



Arts & Humanities

Undergraduate
Viewbook '26–27





Open Your Mind To Western's **PROGRAMS**

Study what you love and gain the knowledge, skills and practical experience that can be applied to every imaginable field. **Explore the world of ideas. Make connections across cultures and time periods.** Build your creative fluency as a thinker, artist, scholar and leader.

Classical Studies

Classical Studies address questions of who we are today by exploring the foundational cultures of ancient Greece and Rome. Contemporary discussions about justice, beauty and human nature are all rooted in antiquity. Our interdisciplinary approach embraces ancient language, literature, history, philosophy, art and archaeology, and makes for an ideal component of a double major. Many courses require no knowledge of Greek or Latin, but we also offer courses in both ancient languages at all levels.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS: Sport and Recreation in the Ancient World; Classical Mythology; Ancient Cities; two-week long study tours to Rome and Greece.

GET INVOLVED: Immerse yourself in a five-week archaeological dig at the Vindolanda Field School along Hadrian's Wall in Northern England. Uncover Roman history with your bare hands and learn the modern-day techniques of classical archaeology.

English and Writing Studies

In English and Writing Studies, we investigate the profound cultural power of literature, film, theatre, and other forms of expression, and we explore the theory and practice of creative and expository writing. Small classes combined with inspiring, award-winning professors provide the perfect setting to learn to write persuasively, think creatively, and hone your research skills in one or more of five areas: literary studies; theatre and performance studies; creative writing, rhetoric, and professional communication; film history, theory, and production; and medieval studies. In their exploration of a diverse range of cultural productions, English and Writing Studies students discuss historical issues and current ideas that shape the ways we see the world. Through creative practice, students develop communication and critical-thinking skills that are highly valued professional assets across a wide variety of occupations and career pathways, including law, teaching, journalism, media, communications, publishing and the creative arts, business, and public service.

YOUR FUTURE SUCCESS BEGINS HERE...

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS: Adapting Shakespeare; Contemporary Experimental Literature; Banned and Challenged Books; The English Language for Writers; Dirty Nature Writing; Classical Hollywood Cinema; Film Production; Understanding Performance

GET INVOLVED: Present your research at Honours Thesis Day; submit your research or creative work for awards and scholarships; join the Coterie, our undergraduate English club; become our Student Writer-in-Residence; publish in our undergraduate student journal, *Occasus*; produce and screen a film at the Western Student Film Festival; take to the stage with our fall and summer Shakespeare productions.

NEW THIS YEAR: MAJOR IN CREATIVE WRITING

French Studies

French courses allow students to enrich their cultural and linguistic competence and awareness by strengthening their proficiency in one of Canada's official languages. The Department of French Studies offers a selection of courses conceived to enhance students' ability in French and deepen their knowledge of - and insight into - the richly diverse traditions of French and Francophone cultures.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS: Introduction to French from Beginner to University levels; Language courses for all levels of competence; Culture and Literature in Society; General Linguistics in French; French for Teachers, Speaking, Reading, Writing Texts; Courses in Translation.

GET INVOLVED: Participate in the numerous activities organized by the French Drop-In Language Centre; explore study abroad possibilities through one of several exchange programmes in Europe.

Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies

A broadly interdisciplinary field, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies is a dynamic area of study that focuses on issues of social justice, particularly in relation to gender, sexuality, and intersectionality. The department offers a wide variety of courses that may be combined into exciting programs in Gender and Women's Studies, in Sexuality Studies, in Black Studies, and in Feminist, Queer, and Critical Race Theory. Course offerings include feminist theory; sexuality studies and queer theory; transgender studies; gender and race; intersectionality; women, law, and social change; gender and health; sex education; gender and fashion; gender and literature; gender and environment; gender and the future of work; and women and popular culture.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS: Gender, Justice, Change; Introduction to Equity, Diversity and Human rights; Introduction to Black Studies; Queer(ing) Popular Culture; Sex, How to: Sex Education, its History, and Controversies; Gender and Fashion

MAJOR OR MINOR IN BLACK STUDIES: Open to all students in the university, the Black Studies program aims to develop students' knowledge of the issues facing people from the Black diaspora. This program encompasses historical, theoretical, and socio-cultural topics, varying from Black Feminist Thought to contemporary Black cultural practices in Canada and elsewhere. All program courses may be credited toward other undergraduate programs as electives.

Languages and Cultures

Join a vibrant community of learners passionate about languages, global perspectives, and cultural exchange. In our department, you can take courses in: Arabic, Comparative Literature, Digital Humanities, German, Intercultural Communication, Italian, Persian (Farsi), and Spanish.

- Choose from innovative programs and modules in Digital Humanities, German, Italian, and Spanish — tailored to your interests and goals.
- Immerse yourself in international film, world literature, and popular culture to deepen your understanding of diverse cultural perspectives.
- Put your knowledge into action through community-engaged learning, internships, and transformative study abroad opportunities.
- Develop the language proficiency, communication tools, and intercultural competence essential for success in today's interconnected world.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS: Programming my Digital Life; Digital Creativity; Creativity Studio; German, Italian, and Spanish Conversation Courses; Film Festivals: Local and Global; The Theory and Practice of Intercultural Communication; Florence the Magnificent; Exploring Hispanic Culture; Global Awareness

GET INVOLVED: Enjoy cultural celebrations, conversation groups, and international film and speaker series. Immerse yourself in language and culture with faculty-led and partner programs in Spain, Latin America, Italy, and Germany.



FUND YOUR STUDIES

Every year the Faculty of Arts & Humanities has over **\$1.5 million** in awards, scholarships, and bursaries available to incoming and continuing students.

AREAS OF STUDY

Art History*

Art History and Museum and Curatorial Studies

Art History and Studio Art

School for Advanced Studies in Arts & Humanities

Arts and Humanities Internship Program (AHIP)

Black Studies

Classical Studies

Comparative Literature and Culture

Creative Arts and Production

Creative Writing

Creative Writing and English Language & Literature

Digital Humanities*

English for Teachers*

English Language and Literature

Ethics*

Feminist, Queer & Critical Race Theory*

Film Studies

French for Teaching

French Studies

Gender and Women's Studies

General Cinema Studies*

General English*

German Studies*

Global Gender Studies

Greek and Latin Literature*

Greek and Latin*

Greek and Roman Archaeology*

Greek and Roman History*

Greek*

Italian Language and Culture

Italian*

Latin*

Linguistics

Medieval Studies

Museum and Curatorial Studies*

Page, Stage and Screen*

Philosophy

Philosophy of Science*

Popular Literature and Cultural Studies*

Sexuality Studies

Social and Environmental Justice in the Visual Arts*

Spanish

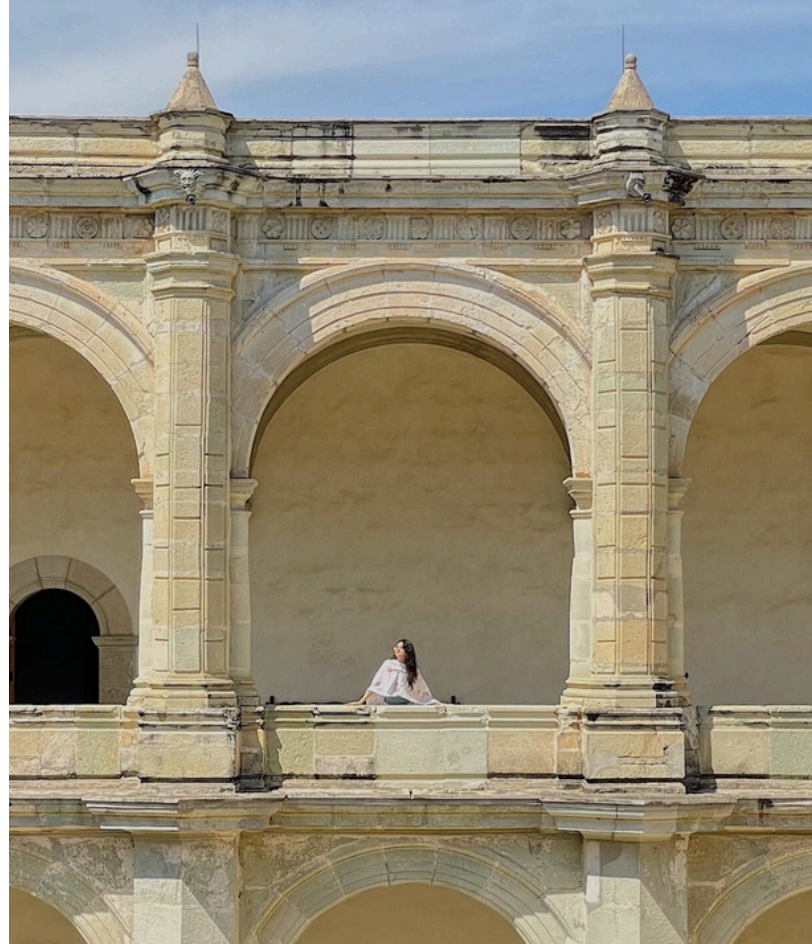
Studio Art

Theatre Studies

Visual Arts

Writing Studies*

* Available as a minor only; cannot be completed as a degree alone.



CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS

Certificate in Ethics

Certificate in Intercultural Communications for Arabic

Certificate in Intercultural Communications for Japanese

Certificate in Practical French

Certificate in German

Certificate in Italian

Certificate in Spanish

Certificate in Professional Communication

Certificate in Theatre Studies

Certificate in Writing

Diploma in Ethics

Diploma in Practical French

Diploma in Writing

Diploma in Professional Communication



Linguistics

Linguistics is the scientific and humanistic study of language. This interdisciplinary program will familiarize you with the analytical tools needed to understand sound, word, meaning and sentence structures, as well as historical and social variation in language. Through Linguistics you will learn about the applications of linguistic theory in areas such as language revitalization, second language acquisition, communicative disorders and psycholinguistics. In addition, studying Linguistics lets you explore provocative and interdisciplinary topics such as: the 'innateness' of human language, language variation and change, individual and social views of language, language gender and sexuality, language race and ethnicity, language and the mind, and languages of Canada.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS: Second Language Acquisition; Wonder of Words; Language, Gender and Sexuality.

GET INVOLVED: Take part in and present your research at our annual Western Interdisciplinary Student Symposium on Language Research (WISSLR).

Philosophy

Philosophy at Western ranks among the top philosophy departments in Canada, with special strengths in Philosophy of Science, History of Philosophy, and Feminist Philosophy. The department is also the home of the Centre for Digital Philosophy, and enjoys close connections with the Rotman Institute of Philosophy. The study of philosophy is essential for developing and improving analytical and critical reading, writing, and reasoning skills and prepares students for a diverse range of careers and professional programs, including law, public policy, medicine, education, and business.

Western offers a full range of philosophy modules (Honours Specialization, Major, Minor, and a Diploma/Certificate), with courses offered on both historical and contemporary philosophical topics.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS: Reasoning and Critical Thinking; Ethics, Law, and Politics; Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence; Power, Oppression, and Privilege; Evil; Philosophy of Food; Ancient Philosophy

GET INVOLVED: Join the Philosophy Students' Association and participate in colloquia, conferences and special events.

Visual Arts

The Department of Visual Arts offers three areas of study: Art History, Museum and Curatorial Studies, and Studio Art. We have a range of modules at the Honours Specialization level, as well as Majors and Minors. Students benefit from small class sizes, field trips, experiential learning, and internship and exhibition opportunities.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS: Art, Media, and Popular Culture; Landmarks: Spatial Storytelling, Land, Art, Place and Community; Islamic Visual Culture; Alternative Approaches to Creative Methods; Race and Gender in the Americas; Cold War Art & Politics; Death in Mexican Art: From Ancient Times to Today; Making Art with Environmental Awareness; Greatest Shows on Earth: Exhibitions That Changed Art History; Curating the Anthropocene; Video and Animation Art

GET INVOLVED: Gain real-world experience through community-engaged learning opportunities in the Arts. Complete an internship at an art institution or in a creative industry for course credit. Organize an exhibition at the Artlab Gallery as part of our Museum and Curatorial Studies Practicum course. Travel on field trips with your professors and classmates to galleries and museums to explore the art scenes in cities such as Toronto, Montreal, New York, and Oaxaca, Mexico.



92% of our graduates get jobs within six months of graduating

Creative Arts and Production (CAP)

Western's new Creative Arts and Production (CAP) program is a unique, student-centred option that focuses on creativity, creative practice, and collaboration. As a CAP student, you will be registered in one of three home faculties – the Faculty of Arts & Humanities, the Faculty of Information and Media Studies, or the Don Wright Faculty of Music – while taking advantage of expertise and resources across all three faculties. You will work towards a degree that integrates both theory and production as you select from a broad range of elective courses within arts, media studies, and music. Check our website for details: cap.uwo.ca

The School for Advanced Studies in the Arts & Humanities (SASAH)

This interdisciplinary major offers experiential learning in small classes and accepts 25 outstanding new undergraduates each year. **SASAH IS UNIQUE IN CANADA**, delivering a transformative education that includes interdisciplinary studies, second language learning, hands-on experience, critical engagement with the digital world, and international travel and exchange. Our mission is to educate international citizens and research leaders, people who can creatively and critically engage with global challenges and twenty-first-century opportunities. Students will be considered for entrance based on a portfolio demonstrating academic excellence, community engagement, and intellectual breadth. Applications are due in February. Check our website for details: uwo.ca/arts/sasah



Internships

Available to Arts & Humanities students entering third year and beyond, internships relating to your fields of study provide resumé building skills and practical knowledge that allow you to graduate career-ready.

Explore internships in museums, galleries, publishing, theatre, and more!

Go Global

Arts & Humanities offers study abroad, exchanges, study tours, & experiential learning courses in unique destinations worldwide. Study internationally & choose from more than 135 universities in 39 countries. Connect your classroom experience with real-world opportunities by...

Exploring the theatres of New York or London, UK; Uncovering history at an archaeological dig at Vindolanda; Strengthening your language skills in France, Spain, Italy & Cuba; Discovering ancient ruins & artefacts in Greece and Rome...and more!

The possibilities are endless!



Student Clubs

Get involved in our many student clubs and share your passion for academics, social planning and philanthropy.

The Arts & Humanities Students' Council provides great opportunities to get involved in community outreach, art shows, drama productions, student publications (both academic and creative) and more!



Arts & Humanities + Honours Business Administration

This five-year program combining a BA Honours with an HBA from the Ivey Business School is a unique blend of a strong arts foundation and world-class business education preparing graduates to become leaders in a wide array of industries, including entertainment, publishing, art, travel, fashion, tech, finance, and many more.



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