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King's University College: Course Selection Information

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Exchange students of 2017 - 2018!



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Choosing your courses: subject areas offered at King's

King's offers courses in the following subject areas:

- Interdisciplinary Programs
- Childhood and Social Institutions
- Social Justice and Peace Studies
- Thanatology
- Economics, Business & Math*
- History
- Modern Languages - English, French, Spanish*
- Philosophy & Religious Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology

* Only year I level courses in Math and Spanish are available at King's



Important websites for course planning

[Western Calendar](#) (academic regulations, course descriptions)

See: <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/>

For courses offered at King's see:

<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2017/pg1275.html>

[Student Centre](#) (view courses; view grades)

<https://student.uwo.ca/>

How to View Grades: Select "Academic Records"; to view past grades select "View My Grades"; select the specific term from which you wish to view your grades; to view all grades select "View Academic Summary", select "Web Academic Report", and click "Go"

Choosing courses

1. Read the course description.
2. Make sure you know the background to a subject before taking it.

For instance, at King's/Western, you must take Psychology 1000 (first year introduction) before taking Psychology 2410A/B (Developmental Psychology). Psychology 1000 is a **prerequisite** to Psychology 2410B. If you have taken a similar broad introduction to the field of Psychology at your home university, it is likely that you are prepared for Psychology 2410A/B. The pre-requisite needs to be indicated on your home university transcript.



Understanding course numbers

Courses numbered 1000 - 1999: first year level (introductory) courses; most have no prerequisites. Examples: Economics 1021A, English 1020E.

Courses numbered 2000 - 2099: more difficult than first year courses, but usually don't require prior knowledge of the subject; often chosen as 'electives' by UWO students. Examples: Psychology 2011A, English 2017, History 2179, Sociology 2143E.

Courses numbered 2100 - 4999: challenging senior level courses; require substantial prior knowledge of the subject, and also strong quantitative or essay-writing skills. Examples: Political Science 2231E, English 3334E, Social Justice 3311G.



Course suffixes: essay courses

Assessment in these courses is based on essay assignments.

E = full year essay course: about 5000 words of essay writing, if a senior course.

Examples: Philosophy 2204E, Women's Studies 1020E. Don't choose these if you are coming to King's ONLY in the Fall Term—September to December—or ONLY in the Winter Term—January to April.

F = first term essay half course; about

Examples: MOS 3401F, Childhood and Social Institutions 3300F. Don't choose these if you are coming to King's ONLY in the Winter Term—January to April.

G = second term essay half course

Examples: English 2735G, Psychology 2712G. Don't choose these if you are coming to King's ONLY in the Fall Term—September to December.



Course suffixes: non-essay courses

Assessment is based on multiple choice/quantitative tests



No suffix = **full year** non-essay course

Examples: Statistics 2035, Religious Studies 2132, Business 2257. **Don't** choose these if you are coming to King's ONLY in the Fall Term—September to December—or ONLY in the Winter Term—January to April.

A = **first term** non-essay half course

Examples: Economics 2300A, MOS 3310A, History 2190A. **Don't** choose these if you are coming to King's ONLY in the Winter Term—January to April.

B = **second term** non-essay half course

Examples: Psychology 2135B, Sociology 2267B. **Don't** choose these if you are coming to King's ONLY in the Fall Term—September to December.

Course availability: check the timetable, not the Calendar

Not every course in the Academic Calendar (www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca) is available in the timetable for a specific year. **Not every course** in the Academic Calendar **is available at King's**. Exchange students are eligible to take one course credit at Western or an affiliate (Brescia or Huron) per year (or 0.5 credits for half year students).

The **King's timetable** contains the list of courses available at King's in the Fall/Winter term:

<http://www.kings.uwo.ca/current-students/courses-enrolment/enrol-in-courses/course-timetables/>

The **Western timetable** contains courses available at Western (and affiliates in the Fall/Winter term:

<http://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/timetables/mastertt/ttindex.cfm>



Sample course description from the Academic Calendar

Political Science 2231E

Course number and title: this is a full year essay course.

This course surveys contemporary world politics and examines contending theories used by scholars and policymakers to make sense of international affairs. It also provides the conceptual tools and theories to interpret the international system.

Brief description of course content.

A course that must be successfully completed before registration in this one.

Anti-requisite(s): International Relations 2701E, Political Science 2131.

Prerequisite(s): Political Science 1020E

Extra Information: 3 hours, 1.0 course

(Brescia, Huron, King's)

Where the course is offered

Where to get more information about courses

You can look up the detailed course outline from previous years here: <http://www.kings.uwo.ca/current-students/courses-enrolment/enrol-in-courses/course-outline-search/>. The syllabus may be different for the year in which you wish to take the course, but you will get a general sense of the course content.

Course offerings by academic Department:

<http://www.kings.uwo.ca/academics/>



Credit Transfer to your home university

If you are changing courses be sure that your home university coordinator approves the course change.

Credit transfer is approved by your home university.



Tips for choosing your courses: a summary

- 1) Choose courses offered in the term of your visit, from the King's timetable at: <http://www.kings.uwo.ca/current-students/courses-enrolment/enrol-in-courses/course-timetables/>
- 2) You must have the background for the course to be eligible to enroll. If you don't have the prerequisite for a course, discuss this with King's International: international@kings.uwo.ca
- 3) Send in your course choices to King's International **as early as possible**. Courses can fill up by mid-July of the academic year. Some courses are restricted to students in certain programs.



What happens once you are in the course?

Join the class discussions, and participate as much as possible

If you have difficulty understanding the material, **talk to your professor**. Use the help of tutors at the Write Place (Writing Centre)

Use your marks to judge how you are doing in the course. Often, the first set of marks is available before the DROP DEADLINES. If you think the course is too difficult for you, please let King's International know so they can assist you in dropping the course.

How to succeed in your exchange term (in 3 easy steps)

Attend your classes!

- If you find the material difficult, talk to your professor!

Get involved with activities, but *manage your time effectively*.

Know where the resources are:

- Contact **King's International**: international@kings.uwo.ca for questions related to your exchange as well as visas, study permits, health and safety, events and programs for international students etc.



Marking Scale

Mark Range	Grade
90 - 100	A+
80 - 89	A
70 - 79	B
60 - 69	C
50-59	D
<50	F

Transcripts

When will the transcript be released?

February 1 (for fall term students)

June 1 (for full year or winter term students)

Students request official transcripts on-line

at: http://registrar.uwo.ca/student_records/transcripts/index.html

First Term Important Dates:

September 15: Last day to add a full course, or a first term half course.

October 9 - 13: Fall Reading Week

November 12: Last day to drop first term half course without academic penalty

November 30: Last day to drop a full course without academic penalty

December 7: Fall/Winter term Classes end

December 8-9: Study day

December 10-21: Exams



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