

SOCIAL SCIENCE

300.A1



2 YEARS

www.dawsoncollege.qc.ca/social-science

SOCIAL SCIENCE

General Studies
300.GA

Commerce
300.GB

Education, Family and Childhood
300.GE

International Business Studies
300.GH

Law, Society and Justice
300.GK

Social Change and Solidarity
300.GM

Psychology
300.GP

Society and Technology
300.GS

The Social Science Program at Dawson College provides an amazing opportunity for you to explore many disciplines and establish life-long friendships with other students as you journey together through the program. Dawson College's largest program has more than 150 passionate teachers who are experts in their disciplines. Many are active researchers and share their latest insights in class. Dawson has the broadest offering of courses in Social Sciences including less common subjects at CEGEP, such as Philosophy, Religion, Anthropology and Classics. There are eight profiles to choose from that allow you to focus on a particular area of interest.

You can further enhance your learning by choosing to complete a certificate in Peace Studies, Hellenic Studies, Women's/Gender Studies and Decolonization and Indigenization Studies. In early February, we celebrate Social Science Week at Dawson with five days devoted to special events.

Profiles

General Studies: The General Studies Profile gives you the opportunity to explore and discover various disciplines at CEGEP before committing to more focused studies at university.

Commerce: The Commerce Profile will allow you to explore the foundations of business, take mathematics courses and participate in teamwork. This is great preparation for further studies in commerce at the university level.

Education, Family and Childhood: Focusing on the role of children in family and society, this profile is a great path for those interested in pursuing a career in education, social work, psychology or other child and youth-related fields.

International Business Studies: This profile grounds your exploration of the Social Sciences in the fields of business and globalization. It also gives you the mathematics classes you need to pursue studies in Business and Commerce at the university level.

Law, Society and Justice: In a small community of enthusiastic students interested in pursuing careers in law and public service, you will explore the relationship between law and society.

Psychology: In the Psychology Profile, you will learn about the mental, social and cultural processes that shape the human mind and behaviour through courses, guest lectures and laboratory studies.

Social Change and Solidarity: This profile will give you an overview of Social Science disciplines related to international development through experiential learning. In the second year, students choose between the global stream which includes a three-week trip to a community in the Global South, or the local stream in which they participate in a hands-on project with a local organization.

Society and Technology: This future-looking profile allows you to explore contemporary cultural, social and policy issues related to technology through a wide range of social science disciplines.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will the profile of study I choose be recognized?

All eight profiles in Social Science lead to a DEC in Social Science. Each profile offers a unique path through the broader program. The value of a profile is being part of a small learning community, making friends and focusing on topics that are of interest to you.

Do I have to be in Law, Society & Justice to study law at university or in the Psychology Profile to be admitted to psychology at university?

No. All of the Social Science profiles provide suitable preparation for these university programs.

How many courses would I take each semester?

The normal course load is seven or eight courses per semester in Social Science. A minimum of four courses is required to be a full-time student.

What will I get from studying Social Science?

- Great preparation for university
- An understanding of what it means to be human in a world that is constantly changing
- Better communication skills
- Critical thinking skills
- Ability to research
- Increased awareness and understanding of the processes of change in your community and the world at large
- An understanding of how the world works
- Ability to identify root causes of societal problems and discover more effective solutions

Why are there four methods courses?

Students at the university level are expected to have a basic understanding and ability to critically evaluate research using scientific methods. Whether or not students plan to go to university, learning to critically evaluate information using the scientific method is important. Methods courses help students develop the skills to make reasoned decisions in their personal and professional lives.

Students must take and pass the four following methods courses to obtain a DEC in Social Science:

- Introduction to Social Science Research
- Qualitative Methods
- Quantitative Analysis
- Integrative Seminar

Can I take College maths, even if I do not take the Sec V Mathematics: Science Option or Technical and Scientific Option?

No. You need the appropriate prerequisites in order to take college-level mathematics. However, students lacking prerequisites may have the opportunity to take remedial high school-level mathematics courses.

Do I need to be in the Commerce Profile to take Calculus I, Calculus II and Linear Algebra?

There are two profiles that include mathematics as compulsory courses in their grid: Commerce and International Business Studies. The General Studies Profile allows students to take one, two, or three of the mathematics courses.

While it is possible to take some mathematics courses in other profiles, access is limited by the various constraints of courses included in the profiles. See the profile charts for the specific maths options.

Please ensure that you verify the prerequisites required by your university program of choice so you can take all the required courses at Dawson before applying. In the case where your profile of choice limits access to those courses, you may take them outside of the program, during a regular or a summer semester.