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honours arts

Faculty of Arts
More than a degree.

Discover a place that fosters your personal growth. This is your time to explore subjects you care about. Feed your intellectual curiosity, build your support team of academic advisors and mentors, and make connections that will stay with you long after graduation. The only question is – are you ready to get started?

For Antonio, university is all about the journey.

A contributor to the University’s student newspaper, Imprint, Antonio’s taken on many roles – staff reporter, news editor, head reporter, and managing editor. He even scored a prestigious award from the Ontario Community Newspapers Association for his work.

I just sat in on story list meetings and was fearless – took ideas, pitched stories. It was a learning experience, but I learned very quickly because I was passionate about what I was doing and about the paper and I felt like I was making an indirect contribution to campus life.

READ MORE ABOUT ANTONIO AND OTHER ARTS STUDENTS AT WATERLOO.

uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/arts-stories
Honours Arts helps you develop both personally and professionally. Dive into the liberal arts subjects you’re most passionate about and start building your personal arsenal of transferable skills and life experiences. Employers want adaptable individuals who can think logically, come up with big ideas to solve problems, and offer global perspectives. Guess who that sounds like? You – after you’ve collected every last experience of life at Waterloo and confidently launched yourself into the real world.

Honours Arts is one of the more flexible honours plans, making it easy to add multiple minors, specializations, and even a joint major!

SUCCESSFUL GRADS
WHAT KIND OF CAREER WILL YOU HAVE?

Here’s where some University of Waterloo Arts graduates work:

- PHILOSOPHY
  Grat & Company
  Lawyer

- ENGLISH
  Communitech
  Senior Digital Media Specialist

- POLITICAL SCIENCE
  Environment Canada
  Media Relations Advisor

- LEGAL STUDIES
  TD Canada Trust
  Financial Representative

NOTE: Careers previously held or currently held by our Honours Arts graduates
Analytical reasoning
Conduct critical thinking exercises and research. You’ll take apart ideas from some of the world’s brightest thinkers, debate them, and put them back together again.

transferable skills

Strong written and verbal communication
Participate in group work, essay assignments, in-depth research, and presentations that develop your voice and convey your ideas.

Leadership
Find your inner leader and learn how to effectively work in teams through group tasks and extracurricular opportunities.

Creative thinking
Tackle problem-solving scenarios and assignments that will grow your ability to express yourself in different formats.

Global awareness
Be an engaged and informed global citizen through language and culture courses, study abroad opportunities, and a diverse campus community.
23 majors to choose from

Explore in first year and then choose your major.

Honours Majors

Social Sciences

ANTHROPOLOGY
Identify fossils and remains in our labs and through fieldwork experience at sites in Northern Canada.
SAMPLE COURSES Archaeological Field Methods, Medical Anthropology

ECONOMICS
Economists analyze and interpret the world we live in. You’ll study issues that have a real, lasting impact – like can we avoid another financial crisis?
SAMPLE COURSES Economics of Sport, Marketing and Consumer Economics

LEGAL STUDIES
Case law. The Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Learn from professors who share real cases and give you the scoop on working with criminal defendants and handling victims.
SAMPLE COURSES Criminology, Legal Writing, Philosophy of Law

PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES
Examine the roots of conflict and find solutions to create positive social change. In our internship and fieldwork program, you’ll work in countries like Bolivia, Indonesia, and Uganda.
SAMPLE COURSES Fair Trade, Conflict Resolution in the Schools

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Globalization is here. How are countries responding? Gain an international viewpoint as you study current international policy debates.
SAMPLE COURSES Foreign Policy, Global Environmental Governance

PSYCHOLOGY
Gain experience in our many research labs and centres. As part of one of North America’s top psychology programs, you’ll conduct hands-on research with award-winning professors.
SAMPLE COURSES Exceptional Children, Learning Disabilities, Basic Research Methods

SEXUALITY, MARRIAGE, AND FAMILY STUDIES
Study how relationships are formed and maintained and the impact of culture on sexual and family-related values, ideas, and attitudes.
SAMPLE COURSES Couple and Family Therapy, Sexual Ethics

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
Explore what it means to be human in relation to local, national, and global social issues. Gain real-world experience volunteering at local agencies.
SAMPLE COURSES Social Work with Families, Cross-Cultural Psychology

SOCIETY
How does society handle inequality, poverty, and crime? Learn about criminal justice, religion, social research methods, and our relationship to one another.
SAMPLE COURSES Technology and Social Change, Sociology of Education

WOMEN’S STUDIES
From the struggle for women’s rights to the contributions women have made in technology, explore how women impact the world.
SAMPLE COURSES Women and Film, The Principles of Entrepreneurship

Humanities

CLASSICAL STUDIES
Study the world of the Ancients – no previous knowledge of the ancient languages required. Gain hands-on field experience on Mediterranean sites, mainly in Greece and Italy.
SAMPLE COURSES Science and Technology of Ancient Greece and Rome, Astrology and Magic

ENGLISH
Take rhetoric courses and learn how advertising copy sells ideas. Take digital media classes and merge high-tech with communication. Or read and study British, Canadian, and American literature.
SAMPLE COURSES The Rhetoric of Digital Design, Genres of Business Communication, Writing for the Media

HISTORY
Develop a worldview that goes back centuries. Study 20th Century history, history of women and minority groups, public policy, and the military.
SAMPLE COURSES Digital History, Human Rights in History

MEDIEVAL STUDIES
Focus your learning on what happened after the Roman Empire dissolved.
SAMPLE COURSES History of Christianity, Chaucer

PHILOSOPHY
Should the rich help the poor? How do we decide right from wrong? Learn to think logically and argue effectively.
SAMPLE COURSES Probability and Decision Making, Theories of Knowledge
RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Knowledge of religion leads to better communication in business and community life. Religious traditions provide different models for thinking about death and suffering, compassion, and peace. Embrace the possibility of a study term in India.
SAMPLE COURSES Religion in Popular Film, Religions of the East, Religions of the West

SPEECH COMMUNICATION
Are you really saying what you think you’re saying? Study what makes verbal and non-verbal communication effective. Gain skills in cross-cultural and workplace communications.
SAMPLE COURSES Digital Presentations, Crisis Communication, Speech Writing

Fine and Performing Arts

FINE ARTS
Love printmaking, drawing, painting, and sculpting? Choose to specialize in one medium or explore them all. Master your art in our studios and workshops, or showcase your work in one of our galleries. Enhance your studies by taking Art History, Visual Culture, Film Studies, or Fine Arts-Teaching Specialization.
SAMPLE COURSES Time-based Media, Printmaking, Experimental Film
FIELDWORK Visit galleries in Chicago, New York, Montreal, and Toronto

MUSIC
Combine music theory, studio, performance, and history. Investigate the relationship between music and technology, film, gender, and psychology. Instruction offered in more than 20 instruments and vocal lessons.
SAMPLE COURSES Introduction to Jazz, Soundtracks: Music in Film, Music and Technology

THEATRE AND PERFORMANCE
Learn about theatre and performance by making them. Creation, design, management, technology, critical studies, and performance come together as meaningful work in our thrust stage, black box theatres and unexpected places like virtual reality.
SAMPLE COURSES Design for the Theatre, Stage Combat

Languages and Cultures

FRENCH
Do you have a passion for all things français? Learn from professors who are Governor General prize winners and world experts in French. Spend a year in Chicoutimi, Nantes, or Paris. Our French Teaching Specialization offers direct admission to Teacher’s College at Nipissing University.
SAMPLE COURSES Children’s Literature in French, African and Caribbean French Literature

GERMAN
Study in a community renowned for its German heritage. Take courses in culture, film, literature, linguistics, and language, or study modern German culture overseas.
SAMPLE COURSES German through Comics, German Filmmakers in Hollywood

SPANISH
Discover the Spanish language, literature, and civilization with an emphasis on Latin America. You can choose to specialize in Spanish Translation.
SAMPLE COURSES Visual Culture in the Contemporary Hispanic World, Theory and Practice of Translation

Minors
All 23 honours majors are available as minors. Additionally, you can strengthen your degree by choosing from the following suite of professional minors or interdisciplinary minors.

Professional Minors
» Digital Arts Communication
» Human Resources Management
» International Studies
» International Trade
» Management Studies
» Technical Writing

Interdisciplinary Minors
» Applied Language Studies
» Catholic Studies
» Church Music and Worship
» Cognitive Science
» East Asian Studies
» Human Sciences
» Italian Studies
» Jewish Studies
» Mennonite Studies
» Studies in Islam

Glossary
Bachelor of Arts degree – requires 40 courses in total. A combination of breadth requirements, major(s), and minor(s).

Breadth requirements – 10 required courses that ensure the breadth of your education. Depending on the subjects you choose to study, these courses may also count towards your major or minor.

Major – your main area of focus. Requires 16 courses and counts towards the 40 courses. You will need to choose at least 1 honours major. Some students decide to do 2 in a “double major.”

Minor – requires 8 courses in one subject area and counts towards your 40 courses. Some students choose to do 1 or 2 minors, in addition to a major. Pursing a minor is optional.

Elective – courses you explore as part of your 40 degree courses that are not part of a major, minor, or specialization.

Topic specialization – 4-6 courses within a major that allow you to concentrate on an area you are most interested in.

Intensive specialization – some majors offer an intensive specialization. This is 4-6 courses, in addition to the 16 in your major, that give you more in-depth knowledge in a particular area and better prepare you for further studies in graduate or professional school.
be a global citizen

Study abroad

Will a global perspective be part of your journey through university? Spend 1 or 2 terms studying in a foreign country. The courses you take can be credited towards your Waterloo degree - you can even schedule co-op work terms as overseas experiences. International exchange trips normally happen in third year, but you can begin planning for it in your first year with language and culture courses. Choose from over 90 partner university exchange agreements in more than 25 countries including:

» Australia
» Denmark
» France
» Germany
» Iceland
» Israel
» Jamaica
» Japan
» Mexico
» Netherlands
» New Zealand
» Norway
» Peru
» Singapore
» Spain
» Switzerland
» United Kingdom
Global Experience Certificate

Expand your horizons, learn from direct experience, and make a difference in the world. At Waterloo, your international study term, co-op work term, or volunteer experience can count towards the Global Experience Certificate. It also looks great on a résumé!

Requirements:

3 for-credit courses (1.5 units)
1 International Experience (IE)
1 Cross Cultural Volunteer Experience (CCVE)

If you successfully complete these requirements, you’ll be awarded the Global Experience Certificate upon graduation.

uwaterloo.ca/international

Get involved

Student government, clubs, and societies help you develop connections with other students and enhance your time at university. The Arts Student Union (ASU) serves as the Faculty’s student government, while the Federation of Students (Feds) represents students across campus.
1. **ELLA** - Recent graduate
   Legal Studies major, Psychology minor
   Founder of the knitting club, teaching assistant

2. **GALEN**
   Psychology major, Human Resources Management minor
   Arts Student Union executive, Student Director of Social Media for a local non-profit

3. **KAITLIN** - Recent graduate
   English and Social Development Studies double major
   Orientation planning committee, met Stephen Hawking on a co-op term!

4. **JOSEY** - Recent graduate
   Economics major, Sociology minor
   Swam laps with Olympian Michael Phelps!

5. **BRANDON**
   Political Science major
   Arts Student Union executive, planning for law school

6. **ARLEN**
   Psychology major, Human Resources Management and Economics minor
   From the Caribbean and did an Arts exchange term in Barbados
   Association of Caribbean Students member

7. **GABRIELLA**
   Social Development Studies major, English and Psychology minor
   Works with international students through Renison University College

8. **JONATHAN**
   Economics major, Global Experience Certificate
   Completed 3 co-op terms outside of Canada

9. **ALEXA**
   Psychology major
   Arts Student Union executive, residence council

10. **LEAH**
    Social Development Studies major, Psychology minor
    Spent a month volunteering in Brazil

11. **MITCH**
    Classical Studies major, starting Master’s in Classical Studies

12. **DYLAN**
    Psychology major, Sociology minor
    Arts Student Union executive, drummer in a band

13. **ELIZABETH**
    French major, Applied Language Studies minor
    Works at the Bomber - a restaurant in the heart of campus

14. **ALICIA**
    English major, Psychology minor
    Media Lead for UW Bridges to Prosperity
Life at university will open you up to new experiences. Maybe you’ll join the cheese club (yes, we have one of those!), or take on a leadership role in student government or your major’s academic society. You may even find ongoing volunteer opportunities a fulfilling way to spend your free time.

Outside of campus, you’ll have access to a city that is young at heart with plenty of things to do – like this popular board games café near campus, Games on Tap.

get in the game!

SEE WHAT STUDENTS LIKE ABOUT KITCHENER-WATERLOO.

uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/exploreKW
regular and co-op

No matter which path you choose, you’ll learn from the same inspiring professors, take the same required courses, and network with like-minded students.

Go regular
Attend classes that feed your passions and spark creativity during the fall and winter terms. Then land a career-boosting internship, launch a start-up, or backpack through Europe during the summer. The direction is up to you! You’ll get
» continuity in studies, social life, and living arrangements,
» more flexibility for study abroad and internships, and
» a quicker path to graduation, your career, or further education.

Go co-op
Starting in the winter of your second year, put your knowledge into practice. You’ll alternate study and work terms in jobs that excite and challenge you. You’ll get
» the world’s largest co-op program working for you, with connections to over 6,300 employers,
» money! Graduate with 20 months of paid work experience,
» real-world jobs where you can apply classroom theory, and
» valuable career-networking contacts.

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:

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<th>Major</th>
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F = fall term (September to December); W = winter term (January to April); S = spring term (May to August)
admissions 2017

Ontario high school students
Minimum admission requirements: completed high school diploma with 6 Grade 12 U or M courses, including English.

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<th>APPLY TO COURSES</th>
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<td>Honours Arts – Main campus, Renison, St. Jerome’s</td>
<td>English, a final grade of at least 70% required</td>
<td>For Anthropology; Economics; Political Science; Psychology; Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Studies; Social Development Studies; or Sociology: Mathematics of Data Management For Economics: Calculus and Vectors</td>
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English language requirements
The following requirements are distinct from and are in addition to Grade 12 English or its equivalent. You must meet or exceed the minimum scores required for one of the English language proficiency tests listed below if
» your first language is not English and
» your most recent 4 years of full-time study have not been in an English-language school system.

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<td>90 overall; 25 writing; 25 speaking</td>
<td>6.5 overall; 6.5 writing; 6.5 speaking; 6.0 reading; 6.0 listening;</td>
<td>85 overall; 80 per section; for co-op programs: 5 speaking</td>
<td>70 overall; 60 per band; 70 writing; 70 speaking</td>
<td>63 overall; 65 writing; 65 speaking</td>
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NOTE: If you are a bilingual francophone Canadian and have been educated in Canada, you do not have to meet these requirements.

English language score a little low? You may be eligible for admission through Waterloo’s Bridge to Academic Success in English (BASE) program. uwaterloo.ca/base
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