

Division of Social Sciences

The Division of Social Sciences offers a wide array of courses and programs in the areas of Economics, Environment and Geography, Politics and International Studies, Psychology, Sociology and Sports Studies.

Degrees and Programs

Detailed descriptions of the degrees and programs offered are found under the respective Departmental sections of this calendar. The Division of Social Sciences offers a wide range of Major programs leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A) degree. The Division also offers Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degrees in Psychology (Neuroscience) and in Environment and Geography (Environmental Science). In addition, the Departments offer Honours programs directed towards students that wish to attain higher levels of specialization in their discipline and that intend to pursue graduate studies. In addition, several departments offer Minor programs that can be added to one's Honours/Major program and some departments offer certificate programs.

Divisional Major

The Division offers an entry level program for a limited number of students, allowing them to register as Divisional Majors (rather than into a specific program) for a maximum of two semesters. After two semesters of full-time study are completed, students must enrol into a specific program (Major). Students who are not accepted into one of the regular programs must consult with the Dean of Arts and Science to determine an academic plan.

Arts & Science Requirement

In order to encourage students enrolled in the Division of Social Sciences to broaden the scope of their education, all majors and honours are required to complete at least three credits in the Division of Natural Sciences & Mathematics. While this requirement will not in itself ensure against excessive specialization, it is hoped that it will lead students to find and pursue various areas of interest. Students with program combinations which require more than 72 credits are exempt from this requirement.

Transfers from Other Programs

Students may normally transfer into a program in the Division of Social Sciences or between programs within the Division provided they have a minimum cumulative average of 65% on at least 24 course credits completed at Bishop's, or, provided they have demonstrated an aptitude for the program by achieving an average of 65% in all program courses attempted (minimum of 12 credits). For the purpose of these regulations, the cumulative average and course averages used will be those existing at the time the program change request is made.

Graduation "with Distinction"

The notation "with Distinction" will appear on the transcript of students who graduate with a cumulative average of 80% or more. It is only available for first degree students.

Divisional Courses

ILT 104 / 141 Information Retrieval and Evaluation Skills for the Social Sciences (Lab) 1-0-1 (Not mandatory unless indicated)

The objective of this laboratory course is to introduce students to the skills necessary to effectively complete their research assignments, including the correct use of library resources, such as the online catalogue, periodical indexes, and other relevant databases. Other areas of study include the identification of key terms for effective searching, productive use of the internet, and the critical evaluation of retrieved resources. Academic integrity, plagiarism, and the correct citation of print and online sources are also covered. Taught in conjunction with a research-based course, the specific resources relevant to research in the Social Sciences are introduced, and the students retrieve the material necessary to complete the essays for their particular course. The course is taught in the library's electronic classroom, and each week the students are given the opportunity for practical experience.

INT 300 International Development Assistance Internship 3-0-0

Students must secure the approval of a Department and of a faculty member in that Department to supervise an AUCC/Canada Corps Internship, a Champlain Regional College-Bishop's University Mai-Sot Internship, a Champlain Regional College Peru Internship or any other international internship sponsored by an NGO or accredited institution that is recognized by a Selection Committee chaired by the Vice-Principal. Application for selection and funding must be addressed to the Vice-Principal's Office normally by December 1. The number of internships is subject to acceptance by sponsoring agencies and availability of funding.

Prerequisite: Final-year students only or permission of the Selection Committee.