



# Social Science Program Revision

From 300.A0 to 300.A1 in Fall 2023

Guidance Counsellors Day

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# Why revise the Social Science Program?

- Twenty years since last revision (2002)
  - Time to update many competencies
- Universities asked for:
  - A more broad-based program (less specialization)
  - More focus on basic academic work methods

# Major Changes

1. Required Social Science disciplines taken increased from four to five
2. New “academic work methods” competency added
3. Limit of three courses in any Social Science discipline
4. Program simplified from four to two levels in discipline courses
5. Total 60 hours added to program (in Methodology and History)

*Overall, the program is becoming more like John Abbott’s was already structured!*

# Revised Program Structure

## First Year (Level 1)

**Compulsory courses** (History, Psychology, Economics)

**Optional Level 1 courses** (2 or 3 courses depending on profile)

From Anthropology, Business, Geography, Philosophy, Political Science, Religion, Sociology

**Methods courses**

Intro to Social Science, Research and Qualitative Methods

**Profile compulsory courses**

Calculus 1 and 2

## Second Year (Level 2)

**Optional Level 2 courses** (3 to 6 courses depending on profile)

in disciplines taken in Level 1

**Methods Courses**

Quantitative Methods, Integrative Project

**Profile compulsory courses**

Linear Algebra, Applied Statistics, Human Biology

# Profiles

## Current Profiles:

- General Social Science
- Commerce
- General With Mathematics
- Psychology

40 student Honours cohort

## New Profiles:

- General Social Science
- Commerce
- General With Mathematics
- Psychology
- Justice and Society
- Global Citizenship

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# Global Citizenship Profile

*The **Global Citizenship** profile challenges a student to understanding of communities, cultures and major crises facing humanity at the global scale*

2<sup>nd</sup> Level includes courses like:

- Anthropology of Violence and Conflict
- International Business
- International Economic Relations
- Geographies of Tourism
- The Nuclear Age
- Philosophy & the Crisis of the Modern World
- International Politics

# Justice and Society Profile

*The **Justice and Society** profile explores ever-evolving concepts of justice, individual and collective rights, inequalities, and the distribution of power*

2<sup>nd</sup> Level includes courses like:

- Forensic Anthropology and Human Rights
- Business Strategies for Sustainable Development
- Environmental Economics
- Deviance and Social Control
- Food Geographies
- Social Psychology