HONOURS ARTS

#BEYONDIDEAS
Your university education isn’t just what happens in the classroom. It’s the clubs you join, the people you meet, and the experiences that inspire you. As an Honours Arts student, you choose what to major in, which activities to devote your time to, and whether or not you want to study abroad.

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Jessie’s learned to balance academics and extracurriculars in order to get the most out of his time at university. As a volunteer with the Faculty of Arts, he mentors high school students and shares the experiences that led him from high school in Scarborough, Ontario, to being a student leader within the University of Waterloo community. For him, giving back is just as important as what happens in the classroom.

Whether Jessie’s playing intramural basketball or making an argument during a mock trial competition, extracurricular activities help him expand his résumé and develop his leadership capacity.

23 honours majors to choose from

24 academic societies for Honours Arts students to join
MINOR COURSES
Requires 8 courses in one subject area and counts towards your 40 courses. Some students choose to do one to two minors, in addition to a major. Pursuing a minor is optional.

All majors listed are available as minors. Additional minors include:

- Digital Arts Communication
- Human Resources Management
- International Studies
- International Trade
- Management Studies
- Technical Writing

OTHER MINORS
- Applied Language Studies
- Catholic Studies
- Church Music and Worship
- Cognitive Science
- East Asian Studies
- Greek
- Human Sciences
- Italian Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Latin
- Latin American Literature and Cultures
- Mennonite Studies
- Public Policy and Administration
- Russian And East European Studies
- Spanish/English Translation
- Studies in Islam

ELECTIVE COURSES
Courses you explore as part of your 40 degree courses that are not a part of a major or minor.

Honours Arts lets you explore, create, and contribute to our understanding of the world and each other. Arts programming is flexible; it lets you combine the things you’re passionate about as you build the skills and experiences you’ll need for the future. As you study, you’ll become adaptable, make connections, and solve problems. You’ll gain a global perspective and experiences that will make you … a better you. An original. The kind of person who makes a mark on the world.

Explore, create, and contribute.

Honours Arts

A core of the most flexible honours program, making it easy to add multiple minors, specializations, or a double major.

6 MAJORS

with over 100 options

25 STUDENT CAP

on all required first-year courses

14 REMAINING COURSES

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Bachelor of Arts degree requires
40 courses total, including a combination of breadth requirements, major(s), and minor(s).
If you’re curious about connecting with people in other countries and want an education that offers something more, you can spend one or two terms studying in a foreign country. You can start planning your study abroad in your first year with courses in language and culture. International exchanges normally occur in third year, but you could do a co-op work term overseas earlier. The best part? The courses you take at one of our 90 partner universities count toward your Waterloo degree. Choose from over 25 countries including:

- Australia
- Chile
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Iceland
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Spain
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- United Kingdom

University Colleges (Conrad Grebel, Renison, St. Jerome’s, and St. Paul’s) offer you small communities on campus with residence, academic advising, social activities, chances to cultivate your leadership abilities, and access to more small classes.

Customize your Waterloo experience.
Your time in the Faculty of Arts will be unique, and we wouldn’t have it any other way. Here, we are motivated by a deep commitment to curiosity, creativity, and the desire to understand — and engage — the world. Your experiences in and out of the classroom will connect you to a bigger picture and prepare you for life beyond university.
EXPLORING YOUR OPTIONS

With Honours Arts, you get to choose your path of study; you can go regular or go co-op! Waterloo students in both paths learn from the same professors, take the same required courses, and have opportunities to connect with other students, clubs, and activities on campus.

HONOURS ARTS CO-OP

Apply for co-op at the end of first year, when you’ve declared your major. Departmental co-op is available for these majors:
- Economics
- English
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

ADVANTAGES
- Experience: Cooperative education is the fastest — and most predictable — way to complete the most in-demand programs.
- Skills: You gain skills like communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. You may also choose to declare your major in a field like Peace and Conflict Studies, Anthropology, or Psychology. Career development services are available to help you explore career options.
- Resumes: Include an extra year of hands-on work experience.
- Failure to co-op: You are still eligible to graduate with your Honours degree.

GO CO-OP

In the winter of your second year, you’ll start your first co-op work term. Alternate study and work terms in jobs that challenge you, connect your school work to practical experience, and explore career options. Waterloo’s co-op program (the world’s largest) links you to more than 6,700 employers on every continent. It’s the just-in-time where you could go!

With 20 months of paid, real-world experience, it’s a huge bonus for your bank account and your resume.

FINDING A JOB

Social Science

Anthropology
Explore cultures, issues, evolution, and connections to other cultures — past and present. Go global with field experience in the Mediterranean, the Arctic, or Africa. Sample courses: Anthropological Field School, Medical Anthropology

Economics
Economics helps make sense of trends. Connect ideas and create policies that make our communities, our country, and the world go around. Sample courses: Economics of Sport, Economic Sociology

Legal Studies
Are you curious about the role of law in society? Explore the impact of the law and legal systems on all aspects of culture and society. Sample courses: Criminal Law, Legal Writing, Philosophy of Law

Peace and Conflict Studies
Develop original ways to transform conflict and war for positive social change. Think critically about peace, culture, human rights, and international development. Do an internship in Laos, Bangladesh, or Nepal. Sample courses: Fair Trade, Conflict Resolution in the Schools

Political Science
Learn about the power, politics, and global governance. Explore an international viewpoint, present on politics in business. Sample courses: Foreign Policy, Global Environmental Governance

Psychology
Study the mind and how it connects to our feelings, bodies, and creativity. Do hands-on research with some of the top professors in the world. Sample courses: Experimental Psychology, Improving Literacy for Children with Disabilities. Basic Research Methods

Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Studies
Explore ideas, values, attitudes, and connections between relationships and sexual health. Understand the impact on culture and society. Sample courses: Couple and Family Therapy, Dynamics of Dating

Social Development Studies
Understand the importance of mental health, education, and emotional support impact people and communities. Make a difference in the well-being of individuals through social work or education. Sample courses: Homelessness and Public Policy, Changing Concepts of Childhood

Science

Chemistry
Explore the nature of matter, its physical and chemical properties. Understand the history and applications of chemistry. Sample courses: General Chemistry, Physical Chemistry

Computer Science
Explore the nature of information, computer science, and how computers work. Connect with business and industry through co-op placement. Sample courses: Database Systems, Design, and Implementation

Sociology
Explore the ways people live or work together? Study groups, relationships, and interactions: how they happen, how they change, and the forces (like age or religion) that make change happen. Sample courses: Technology and Social Change, Sociology of Education

Women’s Studies
Understand the role of women in all aspects of the world. Explore issues related to sex and culture — from pop culture to women in technology — as you prepare for a career in law, politics, and your community. Sample courses: Women and the Law, Contemporary Health Issues for Women

Languages and Cultures

French
Enhance your love of music. Improve your skills with an instrument, your voice, or play in one of six music ensembles. Combine music theory, performance, and history with global music, film music, or psychology. Go global in England, Germany, or Italy. Sample courses: Introduction to Jazz, Soundtracks: Music in Film, Music and Technology

Theatre and Performance
Explore theatre and performance. Understand how theatre influences political, social, and cultural issues. Launch your own plays, improve your acting, or develop your set design and lighting skills. Sample courses: Site-Specific Performance, Stage Management, Approaches to Directing

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Discover the religions of the world. Make connections between religion, culture, and society. Understand the influence of religion on politics, art, science, and history. Go global and study spirituality in India. Sample courses: Religions of Asia, Bioethics and Religious Values

SPEECH COMMUNICATION

Creative, collaborative, and critical communications help us understand and influence the world around us. Learn to write and speak persuasively, and get started on a career developing auditory relations, or teaching. Sample courses: Interviewing, Speech Writing, Digital Presentations

FINE ARTS

Understand the arts and art history. Discover painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, computer imaging, and film. Get inspired, and develop your original style through Studio Practice or Visual Culture. Sample courses: World Technology and Visual Culture, Expressive Drawing, Photography

Music
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German
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Spanish
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APPLY TO

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Economics
English
History
Psychology
Sociology

ADMISSIONS 2018
ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Minimum admission requirements: completed high school diploma with Grade 12 English, or equivalent.

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English, a final grade of at least 75% required

APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION

- Application fee
- Academic Transcript
- Two Reference Letters
- Statement of Intent (800 words)
- Multiple Choice Test (MCAT)

MINIMUM ADMISSION AVERAGE

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