close-knit community
In high school, Danika enjoyed a wide variety of courses. She was fascinated by psychology but also interested in working as a social worker. Danika has vision loss and sees everything as if she’s looking through a pinhole. When choosing a university program, Danika and her guide dog, Ullie, were keen to find one that would allow Danika to explore all of her interests in a supportive, welcoming environment.

After visiting Renison a few times, Danika recognized that it was a perfect fit for her and Ullie: the Social Development Studies program allowed her to study sociology, psychology, and social work, and Renison itself was small and friendly. Within weeks of moving into Renison, Danika and Ullie adjusted to university life. Ullie stole the spotlight as floor favourite and even won Floor Member of the Year at Renison’s end-of-year gala!
What makes Social Development Studies (SDS) so unique? Diversity and flexibility. You'll have a chance to study psychology, sociology, social work, and unique SDS courses. In your final year, you can choose to apply to Renison’s Bachelor of Social Work program or embark on your new career. Either way, SDS prepares you for a life and career dedicated to the promotion of individual and community well-being.

Admission requirements

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Scholarships are subject to change.

Sample first-year courses

- Lifespan Processes: The Normal Events
- Social Ideas, Social Policy and Political Practice
- Social Psychology
- Introduction to Social Work

Sample upper-year courses

- Children’s Rights in Canada
- Education and Social Development from a Global Perspective
- Applied Apprenticeship in Social Development Studies
- Poverty in Canada and its Social Consequences

Grads at work

- Behaviour Therapist
  Mississauga Hospital
- Human Resources Manager
  Guelph Independent Living
- Child and Youth Worker
  Upper Canada District School Board
- Team Lead, Engagement and Wellness
  McMaster University

Specializations

- Cultural Diversity
- Education
- Individual Well-Being and Development
- Social Policy and Social Action
- Social Work

co-op = paid work experience

You can major in SDS and have access to a co-op job! uwaterloo.ca/renison/co-op

according to a recent survey, 85% of SDS grads were employed 2 years after graduation
As a graduate of the SDS program, Amanda is equipped with a wealth of knowledge that has allowed her to engage in the areas of social policy, social justice, human rights, and Canadian and global politics. As she moved through the program, Amanda found herself able to evaluate research and critically engage with the events happening in the news. One of her professors even submitted her essay on globalization and cosmopolitanism to a prestigious competition, and Amanda was invited to attend the Undergraduate Ethics Symposium in Indianapolis, where she had the opportunity to discuss pressing global issues with experts in the field. These skills have led Amanda to choose a Master of Public Policy program, where she hopes to get involved in research, advocacy, and policy development on affordable housing and homelessness.

The program inspired me to take that found knowledge and find ways to use it to make a positive impact on my community, my country, and the world.

“— Amanda, Social Development Studies
The School of Social Work offers 2 degree programs: a Bachelor of Social Work and a Master of Social Work. Both of these are post-degree programs, not accessible straight out of high school, but Renison gives you the opportunity to start visualizing your full university education directly from grade 12.

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<td>Master of Social Work (MSW)</td>
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Sample BSW courses

» Diversity and Empowerment
» Interviewing and Assessment in Social Work Practice
» Mental Health and Addictions Issues

Sample MSW courses

» Social Work Practice in Health
» Health Policy
» Social Work Practice in Mental Health

Sample BSW and MSW practicum placements

» Children’s mental health agencies
» Child welfare agencies
» Addictions centres
» Long-term care facilities
» Family health team
» Policy development in a government office

BSW and MSW grads at work

» Outreach worker at a community centre
» Child service worker in a child welfare agency
» Mental health clinician
» Social worker in a hospital setting
» Counsellor/therapist

EARN 3 DEGREES IN 5 YEARS!

approximately 100 students enroll in first year

100 classes cap at 60 students

APPLY TO

BA

This 10-month, full-time Bachelor of Social Work program is only available for those who have already earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. You’ll spend 2 days a week in the classroom and the remainder of the week in the field, getting hands-on experience!

APPLY TO

BSW

Our full-time Master of Social Work program is the only online health-focused program in Canada. It features 2 weeks of on-campus classes plus 12 months of online courses and a field placement. A BSW is required for admission.

APPLY TO

MSW
After completing her BSW practicum at the Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Centre, Kristen was immediately offered a full-time job. She now works as their Intake Coordinator, a position she developed after noticing a large gap in service. As the first point of contact for refugees and immigrants, Kristen works to ensure they are able to successfully transition into their new lives.

Every day, Kristen uses her skills in problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, and community building to assist her clients – skills she learned in Renison’s BSW program.

My biggest takeaway from the BSW program is the broad-based education I received; however, more specifically, the program fostered critical thinking, which helped enable me to better serve people by identifying gaps in services and come up with creative solutions to problems.

— KRISTEN, SOCIAL WORK
The Japanese courses benefitted me in my confidence and my communication skills. I would recommend these courses to anyone interested in Japanese and Japanese culture, as well as anyone interested in travelling or working in Japan.

– JOSH, SECOND YEAR POLITICAL SCIENCE, CERTIFICATE IN JAPANESE

Do you want to improve your English?

Renison is home to the English Language Institute, where our dedicated teachers, small class sizes, and world-class curriculum prepare non-native English speakers for degree programs at Waterloo. uwaterloo.ca/renison/eli

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<td>Future students with exceptional high school marks yet slightly lower English scores may be given a conditional offer of admission to BASE for certain academic programs. You’ll complete either 1 or 2 terms of language courses and a university credit course. If you want to improve your English before applying to Waterloo, you can apply to the EFAS program. Upon successful completion of the 400 level, you will have met Waterloo’s English Language entrance requirements. If you are admitted to any academic program at Waterloo and English is not your first language, you can take advantage of EMLS undergraduate and graduate credit courses to improve your English language skills throughout your academic studies.</td>
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Our summer English programs are a great way to brush up on your English skills bit.ly/summerELI

Our Korean language program is the LARGEST of its kind in Canada

Become globally connected with one of our minors

» Applied Language Studies (APPLS) courses explore the variables that determine second language learning success. If you are interested in how people learn, teach, and assess second languages, and the linkages between language, culture and identity, APPLS courses are for you. These courses may even make you a more efficient second language learner.

» East Asian Studies (EAS) offers interactive and engaging learning environments for a deeper understanding of the languages, cultures, and societies of China, Japan, Korea, and the region as a whole.

» Studies in Islam (SI) introduces students to a culture shared by more than 1.6 billion people worldwide. You can explore the Golden Age of Islam, examine contemporary issues, and even learn Arabic. Our summer intensive Arabic program is the first of its kind in Canada!
Ana has always been eager to be part of a community and make a difference in the lives of those around her. She began her student life career at Renison as a Floor Representative, but quickly rose to the role of Vice President of the Residence Council, where she ran large-scale events for our students. Ana now works with Renison’s Alumni department as the president of their Upper-Year Association, planning events for alumni and finding ways to keep them active in the community.

Ana knows that getting involved in student life isn’t just about finding something to do with your spare time: it’s an incredible learning process, where time-management, organizational, and financial skills are developed and you’re slowly shaped into a leader.

Being involved was the best thing I could have ever done at Renison. Through my involvement I have grown as an individual, learning life-long skills that will benefit me in the future. I have also been able to form friendships and relationships so special that I could not imagine my years at Renison without them.

– Ana, President, Renison Upper-Year Association

A supportive place to live

**One-on-one**

Because we have an incredibly low don-to-student ratio on the Renison campus, you’ll get a chance to truly know your don, making it easy to ask for help.

**Renison Social Worker**

Our full-time social worker is in a unique counselling position on campus and is available exclusively to Renison students and residents.

**SDS Living-Learning Community**

If you’re in Social Development Studies, you can live with other SDS students and navigate your first year together. Looking for even more support? SDS Peer Leaders keep in close contact with you and your classmates, organizing study sessions and giving you first-hand advice about your program.

**Warrior Academic Leadership Community (WALC)**

Varsity athlete? Live with like-minded individuals who share your interests as well as your busy academic and athletic schedule. Participate in events targeted to athletes and develop your leadership skills.

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take a video tour of Renison with one of our guides! uwaterloo.ca/renison/tour
Supporting other varsity teams with WALC gave me a new perspective on what it means to be a Warrior: we are a community of dedication, passion, and innovation, and we only succeed if we support each other.

- EMILY, WARRIOR ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY (WALC) PEER LEADER
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