

Bachelor of Arts

BA with a Social Science Major

Why major in Social Science at CMU?

The Social Science major helps students access the wide range of the Social Sciences in order to develop the ability to critically analyze and synthesize material into interdisciplinary questions on citizenship, multicultural understanding, and community. Students may choose to focus on one of the concentrations listed below, or they may choose to create their own concentration by blending courses that focuses on a theme.

This degree highlights the strength of CMU's offerings in the Social Sciences – Economics, Geography, History, International Development Studies, Peace & Conflict Transformation Studies, Political Studies, Psychology, and Sociology – and experience-based learning through practicum opportunities.

Social Science Concentrations

Counselling Studies: Prepare for further professional study in counselling or therapy; develop communication skills for personal and workplace relationships; enhance knowledge of counselling techniques and theories used in therapeutic practice, clinical and pastoral settings.

Intercultural Studies: Increase intercultural competencies and sensitivities; develop knowledge of the psychosocial and historical role of culture in change, politics, creative expression, identity, and conflict; critically engage questions of transnational populations, population displacement, and statelessness.

Social Service: Acquire knowledge and skills required for future work in a range of public and non-profit organizations; understand theories and principles related to the effective delivery of social services; gain analytical abilities on peace and justice-oriented approaches to social services; prepare for further professional programs.

Career Paths

- Legislative aide
- Human resources director
- Health services officer
- Mental health program director
- Residential life coordinator
- Support worker
- Minister/clergy
- Residential treatment worker
- Street outreach facilitator
- Corrections officer
- Employment equity officer
- Labour relations coordinator
- Public relations director
- Recruitment officer
- Teacher
- Public speaker
- Policy and procedures analyst
- Public affairs reporter
- Research assistant
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Law clerk
- Market researcher
- Career counsellor
- Probation/parole officer
- Psychologist
- Social worker
- Home support worker
- Child care worker/manager
- Missionary
- Development worker
- Paralegal

Skills Developed

- Integration of knowledge from many disciplines
- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Communication of complex ideas
- Strong oral and written expression
- Understanding of the various dynamics of conflict
- Awareness of current social issues
- Cross cultural awareness
- Ability to work with diverse groups
- Strong interpersonal communication
- Organization
- Ability to work independently
- Time management
- Ability to meet due dates

Social Science Programs

CMU offers programs in Social Sciences including:

- Social Science major within the four-year Bachelor of Arts
- Social Science major within the three-year Bachelor of Arts
- Concentration in Counselling studies, Intercultural Studies, or Social Services in the Social Science major within the three or four-year Bachelor of Arts

CMU Courses in the Social Science Program

- Cultural Anthropology
- Human Origins and World Prehistory
- Organizational Behaviour
- International Business
- Communications and Media
- Introduction to Environmental Studies
- Ecological Peacebuilding
- Environment, Society and Resilience
- Introduction to Physical Geography
- Introduction to Human Geography
- History of Indigenous Peoples of Canada
- Religion and Conflict in Historical Perspective
- Indigenous Peoples of Canada
- Introduction to Macro-economics
- Introduction to Micro-economics
- Economics of Development
- Participatory Local Development
- Rural Development
- An Analysis of Development Aid Policy
- Restorative Justice
- History and Strategies of Non-Violence
- Aggression, Violence and War in a Social-Scientific Perspective
- Democracy and Dissent
- Global Politics
- Peace and Conflict in World Politics
- Human Rights and Dignity
- Social and Political Philosophy
- Politics, Society, and Mass Media
- *Plato's Republic* and *Paul's Romans* in Dialogue
- Gender and Politics
- Social Relationships and Behaviour
- Counselling Theories
- Counselling Techniques
- Interpersonal Communication
- Abnormal Psychology
- Psychology and Christianity
- Qualitative Inquiry in the Social Sciences
- Introduction to Sociology
- Social Welfare
- Communities and Organizations
- Inter-Cultural Theory and Practice
- Sociology of Gender
- Ethical Living in a Technological Society

Course descriptions can be found on the CMU website. Contact the admissions department with further questions.

In addition to Social Sciences courses, students will take classes in the humanities and sciences, and courses in Biblical and Theological Studies as part of the degree.

A work-integrated learning course is required in every degree at CMU. This practicum can be done as an intensive 12-week placement or a once-a-week placement over 20 weeks during the school year. The work placement can help students explore the field they are majoring in for career possibilities or it can provide a way to expand their experiences in a field they haven't thought about before.