HONOURS ARTS
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BEYOND THE BOOKS

Honours Arts

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.

#BEYONDIDEAS

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
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.

Honours Arts is one of the more flexible honours programs, making it easy to add multiple minors, specializations, or a double major.

6 MAJORS
Anthropology
Classical Studies
Economics
English
Fine Arts
German
History
Humanities
Java studies
Music
Peace and Conflict Studies
Philosophy
Political science
Psychology
Religious studies
Sociology
Spanish
Speech communication
Sociology and Performance
Women's Studies

16 MAJOR COURSES
10 BREADTH REQUIREMENTS COURSES
Each required course that ensures the breadth of your education. Depending on the subjects you choose to study, these courses may also count towards your major or minor.

25 STUDENT CAP
on two required first-year courses

10 RECOMMENDED MINORS

25 MAJOR COURSES

40 COURSES IN TOTAL
Bachelor of Arts degree requires 80 courses total, including a combination of breadth requirements, majors, and minors.

14 REMAINING COURSES
MINOR COURSES
- Anthropology
- Classical Studies
- Economics
- English
- Fine Arts
- German
- History
- Humanities
- Java studies
- Music
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Philosophy
- Political science
- Psychology
- Religious studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Speech communication
- Sociology and Performance
- Women's Studies

14 MAJOR COURSES

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Explore, create, and contribute.

HOW IT ALL BREAKS OUT

BREADTH REQUIREMENTS

LEARNING FOR LIFE
THINK CRITICALLY
Through exercises and research, you’ll learn to take ideas apart, explore options, and come up with something new. You’ll develop your ability to analyze problems and think of creative solutions.

COMMUNICATE
Make yourself heard. You’ll find your voice, your inspiration, and share your ideas in assignments, written essays, research, and presentations.

LEAD AND COLLABORATE
Work with extracurricular teams, clubs, and organizations on campus. Develop your leadership skills in student government. Or become an entrepreneur and lead your own company.

BE CREATIVE
Develop your problem-solving skills and creativity through assignments and on-campus activities. Learn to be curious and express your originality.

GO GLOBAL
Find out more about the world. Take the opportunity to complete other language, cultures, history, and art through your courses, by studying abroad, or by connecting to fellow students.
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 course in language and culture. International exchanges normally occur in third year, but you could do a co-op work term senior year. The best part? The courses you take at one of our 80 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

A term abroad will connect you.

CLASSROOM WITH A VIEW

$1,500 average international experience scholarship

25+ countries for exchange

HABITAT HALL HUB

Affectionately referred to as “The Hub,” this multi-level social centre hosts study rooms and project workspaces for Waterloo Arts students.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGES

Customize your Waterloo experience.

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.

- Arts Lecture Hall
- J.G. Hagey Hall of the Humanities
- Modern Languages
- Psychology Anthropology Sociology

STJ

Home to the Social Development Studies major and program. You can also apply directly to Renison on OUAC if you’d like it to be your academic homebase for Honours Arts.

STP

Apply directly to St. Jerome’s University on OUAC if you’d like it to be your academic homebase. Take part in social justice and leadership opportunities like the Beyond Borders Service Learning Program.

WARRIOR FIELD

Play schedule

LAUREL CREEK

Camps and facilities

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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.
Explore 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

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Anthropology
Explore culture, issues, evolution, and connect to other cultures - past and present. Do international, field experience in the Mediterranean, the Arctic, or Africa. SAMPLE COURSES: Archaeological Field School, Medical Anthropology.

Economics
Economists help make sense of trends. They connect ideas and create policies that make our communities, our country, and the world go around. SAMPLE COURSES: Economics of Sport, Environmental Economics.

Legal Studies
And you'll discover the role of law in society. Explore the impact of the law and legal systems on all aspects of culture and society. SAMPLE COURSES: Criminology, Legal Writing, Philosophy of Law.

Peace and Conflict Studies
Develop original ways to transform conflict and work 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 society, political power, and global governance. Explore an international viewpoint, policy and 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 minds in the world. SAMPLE COURSES: Exceptional Children, Learning Disabilities, Basic, Research Methods.

Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Studies
Explore the connections, values, and emotions 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 roles of human 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.

Sociology
Curious about how people work or live 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 life. Explore issues across time 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.

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. Do global and study spirituality in India. SAMPLE COURSES: Religions of Asia, Bioethics and Religious Values.

SPEECH COMMUNICATION

Explore the role of language. Imagery, words and culture shape each of us, and the world. As a Speech Communicator, you’ll have the power to influence the world. 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 own, original style through Studio Practice or Visual Culture. SAMPLE COURSES: World Cinema and Visual Culture, Expressive Drawing, Photography.

Music
Pursue a love of music. Improve your skills with an instrument, your voice, or play in one of six music ensembles. Compose music, theory, performance, and history with global music, film music, or psychology. Do global in England, Germany, or Israel. SAMPLE COURSES: Introduction to Soundtracks, Soundtracks: Film in Music, Music and Technology.

THEATRE AND PERFORMANCE

Explore theatre and performance. Understand how theatre helps us think about our world, our times, and people. Launch your own projects, improve your acting, or develop your set design and lighting skills. SAMPLE COURSES: Site-Specific Performance, Stage Management, Approaches to Directing.

LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

French

History
Explore history so you can help shape the future. Curious on what you love – politics, military, or women in the New World – and let your interests guide you to a new perspective. SAMPLE COURSES: From Gutenberg to Zuckerberg, A Long History of the Internet, Canadian Legal History.

Medieval Studies
Explore history from the fall of the Roman Empire to the modern era. Understand the ideas, art, philosophy, and history that shape the world today. SAMPLE COURSES: Medieval Society, Crusading in the Middle Ages.

Philosophy
Examine the big questions. The “why are we here,” questions. Get curious about existence, mortality and ethics in the business, law, and politics. Form your own original beliefs, and learn to express your ideas. SAMPLE COURSES: Aristotelian Logic, Professional and Business Ethics.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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Candidates currently in the Arts Co-op program (level 2 and above) can also apply for a research or production project opportunity in their second or third year.

With a Waterloo degree in Honours Arts, you’ll have the skills to take you anywhere. Waterloo is part of the University of Waterloo, one of Canada’s most respected educational institutions. Waterloo is a place that challenges you to think, to explore, and to be inspired. In the arts, we’re looking for students who are curious, who are motivated, who are open to new ideas, and who want to make a difference. This is a place where you can do something. So make the most of your time here. Discover what you can do. Discover your potential. Discover Waterloo.

Learn more at www.uwaterloo.ca/arts光荣于华大

Ontario High School Students

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Apply to

Required Courses

Recommended Courses

Other Documentation

Minimum Admission Average

Honours Arts

English, or final grade of 75% or above required.

For Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Security, Terrorism, and Forensic Studies, Social Development Studies, or Sociology:

- Mathematics of Data Management
- Calculus and Vectors

Admission Information Form (AIF)

Low 80s

by Winter Term study

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