COMMUNITY IS KEY TO YOUR SUCCESS

I’ve gotten so much from the community at Renison. Whenever I walk through the cafeteria, I see people I live with and people I have class with. I’m waving to everyone. It’s incredible.

Sarah loves helping people. She was a mental health champion in high school and quickly discovered this was the direction she wanted to take. When it came to choosing a university, she wanted a place that would support her and her goals. She found Renison University College at the University of Waterloo.

Pursue your passion at Canada’s innovation university and enjoy the success that comes from being part of a small, supportive community at the heart of the Waterloo campus.

Renison has everything you need for an incredible university experience. Our close-knit community and small class sizes encourage unique learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom. Your professors not only know your name — they know what you’re passionate about!

What is Renison?

A PLACE TO LIVE
A PLACE TO LEARN

Sarah wanted a career helping people and her passion and goals intersected with her life at Renison. She became a mentor to first-year students. During her morning social work course she learned interviewing and listening skills that she would use in the afternoon mentoring students. Sarah’s positive impact earned her a leadership award.

#BEYONDIDEAS

A place to earn your Waterloo degree.
BEYOND CARING

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Education for social impact

Studying social change at Canada’s innovation university requires creativity and courage, not just theories and formulas. The flexible options in the Social Development Studies (SDS) program allowed Kayla to pursue her passion for changing the world, specifically helping refugees.

Our students want to make a difference and solve the problems they see in the world around them. SDS combines psychology, sociology, social work and interdisciplinary SDS courses. Students gain an understanding of how to approach social issues from different angles. Knowledge and skills gained in small classes and hands-on experience will prepare you for a career in social work, counselling, education, public service, human resources, law, or in community or international service organizations.

SPECIALIZATIONS

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

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- Social worker
- Occupational therapist
- Teacher
- Human resources manager

CO-OP = PAID WORK EXPERIENCE

"I never wanted to do something that was just average."

KAYLA SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES MAJOR, STUDIES IN ISLAM MINOR

40 students studying and living alongside you in our Living-Learning community.

uwaterloo.ca/renison/lhc

uwaterloo.ca/renison/co-op

3 areas of study! Combine psychology, sociology and social work

#BEYONDIDEAS

Renison connected Kayla’s desire to help people with a new understanding of international diversity, allowing her to discover a new passion. These experiences inspired her to take the Cultural Diversity and Social Work specializations. Kayla is learning how to adapt theories and ideas from different social science disciplines in order to help refugees transition successfully to a new home in Canada.
“It’s social sciences with a twist.”

Joel, Arts and Business, Social Development Studies Major and Psychology Minor

Business is fundamentally about people

Joel understands that socially conscious organizations need team members with sound business skills in addition to a passion for helping others. He chose Arts and Business with a major in SDS to equip himself with the skills required to make smart business decisions regarding policies and procedures within organizations.

Combine your passion for social sciences with business. Without the limitations of a traditional business program, Arts and Business with a major in SDS allows you to graduate with expertise in both areas!

Social service organizations do not run themselves. They need people who bring business skills to the table. Taking courses in marketing, economics, and entrepreneurship will broaden your horizons as you learn how to adapt your passion for social change to real-world organizations.

#BEYONDIDEAS

Balance is valuable. Combining business with social sciences gave Joel an edge in his co-op workplace. When working for a political party, Joel was able to challenge ideas and solve issues from a social science and business perspective.

Students who study with co-op have an average salary 15% higher than their peers

20 MONTHS of full-time work experience. Test out careers before you graduate!

16 SDS COURSES

15 BUSINESS COURSES

9 ELECTIVES

40 COURSES IN TOTAL

1530 UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

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A pathway to helping others

Marielle came to university with an open mind, knowing that a helping profession was right for her, but not sure whether social work was the best fit. She applied to SDS to discover her career path and found a passion for feminism and human rights. Based on her experiences, she knew her next best step was the post-degree Bachelor of Social Work program.

Want to be a social worker? The School of Social Work brings together classroom teaching and practicum experience. Renison offers 2 degree programs: a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and a Master of Social Work (MSW).

Students apply to these programs after completing a university degree. However, Renison gives you the opportunity to start visualizing your full university education directly from high school.

Marielle did her BSW work placement working with homeless youth in Hamilton. This gave her invaluable experience working alongside youth struggling with mental health and addiction as well as other barriers such as family conflict and poverty. After graduating with her BSW, she was hired as a full-time Mental Health Clinician.

“"I wake up every day with a deep-founded sense of respect, honour, and privilege for the work that I do.”

Tiffany, BSW Graduate
You need a degree that sets you up for success. The unique and flexible nature of Renison programs provide graduates with the opportunity to explore an incredibly wide range of career opportunities.

MARIA SOLKIS
President, Cox Automotive
JOHN NEUFELD
Executive Director, House of Friendship
KIM BURRELL
Staff Language Instructor, Renison University College
LAURA BLACK
Assistant Language Instructor, Renison University College
NICOLE PAPP
Merchant Success Manager, Shopify Plus
VICTORIA BOYLE
Executive Assistant, Smile.io
AKEISHA ABSOLON-WINCHESTER
Child Protection Worker, Family and Children’s Services of Guelph and Wellington County

97.9% of SDS grads are employed within 2 years! (2014 Ontario University Graduate Survey)

53% increase in jobs in law, social and community services since 2007 (Stats Canada)

uwaterloo.ca/renison/careers
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Built-in real-world experience

At Renison, learning cannot be contained!

Work in a community organization. Learn alongside your professors by assisting in research. Participate in the innovative Walls to Bridges program, a course taught inside a prison. Want to travel the world? Spend a term in Iceland? You can!

Tell us what you’re passionate about, and we’ll help you find just the right thing. Not sure what you want? University is for exploring, and we’ll help you with that too!

50+

paid student leadership opportunities right here at Renison

Check out what some of our current students are up to:

- RACHAEL: SDS, Living-Learning Community peer leader
- CHARMAINE: SDS and Fine Arts, double major, yearbook editor and communications officer
- STEVEN: SDS, semester in Japan
- NICOLE: SDS, applied apprenticeship
- MELISA: SDS and Science, joint honours, residence don
- SARAH: SDS, conversation partner
- NICOLE: SDS, student ambassador
- ANDREA: Health Studies, co-op, Warrior Academic Leadership Community (WALC) peer leader
- ANGEL: SDS, Academic Student Council vice-president
- FAYE: SDS, English Language Institute peer leader
- ANDREA: SDS, volunteer co-ordinator
- JORDAN: Life Sciences, Biology, Residence Council vice-president
- JOEL: Arts and Business, SDS, co-op, Minor in Psychology

35 COUNTRIES

for you to explore with support from the Renison International Office

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Grow your professional development with the EDGE program: uwaterloo.ca/edge

45 MAJORS AND MINORS
to help you customize your degree
Steven thrived here at Renison. He wanted to live in a place that challenged him to come out of his shell and he wanted opportunities to build his résumé. With help from his don, Steven became a natural leader on campus. He’s more confident than he ever imagined possible.

"Steven, Former Resident"

**It’s what unites us**

It’s unanimous — high school students are nervous about transitioning to university. Common concerns? Making friends and managing the workload. But don’t worry — Renison has your back. We’re not just a home, we’re a place that helps you thrive academically and socially. We know that students who are supported from all angles are more likely to achieve their goals!

**YOUR SUCCESS TEAM:**

- Our own in-house kitchen staff who serve home-cooked meals.
- A residence and student life co-ordinator who oversees our student leaders to make sure you’re having fun!
- Upperyear peer leaders who lead our 2 Living-Learning Communities. Transition to Waterloo with upperyear support!
- Academic advisors right down the hall who help you navigate course selection.
- A full-time social worker who offers free counselling sessions exclusively to Renison students.
- An international office on site that can help you plan that dream exchange.
- An on-site chaplain who can help navigate big life questions from any faith or background.

**2 LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES**

We offer the SDS and Varsity Athlete Living-Learning Communities

**220 residents from all 6 faculties at Waterloo**

**10 FLOORS** each with its own unique traditions and feel

**1:21** We boast the smallest don-to-resident ratio on campus, which means lots of upperyear support!

**#BEYONDIDEAS**

Steven wanted a place to thrive. He knew he wanted to live in a place that was going to get him out of his shell but that would also give him opportunities to build his résumé. With the help of his don, Steven became a natural leader with his friends and ended up becoming a more confident person than he’d ever imagined.
A data management class is a good idea, but it's not required for admission. Applying to Honours Arts and Business and want Renison to be your home campus? Simply email renison@uwaterloo.ca to let us know. We’ll take care of the rest!

### PATHWAYS TO SOCIAL WORK

#### PROGRAM

**Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)**
- 6-month program
- Letters of reference, résumé, and personal statement demonstrating practical work or volunteer experience and personal suitability.
- Undergraduate university degree with a minimum of 12 units (24 courses) in the social sciences, including 10 prerequisite courses. Minimum 70% average required.

**Master of Social Work (MSW)**
- One-year program
- BSW from an accredited Social Work program
- Minimum 75% average in final 2 years of study
- Successful completion of a research methodology course or a statistics course — or one full course which includes both.

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### SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID

**We invest in you!**

If you are applying to post-secondary education for the first time, you will automatically be considered for an entrance scholarship. Your admission average determines which scholarship you receive.

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**Last year Renison gave $165,000+ in scholarships and bursaries**

The Renison International Travel Fund can help you pay for that experience!

**Want to travel the world?**

- Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), which provides loans and bursaries for Ontario residents
- External scholarships and bursaries
- Co-op and part-time jobs on campus

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES**

Renison has additional scholarships, awards and bursaries available every single term you study. You are also eligible for financial aid through Waterloo. Ask us how you can apply for an entrance bursary!

**SCHOLARSHIP NAME**

- Renison Principal’s Scholarship
- Renison Entrance Scholarship
- Renison International Travel Fund

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**SDS**

Want to know more about the types of courses you’ll take?

You can choose from courses like:

- Changing Concepts of Childhood
- Globalization and Social Development
- Art and Society
- Ecology, Society, and Justice: Social Development and the Environment
- Public Policy and Native Peoples in Canada
- Radical Ideology and Social Policy
- Positive Psychology
- Adult Life Crises and Events
- Learning Disabilities
- Child Maltreatment: Identification and Prevention
- Personality
- Family Violence
- Social Work in Healthcare
- Aging and Social Development
- Understanding Diversity in Canada
- Social Work with Families
- Canadian Social Welfare Policy

Want to combine SDS with Arts and Business?

Add courses like:

- Entrepreneurship Principles and Practices
- International Business
- Leadership, Teams, and Communication
- Government and Business
- Principles of Marketing and Consumer Economics

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**$30,000–$60,000**

Potential earnings of Waterloo co-op students
SPECIALIZATIONS
As part of the SDS program you can choose to specialize in one or more of the following areas.

Social Work
Designed for students interested in social work, this specialization offers many of the prerequisite courses needed to apply to the BSW program at Renison.

SAMPLE COURSES: Social Group Work, Social Work with Individuals, Social Work with Families, and Community Organization

Education
Designed for students interested in professions that focus on teaching and learning, children and youth, program development evaluation, and policy analysis.

SAMPLE COURSES: Education and Social Development from a Global Perspective, Learning Disabilities, Changing Concepts of Childhood

Individual Well Being and Development
In addition to the benefit to their own personal development, students taking this specialization are well-prepared for careers in areas such as life coaching and training, leadership development, and human resources.

SAMPLE COURSES: Personality, Optimal Living, Positive Psychology

GROW YOUR DEGREE
You have your own unique interests, passions, and goals. You don’t have to limit your choices. You can combine Social Development Studies with any of these areas.

SOCIAL SCIENCES
- Anthropology
- Cognitive Science
- Economics
- Human Resources Management
- International Studies
- International Trade
- Legal Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy and Administration
- Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Studies
- Sociology
- Women’s Studies

HUMANITIES
- Classical Studies
- English
- History
- Medical Studies
- Philosophy
- Regional Studies
- Speech
- Theatre
- Theology
- Catholic Studies
- Digital Arts
- Communication
- Technical Writing
- Fine Arts
- Music
- Theatre and Performance
- Music and Worship
- Visual Culture in a Global Context
- French
- German
- Spanish
- Applied Language Studies
- East Asian Studies
- Greek
- Jewish Studies
- Latin
- Latin American Literature and Cultures
- Mennonite Studies
- Russian and East European Studies
- Studies in Islam

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

You have your own ACADEMIC ADVISOR to help you each term

SOCIAL POLICY AND SOCIAL ACTION
Designed for students interested in careers in public service or organizations focused on social justice in areas such as community organization, law, global governance, human rights, health, housing, and the environment.

SAMPLE COURSES: Homelessness and Public Policy, Public Policy and Native Peoples in Canada, and Radical Ideology and Social Policy

CULTURAL DIVERSITY
Designed for students interested in developing knowledge and skills that help them understand and work with people from diverse backgrounds both within Canada and internationally.

SAMPLE COURSES: Cross-Cultural Psychology, Globalization and Social Development, International Learning Experience

RESIDENCE
Renison is a part of the First Year Residence Guarantee and we reserve 50% of our rooms for first-year students! To make sure you live at Renison, rank it as your number one choice on your community ranking form, and make sure you have accepted your offer and paid your residence deposit by the deadlines found at uwaterloo.ca/future/residence.

Pricing for 2018-2019 has not yet been released, but you can use pricing from 2017-2018 as a guide.

8-MONTH CONTRACT

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TRADITIONAL ROOM

2-MINUTE WALK TO MAIN CAMPUS

COME FOR A VISIT
Book your tour today!
renison@uwaterloo.ca

Fall Open House
Saturday, November 4, 2017
March Break Open House
Saturday, March 10, 2018

Tips on how to apply:

uwaterloo.ca/renison/apply