

# Interdisciplinary Social Science (ISS)

Interdisciplinary Social Science provides you with a solid grounding in interdisciplinary social science research methods and critical social theory. You will have the opportunity to explore courses from a range of progressive fields and critically examine historical and contemporary issues related to social and political thought, social justice and diversity, sustainability and the environment, social exclusion and identity, diaspora and global development.

## Sample First Year Schedule

Your first year classes in Interdisciplinary Social Science will consist of a mixture of courses within your major, general education courses and elective courses outside your major.

| Course Type              | Course(s)   | Credits         |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Major Course             | AP/SOSC 1000 - Introduction to Social Science                         | 6.00 or 9.00    |
| General Education Course | Any approved 1000 level course from the Humanities or Social Sciences | 6.00 or 9.00    |
| General Education Course | Any approved course from the Natural Sciences                         | 6.00            |
| Course Outside ISS       | Any course that is not an ISS course or general education course      | 3.00 or 6.00    |
| Total                    |   | 30.00 (maximum) |

## Program Options

With Interdisciplinary Social Science, you have the option of taking another program within the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professionals Studies as a Double Major or pursuing another program as a Minor.

### Double Major Options Include:

|                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| African Studies                   | Law and Society         |
| Criminology                       | Urban Studies           |
| Health and Society                | Work and Labour Studies |
| International Development Studies | + many more!            |

### Minor Options Include:

|                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| African Studies                   | Philosophy              |
| History                           | Urban Studies           |
| Health and Society                | Work and Labour Studies |
| International Development Studies | + many more!            |

## The York Promise

York is here to support you throughout your unique university journey. Beyond academic achievement, we strive to enrich your student experience through personal and professional development by offering:

- **Career-Focused Services**

Career advising, career fairs and networking opportunities to help sharpen your professional edge.

- **Academic Support**

Learning skills workshops, outstanding libraries, academic accommodations and transition programs designed to help you every step of the way.

- **Social & Leadership Development Programs**

A vibrant social scene with more than 300 clubs and organizations to enhance student life, and help you develop soft skills you can bring to the table in your future career.



**Neda Maki**  
Alumni  
Interdisciplinary  
Social Science '17

"Interdisciplinary Social Science at York is a great program that allowed me to explore my interests and seek the path that enhanced my individual academic strengths. I was well supported by my department, and the professors were always willing to answer my questions or address concerns. All this helped ensure my success as a student."

# Your Degree Pathway

A degree in Interdisciplinary Social Science requires the completion of 90 Credits for a Bachelor's Degree (three years) or 120 Credits for an Honours Degree (four years). Your courses will consist of Major, General Education, and Elective Courses.

## First Year

First year will introduce you to the university environment, provide you with general education courses, and allow options for you to study courses aligned with your own interests.



**Interdisciplinary Social Science Courses:** Introduction to Social Science

**General Education Courses:** Humanities and Social Sciences

**Elective Courses:** Your choice of courses outside of Interdisciplinary Social Science

## Second Year

In your second year, you will continue your development of the fundamentals of Social Science.



**Interdisciplinary Social Science Courses:** Interdisciplinary Approaches to Social Inquiry

**General Education Courses:** Natural Science (for non-Science students)

**Elective Courses:** Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

## Third Year

Your third year in Interdisciplinary Social Science will allow you to explore specific interests in the field.



**Interdisciplinary Social Science Course Options:** Social and Political Thought: East and West, Technology and Social Movements, Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Social Science + many more

**Elective Courses:** Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

## Fourth Year

In your fourth and final year, your courses in Interdisciplinary Social Science will be designed to meet your specific interests.



**Interdisciplinary Social Science Course Options:** Social and Political Thought Seminar, Critical Issues in Tourism Studies, Human Zoos: Spectacle and the Politics of Spectatorship, Topics in Social Science Research + many more.

**Elective Courses:** These courses can include additional Social Science courses or further courses of interest at the upper level



## Your Degree!