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Level 2
Program Plan Selection
April 10 - April 28

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FACULTY OF
SOCIAL SCIENCES
Level 2 Undergraduate Academic Plan Selection Guide
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Step 1: Attend the Social Sciences Level 2 Showcase – March 22, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
March 22, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room in L.R. Wilson Hall. Speak to representatives from all 12 departments, Mohawk Certificate programs and the Experiential Education office. This is a great opportunity to discuss program options, specializations, academic requirements and possible post-grad opportunities.

Step 2: Attend Level 2 Academic Program Plan Selection Advising in KTH/129
Thursday, March 23
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Friday, March 24
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Monday, March 27
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 28
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Step 3: Apply to Level 2 Academic Plans on Mosaic Beginning April 10, 2017
All Level 1 students must advise the University of their Academic Plan choice(s) for Level 2 through Mosaic by April 28. You will be able to select or revise your choices until April 28.

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

Important notes:

1. For students considering Honours Social Work (B.S.W.), you will need to have submitted 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.

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 B.A. Program Plans.

Step 4: Check Confirmation of Academic Plan Eligibility on Mosaic by June 7, 2017
When you apply for entry to Level 2 through Mosaic, you may select up to four Academic Plan options. You will rank them 1 – 4. You will be placed in the Academic Plan that you have ranked the highest and have met the admission requirements. You can see which Academic Plan you have been granted by logging onto Mosaic clicking on the “Academics” tab and then selecting the “My Program” tab.

Step 5: Enrolling in courses for Level 2 students tentatively begins June 26, 2017
For instructions on enrolling in courses visit the Office of the Registrar’s website.
http://registrar.mcmaster.ca/enrol/steps/overview/

Keep informed

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/

Social Sciences’ Academic Advisors help you put the pieces together

Come visit us!
Kenneth Taylor Hall, Room 129
socscfac@mcmaster.ca | 905-525-9140 x23772

We offer drop-in advising:
Mon - Thurs: 1:00pm – 3:30pm

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!
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.
Level 2 Admission Requirements

- Level 1 Social Sciences students successfully completing at least 24 units, except in regards to Social Work which requires a minimum of 30 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 B.A. 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 B.A.**  
Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including an average of at least 5.0 (C) in ANTHROP 1AA3, 1AB3.

**B.A.**  
Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 (C-) including an average of 4.0 (C-) in ANTHROP 1AA3, 1AB3.

Economics

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

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

**Honours B.A. 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, CDMP SCI 1MD3 and 1JC3, MATH 1A03, 1AA3 and 1B03. MATH 1B03 may be postponed until Level 2.

**Honours B.A. Economics and Mathematics**  
Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including MATH 1A03 (or 1X03) an average of 6.0 (C+) in ECON 1B03 and 1BB3 and a grade of 7 (B-) in each of MATH 1AA3 (or 1XX3) and 1B03.

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

Top 10 Reasons to Complete an Honours Degree

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 3rd year of study.
5. You will receive advanced training in your chosen area of study in small 4th year seminars.
6. You can 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.

An Honours degree in Social Sciences will set you apart from other applicants for jobs, professional training or graduate schools, and prepare you well for your future, whatever path you take.

Consider Adding a Minor to Your Honours Degree

Minors provide students with a great opportunity to explore a secondary area of undergraduate study either for personal interest beyond a student’s degree program, or as an area of specific expertise related to the student’s degree program that will serve the student’s career choice. Rather than taking random elective courses, you can complete a Minor and have it 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 such as:

- 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 and engaging, and look great on a resume. Many employers are looking for graduates with multidisciplinary backgrounds or a combination of specific skills and knowledge. Students considering graduate or professional school may also find that a minor can be beneficial.
Geography

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

Honours B.A. 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, ENVIR SC 1A03, 1B03, 1C03, 1G03.

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

Health, Aging & Society

Honours B.A. 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 credit in HLTH AGE 1AA3 and a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in HLTH AGE 1BB3.

Honours B.A. 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 credit in HLTH AGE 1BB3 and a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in HLTH AGE 1AA3.

B.A. 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 (C-) and an average of at least 4.0 (C-) in HLTH AGE 1AA3 and 1BB3.

Indigenous Studies

Honours Indigenous Studies
Completion of any Level 1 program, with a Grade Point Average of at least 5.0 (C) and an average of 5.0 (C) in INDIG ST 1A03 and 1AA3.

B.A. in Indigenous Studies and Another Subject
Completion of any Level 1 program, with a Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 (C-) including a grade of at least 4.0 (C-) in three units in INDIG ST 1A03 or 1AA3 and satisfaction of admission requirements for the B.A. in the other subject.

Labour Studies

Honours B.A.
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 an average of at least 5.0 (C) in six units of LABR ST 1A03 and LABR ST 1C03 or a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in 3 units of LABR ST 1A03 or LABR ST 1C03.

B.A.
Grade Point Average of 3.5 (C-) including an average of at least 4.0 (C-) in six units of LABR ST 1A03 and LABR ST 1C03 or a grade of at least 4.0 (C-) in one of LABR ST 1A03 or LABR ST 1C03.

Political Science

Honours B.A.
Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including a grade of at least 5.0 (C) in POL SCI 1G06 A/B or an average of at least 5.0 in POL SCI 1AA3 and 1AB3.

B.A. 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 of at least C in POL SCI 1G06 A/B or an average of at least 5.0 in POL SCI 1AA3 and 1AB3.

B.A.
Grade Point Average of 3.5 (C-) including a grade of at least 4.0 (C-) in POL SCI 1G06 A/B or an average of at least 4.0 in POL SCI 1AA3 and 1AB3.

Academic Skill Workshops | Student Success Centre (SSC)

The Student Success Centre offers a variety of academic support and writing workshops throughout the academic year. The schedule can be found on OSCARplus (www.oscarplus.mcmaster.ca).

Here are a few you may wish to check out before final exams:

Prepare for Multiple Choice Exams:
March 30

Short Answers & Essay Exams:
March 2, March 29, April 12

Say No to Procrastination:
March 14

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studentsuccess.mcmaster.ca
Find us in Glimour Hall 110
Religious Studies
Honours B.A.
Grade Point Average of 5.0 (C) including an average of at least 5.0 (C) in six units of Religious Studies courses, preferably including one Level 1 Religious Studies course.

B.A.
Grade Point Average of 3.5 (C-) and an average of at least 4.0 (C-) in six units of Religious Studies courses, preferably including one Level 1 Religious Studies course.

Social Work
Honours Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.)
Enrolment in this Academic Plan is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Honours B.A. Psychology (Mental Health Specialization)
Enrolment in this Academic Plan is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Honours B.A. (Music Cognition Specialization)
Enrolment in this Academic Plan is limited and possession of the published minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

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

B.A. in Psychology
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 or drop by our office in Kenneth Taylor Hall, Room 102.

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.

Grading System
McMaster uses the 12 point grading scale. See the Grading System in the General Academic Regulations section of the Undergraduate Calendar.

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To calculate average: 153 / 18 = 8.5
Earn a Certificate from Mohawk College as you complete your Social Sciences degree.

Certificates offered are:

- Business Studies
- Leadership & Management in the Not-for-Profit Sector
- Applied Behavioural Analysis

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
  - Incurring additional course fees

A University Degree & an Affiliated College Certificate in 4 Years

Enhance your Social Sciences degree with practical & applied skills that will prepare you for ‘real-world’ challenges and opportunities.

Balance the theoretical knowledge you expect from a university education with the practical application traditionally offered in colleges. By using your electives to take six courses (18 units) you can earn a college certificate at the same time you earn your degree.

Students do not need to formally apply to the program, simply take the prescribed courses for your chosen certificate.

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.