



2 YEARS

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**If you would like to:**

- Have maximum flexibility in choosing courses in the Social Science Program
- Investigate ethical, social and legal issues
- Dive into the history and foundations of human civilizations
- Deepen your knowledge of human psychology
- Understand political and economic systems
- Get to know different peoples, cultures and religions
- Take up to three university prerequisite courses out of five options (mathematics and biology)
- Gain skills and knowledge from a variety of social science subjects
- Learn to apply the scientific method and how to collect and analyze data

Then the General Studies Profile could be for you.

Freedom to choose courses is why many students choose the General Studies Profile. Dawson's Social Science Program has 11 social science disciplines and more than 150 teachers who are experts in their field. Students in General Studies forge their own academic path by selecting courses to suit their interests, satisfy their intellectual curiosity or take university prerequisites in biology and math (up to three courses). Students who are undecided about their future studies or career can explore the social sciences by taking introductory and enrichment courses in up to seven different disciplines. Participating in a Learning Community or taking a Certificate are additional ways a student can choose to enhance their learning.

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**My program gave me the chance to sample a variety of subjects. Now I know what to focus my studies on in the future.**

— Faisal H.

### What will you learn?

- To explain social phenomena and human behaviour using theories, perspectives, and approaches specific to the disciplines of social science
- To integrate methodologies, perspectives, and approaches of inclusion, equity, diversity, decolonization, and anti-oppression when analyzing social phenomena and human behaviour
- To conduct an interdisciplinary, individual research project
- To explain how differences in social identities and world views could influence opinions, beliefs, values, and social interactions
- To integrate an understanding of the root causes of environmental crises to take actions both locally and globally

### Where will this profile lead you?

A DEC in Social Science offers solid preparation for a wide variety of university degrees in the Social Sciences as well as in fields such as Education, Law and Humanities. Following university, graduates may pursue careers in social service, education, law, governmental and non-governmental organizations, business, the economic sector, finance and psychology. A Social Science DEC signifies to future employers that the individual has acquired a vast number of skills and knowledge that are easily transferable to a multitude of industries.

### What do you need to apply?

- A Diploma of Secondary Studies (DES) or academic background judged equivalent to the DES
- Secondary IV Mathematics: Cultural, Social & Technical option 563-404/414

### What else should you know?

- While a DEC in Social Science means you can apply to a wide variety of university programs, graduates must verify that they have completed the required prerequisites before applying. For example, many Commerce programs require mathematics prerequisites
- The Profile Coordinator organizes social events for students so that they can develop a strong sense of community in the profile
- Social Science Week happens in the Winter Semester offers the opportunity to learn from distinguished researchers, academics and public personalities
- You can enhance your learning by taking a certificate in: Decolonization and Indigenization Studies, Environment and Sustainability, Hellenic Studies, Peace Studies, SPACE: Arts and Sciences Certificate and Women's/ Gender Studies.

### Application Deadline

March 1 • November 1

## LIST OF SPECIFIC COURSES

All students must also take **General Education** courses such as **English, French, Humanities and Physical Education**, in addition to complementary courses.

### YEAR 1

Term 1	Term 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Introduction to Social Science Research</li><li>▪ Choice (2) of compulsory Introductory Social Science discipline</li><li>▪ Choice (1) of optional Introductory Social Science discipline OR U prerequisite</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Choice of Qualitative Methods OR Quantitative Analysis</li><li>▪ Choice (1) of optional Introductory Social Science discipline</li><li>▪ Choice (1) of Analysis</li><li>▪ Choice (1) of Thematic Issues OR U pre- requisite</li></ul>
Term 2	Term 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Choice of Qualitative Methods OR Quantitative Analysis</li><li>▪ Choice (1) of compulsory Introductory Social Science discipline</li><li>▪ Choice (1) of Analysis</li><li>▪ Choice (1) of optional Introductory Social Science discipline OR U prerequisite</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Integrative Seminar</li><li>▪ Choice (1) of optional Introductory Social Science discipline OR U prerequisite</li><li>▪ Choice (1) of Analysis</li><li>▪ Choice (1) of Observation*</li></ul>

\* The Observation course is not taken by the students who have taken and passed **Calculus I: Differential Calculus for Social Sciences** in previous terms.