – the discipline that has most closely examined the nature of city lives and city places. You may orient your studies toward a number of topics: the modern city, urban development in a global context, the history and comparative study of cities, or planning and environmental issues.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/geur

CAREER OPTIONS

Community Development Coordinator, International Development Worker, Journalist, Urban Planner

COURSES INCLUDE

City Lives and City Forms; The Greater Toronto Area: A Geographical Perspective; Theory and Practice of Urban Planning; and Wired Cities: Community, Technology and Changing Urban Places

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Geography and Environmental Science Students @ York (GESS@Y)



German Studies

- York has the best array of exchange programs with institutions in German-speaking Europe.
- Join fellow students, faculty and international leaders in business, government, arts and culture at York's prestigious on-campus research centre, the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies.

German Studies is an interdisciplinary program that encompasses subjects ranging from language, literature and film studies to intellectual and cultural history, political science, urban studies, museum studies, art history and women's studies. By exploring the German-speaking world, you'll gain an understanding of its rich cultural heritage and learn about the writers, filmmakers, philosophers, scientists, artists and intellectuals who have helped shape modern society. Graduate with a unique intercultural perspective and critical tools that are indispensable for meeting the challenges of the 21st century.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/gest

CAREER OPTIONS

Cultural Institution Worker, Diplomat, Educator, Researcher

COURSES INCLUDE

Germany Through the Ages; German Romanticism: Tradition and Revolution; Germany and the Global Imaginary; Berlin in German Literature and Culture; Screening the Past: Rewriting German History in Film

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

The YorkU Deutschklub

Global Political Studies

- Learn to conceptualize and think critically about global politics and issues. What are the roots of international terrorism? What does the Arab Spring mean for global relations?
- Engage in open discussions with your peers and professors on some of the most contentious political issues. Learn how global politics affects you and what you could do to bring about change and become a specialist in two fields - International Relations and Comparative World Politics, combined with a broad education in the field of politics. Study such topics as foreign policy, conflict and security, globalization, global poverty and development and new social movements.

What are the roots of international terrorism? How is world trade affecting the balance of rich and poor nations? Examine questions like these and specialize in international or global politics by combining courses in two fields – international relations and comparative world politics. You'll gain the skills required to analyze global political forces as well as a broad education in the field of politics. Study such topics as foreign and security policy, war and conflict, global poverty and new social movements.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/gpst

CAREER OPTIONS

Diplomat, International Civil Servant, Global Risk Analyst, Human Rights Advocate, International Development Expert, Trade and Investment Specialist

COURSES INCLUDE

Canada and World Affairs; Global Conflict and Security; Global Justice and International Humanitarianism; War and Peace in the Middle East; Global Political Economy; Perspectives on Politics

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Global Political Students' Association

Health & Society

- By seeing health in its social context, you'll look past the limits of medicine as we know it to a much wider set of questions that engage social, cultural, political and moral aspects of the human experience.
- We examine health within a societal context and explore such issues as international health, indigenous health, patients, various health professionals, women and health, environments and health, aging and disabilities.

Health & Society will challenge you to look critically at biomedical models and practices, to understand the complexity of health policy, to see ways in which globalizing economies shape both illness and health care and to appreciate the role played by social forces and cultural change in shaping individual well-being. Our unique program draws upon concepts and tools from many social scientific disciplines to explore the ways in which social conditions influence health and how health concerns shape social relations and institutions.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/heso

CAREER OPTIONS

Community Health Worker, Health Advocate, Health Educator, Social Worker

COURSES INCLUDE

Health in Crisis: Issues of Health, Environment and Poverty; Health and Development in the Third World; Indigenous Health; and Women and Health

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

The Health and Society Student Club

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS



Hellenic Studies

- Toronto's vibrant Greek community, through the creation of the Hellenic Heritage Chair, has made our program the leading centre of Hellenic Studies in Ontario and beyond.
- Participate in connections with universities in Greece and with Hellenic Studies programs around the globe.

From Ancient Greece came many of the Western world's cultural values and social institutions, while contemporary Greece (situated at the intersection between Europe and the Middle East) is a vitally important modern nation. In our exciting Hellenic Studies program you'll have the opportunity to explore the ancient and modern periods in Greece through a curriculum that integrates language study with courses covering Greek literature, culture and history.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/heln

CAREER OPTIONS

Business Manager, Educator, Lawyer, Researcher

COURSES INCLUDE

Modern Greece: From Independence to the Present; Modern Greek Literature and Culture After Independence; Myth in Ancient Greece; and Alexander the Great: Myth and Reality

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Hellenic Studies Students' Association

History

- Courses range in time from antiquity to the present.
- Add an international component to your degree by studying at one of our partner universities in Asia, the Caribbean, Europe and other regions around the world.

History provides us with a valuable roadmap to the future. By studying the past, you'll deepen your understanding of the present and acquire the skills necessary to succeed in today's world: critical thinking and analysis, research, and effective oral and written communication.

Whatever historical period you're interested in, we've got courses designed for you. Study the rise and fall of Rome, explore the spread of Fascism in Europe, examine the histories of indigenous peoples in North America, or map out the history of gender and sexuality in different cultures and societies.

See page 30 for related graduate programs in History.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/hist

CAREER OPTIONS

Lawyer, Educator, Journalist, Civil Servant, Policy Maker, Scholar

COURSES INCLUDE

Islamic Civilization; Medieval and Early Modern Europe; History of Women in Canada; Social History of Modern Sport; Murder & Other Crimes: Law and Justice in 20th Century North America; Alexander the Great

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Undergraduate History Students' Association

Humanities

- We're unique in Canada for our interdisciplinary approach to diverse cultures – from classical antiquity to today's digital universe, and from Asia to Europe to the Americas.
- Gain a global perspective by studying at one of our partner universities in Australia, Europe, Asia, the Middle East or the Caribbean.

As one of the oldest areas of study in the world, the humanities focus on human cultures, their multiple forms of expression, and their philosophical, religious, moral, political, scientific and aesthetic values. Our program promotes a critical approach that, in encouraging you to question preconceived assumptions, enables you to appreciate cultural diversity and function effectively in a knowledge economy and globalized world. Choose from more than 80 courses integrating various fields and delve into areas such as fantasy, children's rights, comparative religions, popular culture, fine arts and gender studies.

See page 30 for related graduate programs in Humanities.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/huma

CAREER OPTIONS

Educator, Journalist, Public Servant, Researcher

COURSES INCLUDE

The Enlightenment and Human Understanding; Jews in Muslim and Christian Spain; Myth and Imagination in Greece and Rome; and The Networked Imagination

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Children's Studies Students' Association



Human Resources Management

- Our curriculum draws on a range of areas including business, economics, psychology and sociology.
- Courses lead to certification as a Certified Human Resources Professional (CHRP).

Our dynamic program responds directly to a growing demand for certified HR professionals. You'll acquire specialized training in all aspects of HR management. Our interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning enables you to develop the research, analytical and management skills that will help you to become a successful HR professional, able to deal effectively with a variety of employee and organizational issues. Extracurricular opportunities include an HR student club, career management workshops and networking with senior HR professionals.

See page 30 for related graduate programs in Human Resources Management.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/hrm

CAREER OPTIONS

Career Counsellor, Compensation Analyst, Corporate Trainer, Recruitment and Selection Officer, HR generalist, HR consultant, HR officer, and HR business partner

COURSES INCLUDE

Employment Equity and Diversity; Human Resources Planning; International Human Resources Management; and Training and Development

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

HR Students' Association

Human Rights & Equity Studies

- Focus on the full range of human rights and equity issues – children's rights, women's rights, language rights, the rights of persons with disabilities and persons facing discrimination, economic and political rights, and the rights of working people.
- Our program is concerned with freedom of speech and with cultural freedoms. It has an important international dimension.

Efforts to identify and defend the rights of all persons have an ancient history, and these ideas can be found all over the world. Today we are faced with local and global issues that, in one way or another, impact us all: unequal access to education and basic health rights, surveillance and suppression of speech, coerced labour and denial of economic security, and atrocities of enslavement, military occupation and war. You will explore the roots of these problems and the diverse forms of resistance to them. Graduate prepared to pursue a variety of careers, as well as graduate studies in such areas as women's studies, sociology, anthropology and political science.

Pursue a certificate in Anti-Racist Research and Practice or Refugee and Migration Studies. See page 28 for more information.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/hreq

CAREER OPTIONS

International Human Rights Worker, Refugee and Immigration Advocate, Trade Union Equity Officer, Women and Children's Rights Officer

COURSES INCLUDE

Children's Struggle for Human Rights and Equity; Equity in Schooling and Human Rights; Human Rights and Global Economy; and Introduction to Human Rights and Equity Studies

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Human Rights & Social Justice Association

Individualized Studies

- Cater your studies to your academic needs.
- Specialize in a non-traditional area.

Individualized Studies is designed for students whose academic interests are best met by a program of study that they tailor to suit themselves. Students define a subject and theme that fits their interests, find a professor who will act as mentor and eventually grade the thesis, and assemble a bundle of courses from across the university, all linked by their relevance to the central project for the final year. The program advisor helps the students navigate the process and, when all is ready, gives permission to enrol in the major. Students can apply to the program – usually in their second year – with a minimum of 24 credits and a maximum of 66.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/indv

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS



Information Technology

- Our courses are tied directly to real-world needs and have industrial relevance.
- Focus on understanding how organizations and IT intertwine.

With the revolution in information technology, virtually every organization requires IT professionals. Having the big-picture understanding to liaise between technical and non-technical info-tech users, graduates of the IT program are uniquely positioned to plan, analyze and design.

Recognizing the importance of combining technical and non-technical aspects, our program offers six streams: Communications; Health Industry; Management; Marketing; Professional Writing; and Technology & Society.

Students in the Information Technology stream of our Administrative Studies program will pursue specializations in Business Systems Analysis, E-Commerce Development and Information Technology Auditing & Assurance. See page 6 for more information.

Earn a certificate in Information Technology Auditing & Assurance. See page 28 for more information. See page 30 for the related graduate program in Information Systems & Technology.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/itec

CAREER OPTIONS

IT Consultant, IT Project Manager, Application Developer, Client Support Specialist, Network and Database Administrator, Systems Analyst, IT Auditor

COURSES INCLUDE

Applied Data Communications and Networks; Designing User Interfaces; Systems Analysis and Design

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

ITSA Club

International Development Studies

- Complement your studies with overseas internships, volunteer positions or study-abroad programs to develop an awareness of diverse cultures and become familiar with the dynamics of poverty and development.
- Emerge from the program with a thorough grounding in the history, debates, dimensions, institutional approaches and critiques in the field.

International Development Studies highlights common themes in the field of development and emphasizes the diversity of experiences in the developing world. We view the field from the perspective of critical liberal arts. We also offer an inclusive, interdisciplinary and comparative approach to the interpretation of the histories, political economies and cultures of the developing world and the diasporic communities that represent the Global South.

You can also pursue a dual degree program involving the Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering and the Bachelor of Arts in International Development Studies.

See page 30 for the related graduate program in Development Studies.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/idst

CAREER OPTIONS

Community Development Coordinator, Educator, International Development Worker, Researcher

COURSES INCLUDE

Development Planning and Management; Development Studies Research Methods; State and Civil Society in Latin America; and Third World Feminisms

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

International Development Studies Students' Association

Italian Culture

- An exciting learning experience for students of any background in the areas of Italian culture, literature and linguistics.
- Take courses on a variety of literary topics, linguistic history and dialectology, as well as Italian civilization, cinema and the Italian-Canadian immigration experience.

The Italian Culture degree comprises a variety of courses aimed at investigating aspirations, accomplishments and conflicts that characterize Italian society from the Middle Ages to the present. The required courses for this degree program adopt an interdisciplinary approach that favours a cross-examination of historical, social, political and literary texts, as well as their correlations to artistic expressions, particularly within the context of the visual arts, music, cinema and other media.

Regardless of your background, you are given a unique opportunity to develop the analytical and critical tools necessary for tackling the complexities of cultural constructs, identities and social organizations that go beyond the confines of Italy. Italian Culture provides students with a valuable and stimulating experience of another culture and makes a significant contribution in building a solid foundation for the study of the Humanities in general.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/itcu

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Federazione canadese italiana (FCI)



Italian Studies

- Benefit from enhanced interdisciplinary and cross-cultural knowledge.
- Pursue our Summer Studies in Italy Program in Bologna, Florence and Rome or a full-year exchange program with one of our partner universities.

We offer a full spectrum of Italian language courses from elementary to advanced, as well as courses in both Italian and English that focus on linguistics, literature and culture through history, film and theatre. This knowledge enhances broad skills that can be used in a wide variety of disciplines and work environments.

Complement your degree with a Certificate of Italian Proficiency (beginner, intermediate or advanced). See page 28 for more information.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/itas

CAREER OPTIONS

Banking & Finance Officer, Educator, International Marketer, International Business Manager, Translator, Lawyer

COURSES INCLUDE

History of the Italian Language; Italian: A Minority Culture and Language in North American Society; Italian Cinema; Media and the Idea of Italy

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Federazione canadese italiana (FCI)

Jewish Studies

- Explore Judaism and the Jewish people with a view to understanding the human situation in its diversity and complexity.
- Our interdisciplinary program encompasses subject areas that are exceptionally diverse (history, thought, language, literature and sociology) while allowing you to design a custom-made program suited to your interests.

Religion, ethnicity, nation – who are the Jews? What is Judaism? Jewish Studies explores Jewish texts, thought, belief, history, cultures, sociologies, languages and fine arts from biblical times to the present. It provides a model for exploring some of the larger humanistic and philosophical questions affecting us all. You'll examine these questions within the context of the many Western and non-Western civilizations in which Jewish people have lived and which have helped to shape – and been shaped by – Judaism. You'll also explore Jewish interactions with non-Jewish people over the ages, evolving attitudes toward – and images of – Jewish people within various non-Jewish cultures and the history of anti-Semitism.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/jest

CAREER OPTIONS

Educator, Performer, Writer, Social Worker, Community Service Worker, NGO Worker, Diplomat, Scholar, Clergy

COURSES INCLUDE

Contemporary Jewish Life in North America; The Final Solution: Perspectives on the Holocaust; The Jewish Experience: Symbiosis and Rejection; and Sex and Violence in the Hebrew Bible

Latin American & Caribbean Studies

- Consider adding an international component to your degree by pursuing your studies abroad at one of our partner universities.
- Build your network by engaging in a wide range of events, including academic conferences, small workshops, art exhibits, film festivals and talks by prominent world figures.

Gain an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary understanding of the rich and complex cultures, history and contemporary issues in Latin America and the Caribbean. York is Canada's centre for research and social involvement in Latin America and the Caribbean and our scholars bring their wide-ranging expertise to the program. We're linked with one of Canada's premier research institutes, the Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean, and have extensive institutional partnerships throughout the region.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/lacs

CAREER OPTIONS

Business & Government Consultant, Cross-Border Relations Officer, International Development Worker, Lawyer

COURSES INCLUDE

Aspects of Modern Brazil; Contemporary Latin America; History of the Caribbean; and Latin American History

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS



Law & Society

- We're one of the oldest and largest legal studies programs in North America, with more than 30 years of history and approximately 1,000 majors.
- Our professors bring a range of interdisciplinary expertise and training to the classroom, drawing from fields as diverse as anthropology, history, philosophy, law, sociology, criminology and political science.

We aim to promote the intellectual importance of the study of law and society, and law in society, to provide a framework within which students may explore different approaches to law using interdisciplinary resources as well as international and comparative perspectives, to equip them with critical skills for socio-legal study and research, and to sharpen a view of law as implicated in their everyday lives.

See page 30 for the related graduate program in Public Policy, Administration & Law.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/laso

CAREER OPTIONS

Lawyer, Legal Assistant, Public Policy Analyst, Researcher

COURSES INCLUDE

Globalization, Law and Democracy; Indigenous Peoples and Law; Law, Medicine and Madness; and Paradoxes of Rights

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Law & Society Students' Association

Linguistics

- Take advantage of our small class sizes and get to know your professors.
- Focus on core aspects of linguistics (phonetics, phonology, morphology and syntax), as well as sociolinguistics, linguistic variation and change, discourse analysis, psycholinguistics, language acquisition and semantics.

Language is one of the basic elements of our humanity as it is involved in nearly every aspect of our life. Linguistics concerns itself with discovering the universal principles of human language and applying these principles to provide systematic descriptions of individual languages. You'll investigate sound and word patterns, sentence structure, language usage and change, the acquisition of first and second languages, as well as the relationship between language and the mind, and language and society.

See page 30 for related graduate programs in Linguistics & Applied Linguistics.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/ling

CAREER OPTIONS

Teaching, Speech Language Pathology and Audiology, Law, Dictionary Making, Language Documentation, Government

COURSES INCLUDE

Discourse Analysis; Phonology; Psycholinguistics; Syntax; and Variation and Change

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Linguistics Students' Association at York U

Multicultural & Indigenous Studies

- MIST is the only program of its kind in Canada.

MIST brings together three vibrant areas of study – diaspora, Indigenous studies, and race and multiculturalism – providing you the opportunity to choose which area to study. Core courses integrate these distinct yet interconnected disciplines. Our program represents the cutting edge in social justice studies and will prepare you to address the complex issues facing a society that is struggling toward racial and ethnic equality. Courses address globalization, migration and diaspora, Indigenous and anti-racist feminism, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism.

We offer a certificate in Indigenous Studies and a certificate in Anti-Racist Research & Practice, as well as in Refugee & Migration studies. See page 28 for more information.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/mist

CAREER OPTIONS

Civil Servant, Human Rights/Equity Officer, Immigration Worker, Public Relations Officer

COURSES INCLUDE

Black Indians and Native-Black Relations; Multicultural and Indigenous Studies; Introduction to Indigenous Thought; Racism and Colonialism; and Social Justice Studies

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Human Rights and Social Justice Students' Association



Philosophy

- We teach you how to think, not what to think.
- Get ahead: philosophy majors perform much better than average on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) and the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

Explore life's deepest questions concerning the nature of happiness, the requirements of justice, the limits of knowledge and the meaning of freedom. You'll discover how to develop answers to these questions and how to explain them to others in a way that is accessible and clear. You'll also learn to engage productively with alternative points of view and defend effectively your own views in argument. These skills are applicable to all areas of modern life: intellectual, professional and personal.

Interested in a certificate in Practical Ethics? See page 28 for more information.

See page 30 for the related graduate program in Philosophy.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/phil

CAREER OPTIONS

Administrator, Diplomat, Educator, Lawyer

COURSES INCLUDE

Ancient Philosophy; The Meaning of Life; Philosophy of Gender & Sexuality; and Philosophy of Law

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Undergraduate Philosophy Association

Political Science

- Our professors are renowned in many areas, including Canadian politics, international relations, political theory, comparative politics and women and politics.
- We help you gain international experience through York's exchange programs and study abroad opportunities.

Our program encompasses the actions of governments, political parties and the courts, international relations as well as political movements in society and in the power relations of everyday life. Choose from a rich and diverse range of courses that will allow you to focus on a number of topics such as global politics; the politics of law; political economy; international development; diversity and social justice. You'll gain a comprehensive understanding of critical issues facing our world and the political context in which they exist, while acquiring analytical and communications skills employers look for.

See page 30 for related graduate programs in Political Science.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/pols

CAREER OPTIONS

Diplomat, Civil servant, Journalist, Lawyer, Policy Analyst

COURSES INCLUDE

The Politics of Law; Global Issues in Foreign Policy; War and Peace in the Middle East; Canada in a North American Context

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

*Undergraduate Political Science Council
Model United Nations at York University*

Portuguese Studies

- Our program is the only one in Canada to offer a course solely dedicated to the region of the Azores.
- Experience all that we have to offer: a cinema series, Lusophone coffee hour, and theatrical and musical performances.

Focus not only on Portugal, but on the entire Lusophone world across four continents: Europe, Africa, South America and Asia. You'll learn about and engage with a diversity of cultures – their art, literature, history, and social and political landscapes. The Portuguese language is the sixth most widely used language in the world and spoken daily by 220 million people. Our program will prepare you for work almost anywhere in areas such as education, foreign service, international development, social services, the arts, media, national and international law, business and finance, medicine and publishing.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/port

CAREER OPTIONS

Educator, Foreign Services Worker, International Development Worker, Researcher

COURSES INCLUDE

Aspects of Contemporary Portugal; Aspects of Modern Brazil; Culture and Cinema; Discovery and Conquest: The Age of Camões

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

York University Portuguese Association

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS



Professional Writing

- Join a community of dynamic individuals who share your passion for writing.
- Specialize in one of three streams: Book Production, Periodical (writing and publishing non-fiction), or Institutional Communications (writing in and for business).

Are you creative? Curious about the world? Drawn to writing as a way of exchanging and sharing ideas and information with others? In every sphere of life and work, clear and effective written communication of ideas and information, knowledge and opinion, is essential.

We combine studies of the historical and theoretical analysis of written expression with the development of practical expertise in creating, managing, coordinating and presenting written information in a constructive and dynamic fashion.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Corporate Communications Manager, Editor, Freelance Writer, Journalist

COURSES INCLUDE

Introduction to Research; Prose; Grammar and Proofreading; Copy/ Fundamentals of Editing; Technical Writing; Periodical Writing; Ethics & Publicity; and Practical Studies in Damage Control; Presentation Strategies

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Professional Writing Students' Association

Public Administration

- Gain a strong grounding in politics and public administration while acquiring the management skills needed to tackle the day-to-day issues involved in running a public sector or private organization.
- Explore the interface between politics and policy-making through a range of contemporary perspectives.

Deepen your knowledge of Canadian politics and public institutions while developing in-demand critical, analytic, management and research skills invaluable to your career. You'll gain a clear understanding of the theory and practice of government while acquiring expertise relevant to policy analysis, program evaluation and other public service functions. Our program responds directly to the shortage of public administration recruits in Canadian federal, provincial and municipal governments. Several of our students each year also go on to law school and other postgraduate programs. Many courses involve simulations and exercises drawn from real-world scenarios at the federal, provincial and municipal levels of government, and a limited number of practicum and internship placements are available for qualified students.

See page 30 for the related graduate program in Public Policy, Administration & Law.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/bpa

CAREER OPTIONS

Public Service, Management Consultant, Policy Analyst, Lobbyist, Community Organizer, Manager for Non-Profit Organizations

COURSES INCLUDE

Public Law; Public Administration; Human Resources Management; Accounting; Program Evaluation

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Public Policy and Administration Students' Association

Religious Studies

- Study religious expression in a variety of cultures, including those of India, China, Korea and Native communities of North America.
- Visit the historical places discussed in class through a York International study abroad program.

Assess the history, development and role of religion in today's multicultural and secular world. Through lectures and tutorials, you'll examine questions about life, death and suffering; the nature of good and evil; and the role of the self in society. You'll also explore how and why humans have appealed to spirituality and the divine as they've struggled to make sense of themselves and their world. Concentrate your studies on particular religious traditions – for example, Islam or Confucianism – or pursue a more comparative approach. Gain a solid foundation in the analysis of sophisticated texts and improve your research and writing skills to prepare for graduate studies or professions such as law, education, social work and counseling, as well as careers in the media or in religious institutions.

Pair your degree with a certificate in Jewish Studies. See page 28 for more information.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/rels

CAREER OPTIONS

Chaplain, Educator, Historian, Researcher

COURSES INCLUDE

Religion and Technology; Sex and Violence in the Hebrew Bible; Sikh History and Thought; and Women in Islam



Science & Technology Studies

- Learn to analyze complex ideas and discover how to trace the origins and implications of events and patterns of thought in the past and present.
- Gain an intellectual appreciation for the sciences and technology as powerful means for understanding, embodying and shaping the world and ourselves.

Explore the global impact of science and technology on society, world religions and cultures through our program – the only one of its kind in Canada. You'll investigate specific scientific and technological discoveries and their implications. STS is an exciting and challenging interdisciplinary study that evolved from earlier fields of history, philosophy and sociology of science. Our program is one of the largest anywhere with an impressive depth of scholarly and teaching experience.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/sts

CAREER OPTIONS

Academic, Educator, Journalist, Policy Researcher

COURSES INCLUDE

Biomedicine in Socio-historical Context; Interfaces: Technology and the Human; Science, Technology and Modern Warfare; and Technological Failure: Innovation, Accident and Society

Sexuality Studies

- Be part of a large and exciting community of scholars, teachers, writers and activists who are producing new ways of thinking about sex, gender and sexuality.
- Explore sexuality in transnational and global contexts in relation to ability, age, class, gender, ethnicity, race, religion and other categories of difference, identity and power.

Learn from professors with international reputations for outstanding work in the field of sexuality studies. Courses, seminars, lectures and special events address lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, intersexual and queer topics. You will explore topics such as AIDS/HIV, birth control and contraception, abortion, sex work, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights, sexual health and sexual violence in a transnational context.

We also offer a certificate in Sexuality Studies. See page 28 for more information.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/sxst

CAREER OPTIONS

Artist, Health-care Worker, Political Activist, Social Worker, Educator, Policy Analyst

COURSES INCLUDE

Introduction to Critical Sexualities; Advanced Seminar in Sexualities; Queer Methods and Sex Research; Heterosexualities; and Transnational Sexualities

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Undergraduate Sexuality Studies Association

Social & Political Thought

- Learn to think critically and independently about social and political issues, to relate sociological theories to their philosophical underpinnings and political implications, and to develop critical social awareness.
- Take courses in four key areas: History of Social and Political Thought, Foundations of Social and Political Thought, Political Economy, and Literature Arts and Society.

Explore the way ideas are embodied and contested in social and political life. Our curriculum takes advantage of York's renowned strengths as a centre of innovative and critical thinking about politics, society, economic ideas and culture. You'll engage in an interdisciplinary study of human community – its nature, history and foreseeable future. If your breadth of focus is such that you would like to explore the social and political situation of contemporary societies from many social science and humanistic perspectives, then this is the right program for you.

See page 30 for related graduate programs in Social & Political Thought.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/spth

CAREER OPTIONS

Educator, Journalist, Public Service Worker, Researcher

COURSES INCLUDE

Ideology and Everyday Life; Modernity at the Millennium; Perspectives on Human Nature in Political and Social Thought; and Radical Ideas and Ideology in the Modern West

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS



Social Science

- Our courses address issues of inequality and injustice in our social, economic, and political institutions and workplaces where conflicts between genders, cultures, races and classes must be resolved.
- Gain a solid and critical grounding in research methods and theories, building analytic skills and preparing you to contribute to meaningful change in the world.

Social Science is a way of understanding society and its complexities. Our program examines and seeks to explain the interaction between the political, social, cultural and economic aspects of society. We're committed to advancing social justice; you'll become immersed in the issues that affect our society. Study with professors who have a passion for building a clearer understanding of people and the social environment. At the same time, gain critical-thinking skills that will be in demand throughout your career.

Complement your degree with a certificate in Indigenous Studies, Anti-Racist Research & Practice, or Refugee & Migration Studies. See page 28 for more information.

yorku.ca/laps/programs/sosc

CAREER OPTIONS

Community Program Coordinator, Educator, Human Rights Worker, Social Policy Analyst

COURSES INCLUDE

Canadian Social Problems; Diversity Issues in the Workplace; Gender, Violence and Social Policy; and Health, Culture and Race

Social Work

- We're recognized as one of the most progressive and socially responsive social work programs in Canada, combining critical theories and practice experience in classrooms and social work settings.
- There are two ways to obtain your Bachelor of Social Work (BSW): the full-time, direct-entry program accepts students in their first year (direct from high school) and second year (direct from college, transfer students) of university study and the post-degree program requires you to have a university degree to be admitted.

Concerned about issues of equity and social justice? We use a curriculum designed in collaboration with professors, students, field instructors and community representatives to ensure our program responds to the needs of people in their social environments. You'll explore contemporary and socially relevant issues as well as the social justice oriented approaches used by social work professionals. By taking part in a practicum in actual social work settings, and through your course work, you'll learn how to engage effectively with individuals, families, groups and communities. Become eligible for registration in the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers.

See page 30 for related graduate programs in Social Work.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Agency Counsellor, Child Welfare Worker, Community Worker, Mental Health Worker

COURSES INCLUDE

Critical Practice; Family and Child Welfare; Identity, Diversity and Anti-Discriminatory Practice; Mental Health; and Policy Frameworks

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Social Work Students' Association

Sociology

- Become literate on social causes and issues and their consequences.
- Develop key critical and analytical skills that are valuable in any aspect of academic, social or working life and the challenges of our ever-changing world.

Want to be part of an exciting and dynamic field of study that analyzes and accounts for key moments in our personal lives, our communities and our world? Discover what makes us tick as individuals and as a society by exploring social relations, interactions and various power dynamics. You'll gain an in-depth understanding of how human action and consciousness both shape, and are shaped by, surrounding cultural and social structures. You'll also hone your networks and connect with professionals in the field through a unique array of community projects. Our program provides a solid foundation for graduate studies.

See page 30 for related graduate programs in Sociology.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Community Work, Social Services, Publishing, Government Services, Business, Health Services, Corrections, Researcher/Data Analysis, Public Relations

COURSES INCLUDE

Globalization; Social Movements and Change; The Sociology of Poverty; International Migration; Sociology of the Body; and Child Socialization

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Sociology Undergraduate Students' Association



South Asian Studies

- Our program engages with South Asia and the contemporary South Asian diaspora, which has become a significant and powerful presence in Canada and elsewhere.
- Learn from professors who are actively engaged in research throughout the region and the diaspora, and bring their contemporary findings into the classroom.

Explore different parts of South Asia, (such as India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh) as well as the diaspora (in the Caribbean, Canada, Europe and the United States) in courses that are organized around selected themes in culture, history, politics, religion, economics, literature and development. Given that contemporary South Asia has emerged as a major world force faced with unprecedented social and political changes, our program offers grounded and expert analyses of challenges and opportunities that face the region.

Complement your degree with a certificate in International Development Studies or Political Science. See page 28 for more information.

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CAREER OPTIONS

International Development Worker, Lawyer, Researcher, Translator

COURSES INCLUDE

Introductory Hindi-Urdu; Life, Culture and the Arts; South Asian Literary Activism; The Global South; Music of Bollywood; Sikh History and Thought

Spanish

- Explore the language, literatures and cultures of one of the third most-spoken languages in the world, represented by more than 400 million speakers in 25 countries.
- Participate in study-abroad and summer-internship programs in Spain and Latin America.

Engage with the language, literatures and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world in all their magnitude and diversity. Interact with faculty specializing in various areas of leading-edge research on Spain and Latin America. Master listening, reading, writing and speaking in Spanish, while discovering the Spanish-speaking world's social and cultural context. Spanish courses explore a wide variety of topics: the 900-year literary tradition of Spain, the innovative work of Latin America's writers, and the social, historical and pedagogical aspects of Spanish linguistics.

Publish in the student literary magazine *Entre Voc/zes*; connect with community and university-wide activities, lectures, theatre and music/literary events; gain valuable research and cross-cultural skills; and build your international networks by participating in faculty-led research projects.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Journalism, International Law, Education, Business, Foreign Service, International Development, Marketing

COURSES INCLUDE

Literature and Music in Spanish America; Nos/otras: Contemporary Poetic Expressions of Spanish American Women; Otherness in Spanish Literature and Cinema; Theatre of the Golden Age; Varieties of Spanish Worldwide; Hispanic Caribbean Literature, Epics of the Indies: Iberian Poetry of Exploration and Empire

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Entre Voc/zes

Undecided Major

- Interested in both Spanish and economics? Not sure if business or sociology is your calling? Use your first year of university to explore your interests before committing to a major.
- Discover your passion without the pressure. Postpone declaring your major so you can take a variety of courses that interest you.

The Undecided Major program allows you to begin your first year of university study without having to select a program in which to major. Instead, you are given the opportunity to take courses in a variety of programs and departments in order to find out which programs interest you most.

You have the flexibility to pursue your interests, explore your options and develop your strengths and academic skills without the pressure of deciding on a major right away.

Jump right into your university education, meet other students with a wide range of interests, share ideas to spark your imagination, develop critical thinking, study and research skills, and truly discover where your passions lie. When it's time to decide what to major in, you will be confident in your choice.

This option is only available to students entering their first year of university study. Once you complete 24 credits, you then choose your major. yorku.ca/laps/programs/unma

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS



Urban Studies

- We stress first-hand fieldwork of the social and spatial fabrics of cities.
- You'll explore a range of perspectives on cities and their citizens.

The city is among the most fundamental of human institutions. Throughout history, cities have been sites of innovation in economic, political and cultural life – centres of trade, seats of empire and the locale of scientific, social and artistic creativity. Cities retain these roles today and are home to a growing majority of the world's population who increasingly live in large metropolitan regions of several million people. Often, as in many Canadian cities, these urban regions are marked by complex social diversity, striking contrasts of wealth and poverty and a challenging array of planning and environmental dilemmas.

We also offer a Certificate in Urban Studies for non-Urban Studies majors. See page 28 for more information.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Architect, Journalist, Municipal Government Officer, Urban Planner

COURSES INCLUDE

Asian Cities in Context; City Lives and City Forms; Urban Analysis; and Urban Field Experience

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Federation of Urban Studies Students

United States Studies

- The study of the United States sheds light on a nation that has had a great impact on Canadian development, global politics, and many fields of culture.
- The program brings together many disciplines and provides new approaches to the analysis of diverse materials.

US Studies is a program for anyone who wants to develop an in-depth understanding of the history and culture of Canada's nearest neighbour. While everyone will take an introductory and capstone course, students can choose to explore particular areas such as music, film, art, literature, history, or political science. Those enrolled will have the opportunity to investigate rock n' roll, Hollywood cinema, African-American history, the novels of Hemingway and Steinbeck, and congressional politics. Students will learn new approaches and discover how to bring together material from different fields.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Educator, Diplomat, Politician, Financial or Investment Adviser, Artist, Musician, Film Maker, Writer

COURSES INCLUDE

The United States in the World; Black Women's Writing; African-American Music; Comics and Cartoons; Edgar Allan Poe; The Immigrant Experience; Rise and Fall of the Hollywood Musical.

Work & Labour Studies

- Learn about the world of work and labour relations from practitioners and leading scholars in the field.
- Situate your own workplace experience in the historical and contemporary context of labour relations in Canada and around the world, and link classroom learning with real-world issues through our fourth-year placement and simulation courses.

Most of us will spend an enormous portion of our lives working. Our identities, our material security, our ability to fulfill our personal goals and contribute to community life all depend upon the kinds of work we get and the relationships we engage in once there. Today, in our globalized world, the availability and organization of work is being dramatically transformed. If you want to understand issues arising from work and employment, the impact of globalization and the role of unions and social movements in trying to make work better for everyone, this program is for you.

We'll shed light on the dynamics of the workplace and how our experience of work is changing. We'll also help you to develop fresh and critical insights into your current and future working life.

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CAREER OPTIONS

Career Counsellor, Industrial Relations Manager, Labour Market Researcher, Occupational Health and Safety Officer

COURSES INCLUDE

The Future of Work; Labour and Globalization; Labour Placement; Law, Labour and the State; Women and Work; and Labour Studies Placement

STUDENT GROUPS INCLUDE

Work & Labour Studies Students' Association



INTERNATIONAL BA

Explore the world while earning your degree. Why limit yourself to studying in one country when you can turn your BA into an International BA (iBA)?

The iBA program reflects York's continuing commitment to providing you with the opportunities to gain international experience and skills required by today's global workplace. You will not only have the opportunity to learn a new language but also complete one school term abroad, providing you with the cross-cultural knowledge that is in demand in today's workplace.

Study in countries such as Australia, Barbados, Mongolia, Poland, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey and many more! Add to both your academic knowledge and your cultural resumé by pursuing an internship overseas and applying your education in an enriching, international work environment.

- Anthropology (see page 7)
- Communication Studies (see page 10)
- European Studies (see page 13)
- French Studies (see page 13)
- Geography (see page 14)
- German Studies (see page 15)
- History (see page 16)
- Humanities (see page 16)
- Italian Studies (see page 19)
- Political Science (see page 21)
- Sexuality Studies (see page 23)
- Urban Studies (see page 26)

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LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

- Acquire skills that are essential to a global citizen: the ability to analyze ideas and information and to communicate them clearly, both orally and in writing.
- As a multilingual citizen, you'll be part of building bridges between cultures and fostering international connections.

Degree programs are offered in: French Studies (see page 13), German Studies (see page 15), Italian Studies (see page 19), Portuguese Studies (see page 21) and Spanish Studies (see page 25).

Language, literature and culture courses are also offered in the following areas:

- American Sign Language
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Classical Greek
- Cree
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- French
- German
- Hebrew
- Hindi-Urdu
- Italian
- Jamaican Créole
- Japanese
- Korean
- Latin
- Modern Greek
- Persian
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- Swahili
- Yiddish


You can pursue certificates of proficiency in several of these languages. See page 28 for more information. 

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Add a unique element to your degree



The Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies offers an exceptional array of advanced, cross-disciplinary, general and professional certificates. Boost your competitive edge and gain sophisticated knowledge and skills with one of our dynamic options.

Certificate programs often range from two to three semesters and can be completed alongside a degree or after the completion of a degree. yorku.ca/laps/certificates 

Accounting

Sharpen your professional accounting skills and prepare for an accounting designation. You'll gain specialized training in financial and management accounting, personal and corporate income taxation, and advanced financial applications.

Anti-racist Research & Practice

Develop comprehensive knowledge about how to challenge systemic and institutional racism. Ideal for individuals who encounter racism or cultural issues as part of their job or those involved in anti-racism research, education or organizational development.

Emergency Management

Prepare to meet the demands of this exciting and rapidly expanding profession. You'll develop an understanding of the Emergency Management Cycle, including hazard identification, risk analysis/evaluation/mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

Financial Planning

Learn about specific areas such as risk management, investment and taxation, and develop the ability to integrate and analyze all aspects of a client's financial needs. This certificate is approved by the FPSC for writing the CFP examinations.

Gender & Women's Studies

Explore the lives and experiences of women historically and cross-culturally, and critically examine the social, political and economic institutions that shape their lives. Designed for students with no previous exposure to gender and women's studies.

Advanced Gender & Women's Studies

An advanced focus on gender, women's studies and feminist theory; excellent preparation for those who wish to enter York's renowned School of Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies and ideal if you are pursuing or have completed an undergraduate degree.

Geographical Information Systems & Remote Sensing

Learn the theory of GIS and RS and the practical ways these tools can be applied to learn more about our environment – both natural and built. Ideal for those interested in banking, hydro, environmental/urban/regional planning, social policies, market research or retail management.

Health Services Financial Management

Accountability for decision making in health-service organizations has never been more important. This certificate provides the skills and critical insight necessary to effectively manage health service organizations and contribute in a beneficial way to the health system.

Hebrew & Jewish Studies

Explore the Jewish experience from a range of disciplines, including history, literature, archaeology, and classical and modern Hebrew language.

Human Resources Management

Tackle today's key HR management challenges. All courses have been approved by the Human Resources Professionals Association of Ontario and

count as the academic component of the Certified Human Resources Professional Designation.

Indigenous Studies

Acquire a deeper understanding of the relationship between Aboriginal peoples and Canadians. Ideal for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students for whom knowledge of Aboriginal peoples' histories, cultures and current issues may have particular relevance to their chosen career paths or academic studies.

Information Technology Auditing & Assurance

Complement your main program of study with expertise in the IT field. Ideal preparation for the Information Systems Auditor designation from the Information Systems Audit and Control Association.

Investment Management

Acquire specialized knowledge about the field of investment management. This certificate provides both insightful analysis of the global financial industry and in-depth preparation for pursuing the CFA designation.

Language Proficiency

Prepare for work at the local, national or global level with a proficiency certificate in any of the following languages: Chinese, French (basic, advanced or intermediate), German, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek, Portuguese or Spanish. Languages are an excellent way to broaden and enhance your cultural knowledge and employment options at home or abroad.



Law & Society

Understand the importance of the relationship between law and society and gain critical skills for socio-legal study and research. Explore different approaches to law and sharpen your view of law as it applies to everyday life.

Logistics

Prepare for challenges in the rapidly growing field of integrated logistics management by acquiring theoretical and practical approaches to operations management, purchasing, distribution, process and systems analysis, and supply chain management.

Management

A management certificate helps you prepare for the challenges of contemporary management by providing theoretical and practical approaches to organizational behaviour, decision analysis, financial planning and accounting, human resources management, applied information systems and business law.

Marketing

Develop or enhance your marketing skills. You'll blend theory with practice to address all areas of the marketing process, including meeting customer needs, marketing products/services, pricing, and promotion and marketing ethics.

Non-profit Management

Prepare for the challenges of non-profit management by focusing on strategy and leadership. You'll develop the skills necessary to lead change in mission-driven organizations such as labour unions and co-operatives, foundations, and non-governmental organizations such as Greenpeace, the Red Cross, Amnesty International or the World Wildlife Fund.

Practical Ethics

Apply ethical concepts and principles to contemporary social issues.

The goal of the program is to raise awareness of practical ethics and to facilitate the integration of ethics into everyday life within the community, businesses and government.

Professional Ethics

Gain exposure to a wide range of approaches to understanding institutional practices that deal with ethical issues in public/private sectors.

Public Sector Management

Engage in professionally relevant training in various aspects of PSM, including HRM, politics and the law, and public administration. Designed specifically for those who intend to begin a career in the field or who are currently employed and wish to upgrade their qualifications.

Real Estate

Update your knowledge with the most current information relevant to the profession. Take courses in Property Management, Real Estate Law, Real Property Assessment and Taxation, Real Estate Finance and Commercial Leasing.

Refugee & Migration Studies

Acquire a deeper understanding of issues that affect refugees internationally and in Canada. Explore definitions, refugee rights and ethical norms as well as Canadian policy and treatment of refugees in specific regions of the world, including Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Sexuality Studies

Great for community workers and professionals who are either in the early phases of their career or mid-career and who require specific knowledge pertaining to sexuality studies. Students develop key transferable skills and knowledge.

South Asian Studies

Pursue your cultural and academic interests in South Asia and its diaspora. Organized around themes in culture, history, politics, religion, economics and development, this cross-disciplinary certificate offers grounded and expert analysis of challenges that face the region and themes that specifically pertain to life in the South Asian diaspora.

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

As the world becomes increasingly internationalized the demand for English language skills worldwide is growing at a rapid rate. This has increased the need for TESOL instructors. While much of this demand is overseas, there is also comparable hunger for English language skills closer to home.

Urban Studies

Focus on cities, urban social life and the relationships that cities have with other spaces. Graduates go on to study in areas such as urban and regional planning and design, environmental management, international development, journalism or in one of the social science disciplines such as geography.

We partner on joint programming with several community colleges.

Earn a diploma or graduate certificate in one of the following:

- Book and Magazine Publishing
- Corporate Communications & Public Relations
- Broadcasting – Radio
- Broadcasting – Television
- Creative Advertising
- Journalism – Broadcast

For more information and eligibility requirements, please speak to an admissions expert or an adviser.

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GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Whether you want to become a professor or a professional, a graduate degree is your next step to success.

LA&PS offers a broad range of master's, PhD and graduate diploma programs that will give you the credentials, advanced knowledge and skills that are increasingly valued in today's competitive global job market. You'll be immersed in a tight-knit learning and research community that challenges traditional assumptions and is at the centre of innovation and groundbreaking opportunities. Choose from a variety of our diverse graduate programs.

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MA, DISASTER & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

"York University has opened so many doors in my field: I've networked with seasoned professionals and dynamic individuals, which has proven to be a truly invaluable experience."

Communication & Culture

(MA & PHD)

Concentrate on the theory and practice of communication and culture through this unique joint program with Ryerson University.

Development Studies

(MA)

Get a full range of conceptual and methodological tools needed for acquiring a deeper understanding of the current issues and challenges of sustainable human development.

Disaster & Emergency Management

(MA)

Explore, within the context of hazard and vulnerability, the interactions between people and their natural, technological and social environment that result in disasters and emergencies.

Economics

(MA & PHD)

Focus on applied economic theory while preparing for academic careers and research positions in governments and private corporations.

English

(MA & PHD)

Pursue English literary studies from a range of critical and theoretical approaches to texts.

Études françaises

(MA)

Delve into French literatures and the evolution of ideas and literary fields; provides research training in French linguistics.



Financial Accountability

(MFAC)

Play a critical role in enhancing the quality of corporate governance and setting higher standards of financial transparency.

Gender, Feminist & Women's Studies

(MA & PHD)

Focus on gender, feminism and women as they intersect with sexualities, race, ethnicity, class, ability and age.

Geography

(MA, MSC & PHD)

Benefit from our recognized strengths in biophysical processes and in critical human geography.

History

(MA & PHD)

Undertake an intensive examination of particular topics from a variety of points of view, including intellectual, economic, political and social.

Humanities

(MA & PHD)

Explore different ways in which human cultures and their multiple forms of expression have developed and continue to develop.

Human Resources Management

(MHRM & PHD)

Designed for HRM specialists, this executive-style program will equip you with the skills and credentials to assume senior-level appointments.

Information Systems & Technology

(MA)

Study how technology can best be integrated and customized to meet the information needs of users; further your understanding of the application of research-based knowledge in IT.

Interdisciplinary Studies

(MA)

Pursue independent, innovative research that bridges disciplinary categories.

Linguistics & Applied Linguistics

(MA & PHD)

Study language and society, language variation and change, second-language pedagogy and other areas related to second-language teaching and learning.

Philosophy

(MA & PHD)

Compare contemporary and historical perspectives on philosophy's main problems and draw inspiration from diverse philosophical approaches.

Political Science

(MA & PHD)

Take an interdisciplinary approach to the study of politics and engage in critical thinking and political change.

Public Policy, Administration & Law

(MPPAL)

Concentrate on the themes of constitutional and administrative law, public sector ethics, social justice and public sector management, and finance in this executive-style program.

Social & Political Thought

(MA & PHD)

Take a truly interdisciplinary approach that will integrate intellectual interests common to the humanities and social sciences.

Social Anthropology

(MA & PHD)

Explore the social/cultural anthropology of contemporary societies; flexibility is emphasized.

Social Work

(MSW & PHD)

Engage in advanced scholarship related to the development and practice of critical knowledge, theory, skills and approaches to social work; consider the complexities of social issues.

Socio-Legal Studies

(MA & PHD)


Take courses in socio-legal theory and methods while gaining the skills to work in the areas of human rights, immigration, social policy and transnational governance.

Sociology

(MA & PHD)

Examine social theory, global approaches, culture and identity, power and inequality; focus on interdisciplinary studies.

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- Are you an international student or looking to add an international element to your degree? **York International** offers several programs and services. international.yorku.ca
- Check out **York's My Future** portal at myfuture.yorku.ca. Log on, tell us about yourself and learn about customized options geared specifically to you.
- Visit **Student Financial Services** for information on fees, financial aid, OSAP, scholarships and awards, the Work/Study program and more. sfs.yorku.ca
- What's it really like at York? Check out the **YUblog** and gain an insider's perspective on life at York. yorku.ca/yublog
- The **Atkinson Centre for Mature and Part-Time Students** is committed to providing accessible support for students of all ages and life stages throughout their university experience. Visit the centre in person, or online at yorku.ca/acmaps
- Check out the **YU Learning Commons**, which supports research, writing and critical skills development yorku.ca/yulearn
- Get involved in student life. Join a club or organization yorku.ca/sclid/organizations; cheer on our sports teams yorkulions.ca; volunteer while building your network yorku.ca/getinvld; show your school spirit through York is U yorku.ca/yorkisu; or get involved with your college community yuconnect.yorku.ca
- Gear up for the academic year by visiting **York's Libraries** at library.yorku.ca and checking out the York Bookstore bookstore.yorku.ca
- Need an on-campus job? Want advice on your chosen career path? **The Career Centre** is here to provide support and guidance: yorku.ca/careers
- Visit the **Computing for Students** website to sign up for Passport York, find out which computer labs you can access and how to get a York e-mail account, and connect to the Internet on campus: yorku.ca/computing/students
- The **Student Centre** is the focal point for community life at York and hosts exciting campus events, including YorkFest. yorkstudentcentre.com
- York's **Counselling and Disability Services** provides resources and services to reduce the stress of transitioning to university life. Explore their personal counselling, skills training and support for learning disabilities at yorku.ca/cds
- Our **colleges** are on-campus hubs for your social life, giving you a home away from home. They'll help provide a healthy balance of academic and social engagement, even if you don't live in residence. yorku.ca/laps/students/colleges

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Mix, match and mingle elements from different disciplines. Many programs can be taken in combination, allowing you to learn what you need for career success while still indulging your personal interests. Delve into degree options and learn much more about every LA&PS program at yorku.ca/laps/programs

Program	Degree	IBA	Specialized	Honours	Bachelor	Double Major	Major/Minor	Minor
Administrative Studies*	BAS		•		•			•
African Studies	BA					•		•
Anthropology	BA	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Business*								•
Business Economics*	BA				•			
Business & Society	BA			•	•			
Canadian Studies	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
Children's Studies	BA			•		•	•	•
Classical Studies	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
Classics	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
Cognitive Science	BA		•			•	•	
Communication Studies	BA	•	•	•		•	•	
Creative Writing	BA			•		•	•	•
Criminology	BA			•		•	•	
Culture & Expression	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
Disaster & Emergency Management*	BDEM		•	•	•	•	•	•
East Asian Studies	BA		•	•		•	•	•
Economics*	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
English	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
English & Professional Writing	BA		•					
European Studies**	BA	•				•		•
Financial & Business Economics*	BA		•					
French Studies	BA	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Gender & Women's Studies	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
Geography	BA	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Geography & Urban Studies	BA		•					
German Studies	BA	•		•	•	•	•	•
Global Political Studies	BA		•					
Health & Society	BA			•	•	•	•	•
Hellenic Studies	BA			•	•	•	•	•
History	BA	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Humanities	BA	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Human Resources Management*	BHRM			•	•			
Human Rights & Equity Studies	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
Individualized Studies	BA		•					
Information Technology*	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
Information Technology*	BAS		•					
International Development Studies	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
Italian Culture	BA			•	•	•	•	•
Italian Studies	BA	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Jewish Studies	BA		•	•		•	•	•
Latin American & Caribbean Studies	BA					•		•
Law & Society	BA			•		•	•	
Linguistics	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
Multicultural & Indigenous Studies	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
Philosophy	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
Political Science	BA	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Portuguese Studies	BA				•			•
Professional Writing	BA			•		•	•	
Public Administration*	BPA		•	•			•	•
Religious Studies	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
Science & Technology Studies	BA			•	•	•	•	•
Sexuality Studies	BA	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Social & Political Thought	BA					•		•
Social Science	BA			•	•	•	•	
Social Work	BSW			•			•	
Sociology	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
South Asian Studies	BA					•		•
Spanish	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
Urban Studies	BA	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
United States Studies	BA		•	•	•	•	•	•
Work & Labour Studies	BA			•	•	•	•	•

* Mathematics Requirement

** IBA Double Major Option Available

