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Level 2  
Program Plan Selection  
April 9 - April 27

**2018**

FACULTY OF

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Level 2 Undergraduate Academic Plan Selection Guide



# Level 2

## Undergraduate Program Plan Selection

### Step 1

Attend the Social Sciences Level 2 Showcase

**March 8, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in L.R. Wilson Hall lobby**

Speak to representatives from all 12 departments, Mohawk Certificate programs, the Office of Experiential Education and the Center for Continuing Education (CCE). This is a great opportunity to discuss program options, specializations, academic requirements and possible post-grad opportunities.

### Step 2

Visit an Academic Advisor in KTH 129

Level 2 Academic Program Plan Selection Drop-In Advising

<b>Monday, March 26</b>	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, March 27</b>	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, March 28</b>	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
<b>Thursday, March 29</b>	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. For students considering Honours Social Work (BSW), you are required to submit a separate application to this program directly to the School of Social Work by the deadline of **March 1**.  
**If you have NOT submitted the supplementary application and are not already scheduled to write the SWAT, do NOT choose the Honours Social Work Academic Plan on Mosaic - You will not be considered for admission.** Please consult the School of Social Work for further information at: [www.socialwork.mcmaster.ca](http://www.socialwork.mcmaster.ca).
2. Limited enrollment Program Plans should be ranked as your most desired choice(s).
3. Honours Program plans should be ranked **ahead** of 3-year BA Program Plans.



Level 2 Program Plan Selection takes place

**April 9 - April 27, 2018**

## Step 3

### Apply to Level 2 Academic Plans on Mosaic Beginning **April 9, 2018**

All Level 1 students must advise the University of their Academic Plan choice(s) for Level 2 through Mosaic by April 27. You will be able to select or revise your choices until April 27.

You must apply to your program through Mosaic to be considered for admission to your chosen Academic Plan. The pathway students will use to access Level 2 Academic Plan selection is:

- Use your MacID to log-on to Mosaic
- Click "Student Centre" tab
- Click "My Academics" link
- Click "Program/Plan Application" link
- Choose your desired Academic Plans **ranking your choices 1 - 4 (#1 being the Academic Plan you would most like to enter).**

## Step 4

### Check Confirmation of Academic Plan Eligibility on Mosaic by **June 6, 2018**

When you apply for entry to Level 2 through Mosaic, you can select up to four Academic Plan options. You will rank them 1 – 4. You will be accepted into the Academic Plan that you have ranked the highest and for which you have met the requirements.

On June 6, you can see which Academic Plan (Program) you've been accepted into on Mosaic. Just click on the "Academics" tab and then select the "My Program" tab.

## Step 5

### Enrolling in courses for Level 2 students tentatively begins **June 25, 2018**

For instructions on enrolling in courses visit the Office of the Registrar's website.  
<http://registrar.mcmaster.ca/enrol/steps/overview/>

# TOP 10

## Reasons to Complete an Honours Degree

An Honours degree in Social Sciences sets you apart from other applicants for jobs, professional training or graduate schools. With an Honours degree you will be well prepared for the future, whatever path you choose.

1. You will receive excellent academic preparation for graduate school.
2. You can focus on two areas of study in a Combined Honours program.
3. You can complete a Minor (24 units) in another subject area.
4. You can participate in the Study Abroad program in your 3<sup>rd</sup> year of study.
5. You will receive advanced training in your chosen area of study in small 4th year seminars.
6. You will get to know your professors and classmates in the small seminar classes.
7. You can conduct your own research in an Honours Thesis, Research Project or Capstone course.
8. You will have completed a high quality, highly selective program of study and research.
9. You will demonstrate to employers that you have developed strong academic skills and abilities.
10. You can transfer to graduate with a 3-year degree if you are admitted to a professional program



### Consider **Adding a Minor** to Your Honours Degree

Minors are a great opportunity to explore a secondary area of study. You can take a minor for personal interest or focus on an area of expertise related to your program and career goals.

Unlike random elective courses Minors are noted on your transcript.

Most departments in the Faculty of Social Sciences offer Minors. Minors are also available from a variety of departments in other Faculties. In addition to single subject area Minors, students can also pursue Minors that cross several areas of study. These are called Interdisciplinary Minors and include:

- Archaeology
- Community Engagement
- Globalization Studies
- Justice, Law & Order
- Muslim Studies
- Public Leadership
- Religion & Diversity
- Social Justice and Inclusive Communities
- Social Studies of Mental Health and Addiction
- Sustainability

Most Minors consist of 24 units of course work. Students should consult the Undergraduate Calendar for the specific course requirements to complete their desired Minor. Some Minors have limited enrolment and there is a formal admission process. However, most Minors permit you to simply declare that you have completed all of the requirements at the time of graduation.

Our Minors are relevant, timely, engaging, and look great on a resume. Many employers look for graduates with multidisciplinary backgrounds or a combination of specific skills and knowledge. If you're considering graduate or professional school, you may find that a Minor is beneficial.

# Understanding your Level 2 Admission Requirements

- Level 1 Social Sciences students successfully completing at least **24 units** have the potential to meet admission requirements to a Level 2 Undergraduate Academic Plan.
- Admission to most Honours Academic Plans in Level 2 requires a minimum of **5.0 (C)** in the introductory course(s) in the discipline and a Grade Point Average of at least **5.0 (C)**.
- Admission to BA Academic Plans requires a minimum of **4.0 (C-)** in the introductory course(s) in the discipline and a Grade Point Average of at least **3.5 (C-)**.
- For Combined Honours programs students must meet the entry requirements for each of the relevant programs.
- For Limited Enrollment Academic Plans possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

## Anthropology

### Honours BA

Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least C in one of ANTHROP 1AA3 or 1AB3.

### BA

Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 including a grade of at least C- in one of ANTHROP 1AA3 or 1AB3.

## Economics

### Honours BA

Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including an average of at least 5.0 (C) in ECON 1B03 and 1BB3.

### Honours BA Specialist

Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including an average of at least 5.0 (C) in ECON 1B03 and 1BB3.

### Honours BA Economics and Computer Science

Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C), including an average of 5.0 (C) in ECON 1B03 and 1BB3, and a weighted average of 5.0 (C) in ECON 1B03, 1BB3, COMP SCI 1MD3 and 1JC3; MATH 1A03, 1AA3 and 1B03. MATH 1B03 may be postponed until Level 2.

### Honours BA Economics and Mathematics

Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including MATH 1A03 (or 1X03) an average of 5.0 (C) in ECON 1B03 and 1BB3 and a grade of 6 (C+) in each of MATH 1AA3 (or 1XX3) and 1B03.

### BA

Grade Point Average of 3.5 including an average of 4.0 (C-) in ECON 1B03 and 1BB3.

# Level 2 Admission Requirements (con't)

## Geography

### **Honours BA**

Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including an average of at least 5.0 (C) in six units from GEOG 1HA3, 1HB3, ENVIRSC 1A03, 1B03, 1C03, 1G03.

### **Honours BA Geography and Environmental Studies**

Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including an average of at least 5.0 (C) in six units from GEOG 1HA3, 1HB3, ENVIRSC 1A03, 1B03, 1C03, 1G03.

### **BA Geography**

Grade Point Average of 3.5 including an average of at least 4.0 (C-) in six units from GEOG 1HA3, 1HB3, ENVIRSC 1A03, 1B03, 1C03, 1G03.

## Health, Aging & Society

### **Honours BA Aging and Society (formerly Honours BA Gerontology)**

Enrolment in this Academic Plan is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least C in HLTHAGE 1BB3.

### **Honours BA Health and Society (formerly Honours BA Health Studies)**

Enrolment in this Academic Plan is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least C in HLTHAGE 1AA3.

### **Honours BA Aging and Society Specialization in Mental Health and Addiction**

Enrolment in this Academic Plan is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least C in HLTHAGE 1BB3 and a grade of at least C in HLTHAGE 1CC3.

### **Honours BA Health and Society Specialization in Mental Health and Addiction**

Enrolment in this Academic Plan is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least C in HLTHAGE 1AA3 and a grade of at least C in HLTHAGE 1CC3.

### **BA Health, Aging & Society**

Enrolment in this Academic Plan is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 and an average of at least 4.0 (C-) in HLTHAGE 1AA3 and 1BB3.

# Level 2 Admission Requirements (con't)

## Indigenous Studies

### Honours Indigenous Studies

Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least C in one of INDIGST 1A03 or 1AA3.

### BA in Indigenous Studies and Another Subject

Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 including a grade of at least C- in one of INDIGST 1A03 or 1AA3 and satisfaction of the admission requirements for the B.A. program in the other subject.

## Labour Studies

### Honours BA

Enrolment in this Academic Plan is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least C in one of LABRST 1A03 or 1C03.

### BA

Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 including a grade of at least C- in one of LABRST 1A03 or 1C03.

## Political Science

### Honours BA

Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least C in one of POLSCI 1AA3, 1AB3, or POLSCI 1G06 A/B.

### BA Honours Specialization in Public Law and Judicial Studies

Enrolment in this Academic Plan is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Selection is based on academic achievement. Students must have a Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) and a grade of at least C in one of POLSCI 1AA3, 1AB3, or POLSCI 1G06 A/B.

### BA

Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 including a grade of at least C- in one of POLSCI 1AA3, 1AB3, or POLSCI 1G06 A/B.



### Combined Honours

If you're interested in doing a Combined Honours degree, you must meet the entry requirements for BOTH programs.

# Level 2 Admission Requirements (con't)

## **PNB** (Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour)

### **Honours BA**

Enrolment in this Academic Plan is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C); a grade of at least 7.0 (B-) in PSYCH 1XX3 (completion of PSYCH 1X03 or 1F03 recommended in Level 1); credit in one of BIOLOGY 1A03, 1M03, 1P03, or Grade 12 Bio U; and credit in MATH 1A03, 1LS3 or MATH 1M03.

### **Honours BA Psychology (Mental Health Specialization)**

Enrolment in this Academic Plan is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C); PSYCH 1XX3 with a grade of at least 7.0 (B-), three units from BIOLOGY 1A03, 1M03, 1P03 or credit in Grade 12 Bio U, 3 units from MATH 1A03, 1LS3, 1M03.

### **Honours BA (Music Cognition Specialization)**

Enrolment in this Academic Plan is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C); PSYCH 1XX3 with a grade of at least 7.0 (B-); three units from BIOLOGY 1A03, 1M03, 1P03 or credit in Grade 12 Bio U, three units from MATH 1A03, 1LS3, 1M03, three units from MUSIC 1A03, 1AA3, PSYCH 1X03 or 1F03 must be completed by end of Level 2; but PSYCH 1X03 is recommended in Level 1. Entrance into MUSIC 1CC3 A/B requires Advanced Rudiments (or Grd. 2) from RCM (a grade of 80% or above, within last 2 years) or MUSIC 1C03 (at least 75%) or 65% or above on a qualifying music theory exam administered by SOTA.

### **BA in Psychology**

Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 and a grade of at least 4.0 (C-) in PSYCH 1F03 or 1X03.

## **Religious Studies**

### **Honours BA**

Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least C in three units of Level 1 Religious Studies.

### **BA**

Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 including a grade of at least C- in three units of Level 1 Religious Studies.



# Level 2 Admission Requirements (con't)

## Social Work

### Honours Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

Enrolment in this Academic Plan is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Completion of six units of introductory Social Work or introductory Sociology and six additional units of introductory level courses from the Social Sciences course list. Students who are interested in the Honours BSW are strongly encouraged to take both SOCWORK 1AA3 and SOCWORK 1BB3. Students are also encouraged to take INDIGST 1A03: Introduction to Indigenous Studies, in level I as this course will be required for completion of the BSW. Admission requires, as a minimum, completion of any level I program with a grade point average of at least 6.0 and evidence of personal suitability which may be evaluated by one or a combination of written statements, tests or interviews.

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#### SOCIAL WORK APPLICANTS

If you have **NOT** submitted the supplementary application and are not already scheduled to write the SWAT, do **NOT** choose the Honours Social Work Academic Plan on Mosaic - You will not be considered for admission.

## Social Psychology

### Honours BA

Enrolment in this Academic Plan is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least C in SOCPSY 1Z03 and successful completion of one of PSYCH 1F03, PSYCH 1X03, SOCIOL 1Z03, or SOCIOL 1A06 A/B.

## Sociology

### Honours BA

Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least C in SOCIOL 1Z03 or SOCIOL 1A06 A/B

### Honours BA Specialist

Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least C in SOCIOL 1Z03 or SOCIOL 1A06 A/B.

### BA

Grade Point Average of 3.5 including a grade of at least C- in SOCIOL 1Z03 or SOCIOL 1A06 A/B.

# A+

## Understanding the grading system

# What's your GPA?

### What is Grade Point Average (GPA)?

GPA is the weighted average based on the grades obtained in all courses taken. Failed courses are included in the GPA calculation. Courses that are not included in the GPA calculation are:

- Courses the student has taken at another university (Transferred Credit).
- Courses that the student passed and in which the student has earned a non-numeric grade; i.e. P, NC, AUD or COM.

GRADE	EQUIVALENT GRADE POINT	EQUIVALENT PERCENTAGES
<b>A+</b>	12	90-100
<b>A</b>	11	85-89
<b>A-</b>	10	80-84
<b>B+</b>	9	77-79
<b>B</b>	8	73-76
<b>B-</b>	7	70-72
<b>C+</b>	6	67-69
<b>C</b>	5	63-66
<b>C-</b>	4	60-62
<b>D+</b>	3	57-59
<b>D</b>	2	53-56
<b>D-</b>	1	50-52
<b>F</b>	0	0-49 – Failure

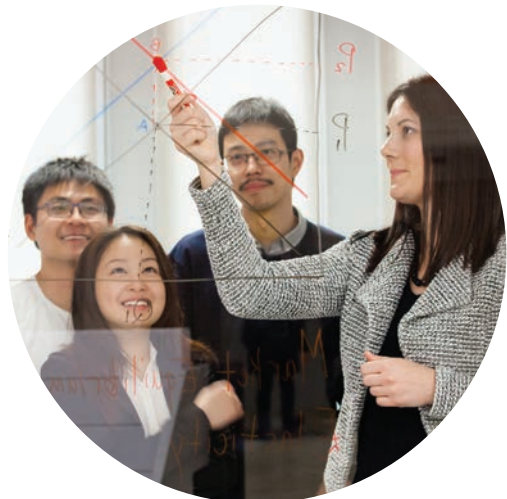
### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO CONTINUE AT THE UNIVERSITY

All students must maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.5 at each review to continue at the University. Students may be allowed to continue on academic probation for one reviewing period with a GPA of 3.0 to 3.4. If your GPA is less than 3.0, you may not continue at the University.

Here's how we calculate your average:

COURSE GRADE	GRADE POINTS	COURSE UNITS		
<b>A-</b>	10	x	6	= 60
<b>C+</b>	6	x	3	= 18
<b>B</b>	8	x	6	= 48
<b>B+</b>	9	x	3	= 27
<b>Total</b>			18	153

To calculate average:  $153 / 18 = 8.5$





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# McMaster / Mohawk Affiliated Certificates

## A University Degree & an Affiliated College Certificate in 4 Years

Use 18 units (6 courses) of your electives to earn a college certificate concurrently with your degree.

Students do not need to formally apply to the program, simply take the prescribed courses for your chosen certificate. At the point of graduation students will declare completion of the certificate.

### MOHAWK MCMASTER CERTIFICATES:

- Can be paired with any Social Sciences degree
- Are taught on the McMaster campus (no travelling)
- Are completed using your elective credits so you're **not** extending your time to complete your degree/certificate or incurring additional course fees.



Certificates offered are:

Business Studies

Leadership & Management  
in the Not-for-Profit Sector

Applied Behavioural  
Analysis



The Behaviour Analyst Certification Board, INC.® has approved the Applied Behavioural Analysis certificate coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Assistant Behaviour Analyst Examination®. Applicants will have to meet additional requirements to qualify.

<https://socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/mohawk>



Your Academic Advising Team  
**We're here to help!**

## The Social Sciences Academic Advising Team can help you put the pieces together

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### CONTACT US:

[socscfac@mcmaster.ca](mailto:socscfac@mcmaster.ca) | 905-525-9140, ext. 23772

### DROP-IN ADVISING:

Monday - Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Kenneth Taylor Hall, Room 129

### ACADEMIC ADVISORS CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Developing an academic plan.
- Understanding course requirements and changes.
- Reporting missed course work to instructors due to an extended illness.
- Academic Plan selection, application and changes.
- Permission to study elsewhere on Exchange or near your hometown.
- Referrals to campus resources.

## Meet Lily!

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Lily works in the Social Sciences Advising Office on Wednesday afternoons. Lily assists her Academic Advisor handler in making students feel comfortable and supported while they are making decisions regarding their program or seeking advice regarding course selection or other academic opportunities.

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Pups Advising Within Social Sciences



## What's an **Academic Advisement Report**?

An Academic Advisement Report is a computer-generated, personalized report that allows you to track your academic progress and assess any unfulfilled degree requirements. You may request an Academic Advising Report through the Student Centre tab on Mosaic to determine outstanding credits required to complete your Academic Plan.



## **3 Reasons** to use the Undergraduate Calendar

1. It includes all the academic rules and regulations that govern you as a student.
2. It includes a description of all the courses offered at the university.
3. It includes important academic dates such as when classes begin and end and course drop & add dates.

<http://academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca/>



## Mark Important **Dates & Deadlines**

- Students considering Honours Social Work - Supplementary application deadline March 1
- Level 2 Showcase March 8, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in L.R. Wilson Hall lobby
- Last day for cancelling courses without failure by default - March 16
- Apply to Level 2 Academic Plans on Mosaic - April 9 to 27
- Level 2 course selection tentatively begins - June 25

**More important dates:** <https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/dates/>



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## A World of Experience

# Study Abroad

### Exchange Opportunities for Social Sciences Students

A study abroad experience gives you a varied perspective on your course of study, expands your horizons and enhances your professional and personal goals.

### Where can I study?

Social Sciences students have options to study abroad with 47 internationally renowned exchange partners across the United Kingdom, Europe, Asia, Oceania, and the Americas.

### Who is eligible?

To be eligible to apply, you must be a second year student in an Honours program and have completed at least 60 units (2 full years) prior to exchange departure with a minimum GPA of 70% (B-)/7.0. Part-time students may participate in the exchange program; however, they must pursue studies on a full-time basis during the exchange.

### How much does it cost?

Your year spent on exchange will cost more than your year spent at McMaster. Although your tuition fees are paid to McMaster, you must budget for travel, living expenses and medical insurance.

### Is financial assistance available?

To help with travel expenses, there is a \$1,000 bursary available for students with a minimum GPA of 7.0 prior to leaving for exchange. OSAP loans may be available to students for expenses associated with studying abroad. There are also a limited number of bursaries and scholarships available for students going on exchange.

For more information about financial assistance, contact: Student Financial Aid & Scholarships Office 905-525-9140 ext. 24319 [sfas.mcmaster.ca](mailto:sfas.mcmaster.ca)



**Meghan Bregar,**  
**Study Abroad Coordinator:**  
[mbregar@mcmaster.ca](mailto:mbregar@mcmaster.ca)



Education. Career. Community.

# Experience Matters

## Experiential Education

In Social Sciences we offer you a unique combination of education, career planning and practical experience. The Office of Experiential Education (EE) helps you combine your education with hands-on experience to ensure you get the most out of your Social Sciences education.

## Internships

Paid work opportunities in public, private, and not-for-profit sectors that allow you to develop skills, a professional network and explore career options.

## SOC SCI 2ELO Career Planning

A tuition-free career planning course that helps you to fully understand the skills you have acquired in your academics, extra-curricular activities and employment, and how these important skills relate to job searching and making meaningful career choices.

## Career Placements

Extended job shadow experiences that allow you to visit various departments within a work site, talk to staff, and get a more in-depth look at a specific industry and related careers.

## Academic Placements

Community-based placements or projects that are part of a course, linking the theories learned in class to the diverse aspects of the community around you.

For more information about EE activities including grants, awards, and workshops, email us at [exp.ed@mcmaster.ca](mailto:exp.ed@mcmaster.ca) or drop by our office.

## Office of Experiential Education

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Web: [experiential-ed.mcmaster.ca](http://experiential-ed.mcmaster.ca)





# Academic Skills & Writing Workshops

Improve your academic skills and confidence. Register to attend a workshop on OSCARplus.



## Student Success Center Workshops

### Academic Skills

#### Managing Group Work

Get past conflicts and get stuff done.

Tuesday, March 6 3:30-4:20

#### Improved Presentations

Learn to organize information so that it's compelling and easy to follow.

Thursday, March 1 11:30-12:30

Thursday, March 8 3:30-4:20

Tuesday, March 13 1:30-2:20

#### Study Smarter, Not Harder: How to Prepare for Exams

Tools, techniques that will help you prepare

Tuesday, March 20 1:30-2:20

Thursday, March 29 1:30-3:20

Wednesday, April 4 1:30-2:20

Monday, April 9 1:30-2:20

#### Writing a Clear, Concise and Contentious Thesis Statement

Develop and refine your thesis statement for maximum impact and effectiveness.

Wednesday, March 7 1:30-2:20

#### A, B, or All of the Above? How to Prepare for Multiple Choice Exams

Effective strategies for studying for and completing multiple choice exams.

Tuesday, February 27 3:30-4:20

Wednesday, March 21 1:30-2:20

Wednesday, March 28 3:30-4:20

Thursday, March 5 2:30-3:20

#### Short Answer and Essay Exams: Avoiding the Blank Page

Tips and strategies for studying for and writing these types of exam questions.

Wednesday, February 28 1:30-2:20

Thursday, March 22 2:30-3:20

Thursday, April 5 3:30-4:20

