

Welcome to Summer Academic Orientation!



A resource for students beginning their school year in September

What we're discussing today

- What to expect, how to succeed
- Information about your degree
- Academic resources



What to expect at university

How your year will unfold



Expect to...



- engage with and enjoy your courses
- be challenged
- fine-tune your reading skills
- ask informed questions
- develop high-level critical thinking
- be evaluated through essays, multiple choice tests, presentations
- multi-task and meet deadlines
- be held accountable

How to succeed...

Choose courses that reflect your future plans

- Course selection → program eligibility
- No one-to-one connection between liberal arts degree and specific career
- Career counselling by Year 2 → some specific course choices in future

[King's Career Services](#) Call 433-3491 ext. 4321 for appointment

[Western Career Services](#) UCC 210; Call 519-661-3559 for appointment



How to succeed...

Be smart, be diligent

Manage
your time
effectively

Know
where the
resources
are

Attend your
classes!



Respect deadlines

Add/Drop Dates 2016-17

- **November 7, 2016:** Last day to **DROP** a first-term half course.
- **November 30, 2016:** Last day to **DROP** a full-year half course.
- **January 12, 2017:** Last day to **ADD** a second-term half course.
- **March 7, 2017:** Last day to **DROP** a second-term half course.

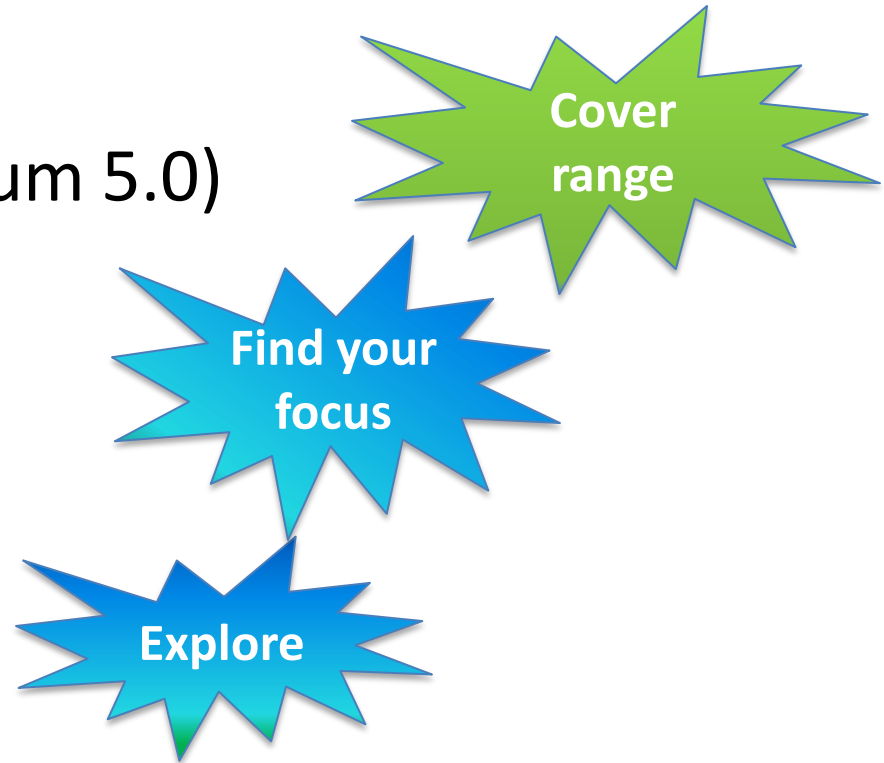
➤ *Consult Student Financial Services for **financial implications***

➤ ***Deadlines matter!***

Know your degree requirements!

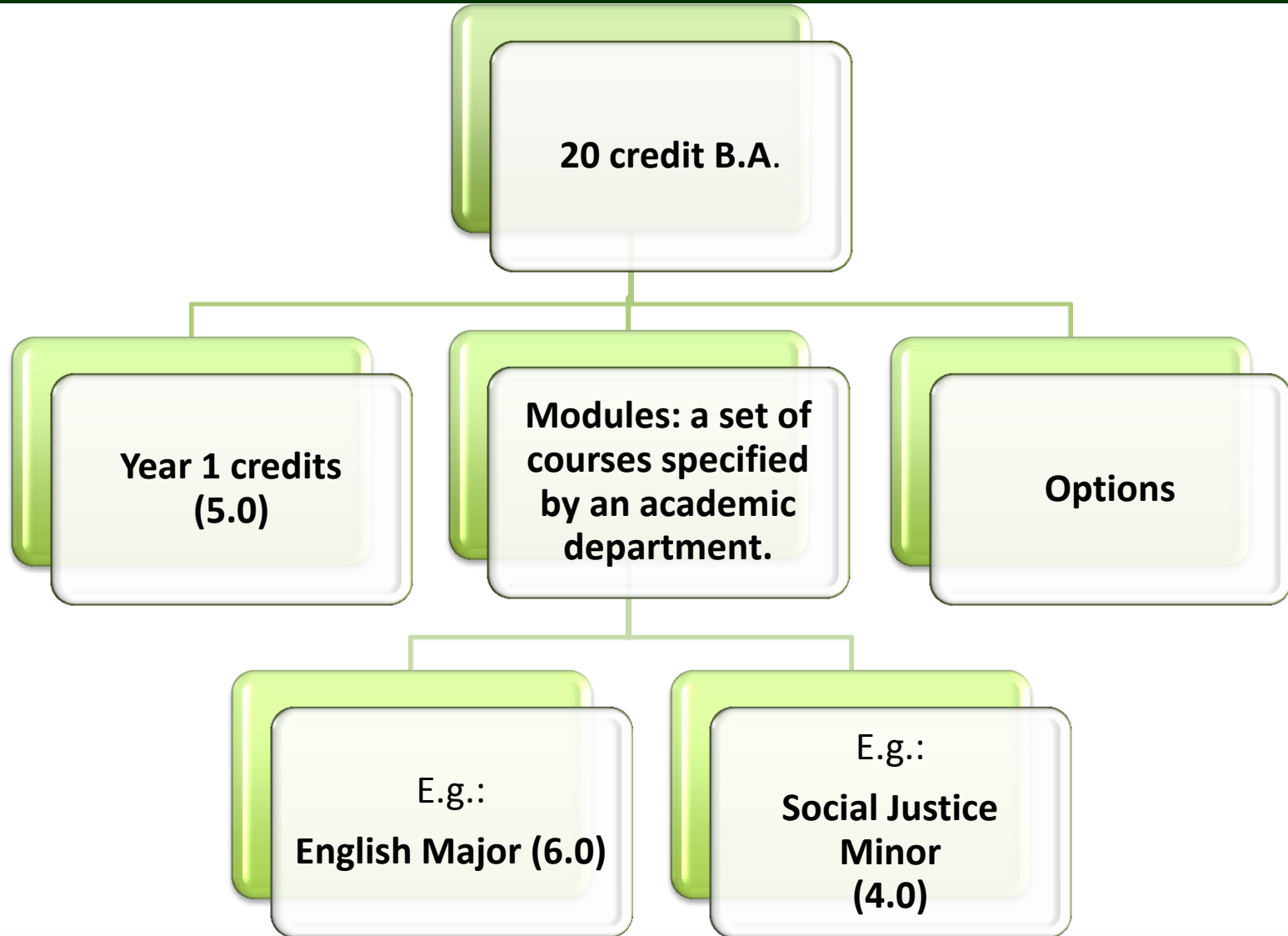
Your degree consists of:

- Year 1 courses (minimum 5.0)
- An ESSENTIAL module
- Additional module/s
- Electives or Options



Program requirements depend on the degree and module combination you choose.

A degree example



Ask for program checklists at the Academic Dean's Office (DL104)

The exciting part: selecting courses

- Trust your instincts. Select one or two courses in subject areas you love and do well in.
- Be a little adventurous! Explore something new.
- Be prudent: keep at least 3 module options open after Year 1.
- Check pre-requisites by reading the course description.
- Some courses are restricted to students in certain programs.

Course selection will depend on your background

First year student

- Take up to 5.0 courses at 1000 level
- Courses reflect strengths, interests, career hopes

Transfer student

- Provide course syllabi
- Note transfer credits NOT always = Year 1 Western credits
- Choose courses with an academic counsellor
- Courses reflect interests, strengths, career hopes AND completed prerequisites



Course selection guidelines: Year 1 requirements

5.0 credits 1000-1999

- at least four subject areas (*e.g.* History, Philosophy, Calculus, and Economics)
- Range, program options



Course selection guidelines: Breadth requirements

THREE CATEGORIES

A = Social Science **B** = Arts and Humanities and **C** = Sciences

- **IN YEAR 1:** 1.0 credit from at least **two** of the **three above**
- **BY GRADUATION:** At least 1.0 credit in each of the three above



Course selection guidelines: Essay requirements

- E = 1.0 essay credit; F, G = 0.5 essay credit
- 2.0 required by graduation; 1.0 of them 2000 level or up
- 1.0 essay recommended in Year 1

Course selection guidelines: Residency requirements

- Minimum of 3.0 courses at King's
- If a course is offered at King's, it must be taken at King's
- ❖ If you have an Entrance Scholarship, you must take a minimum of 4.0 courses



Sample Course Description

French 1910

A study of the French language based on cultural, written material and basic grammar problems. One hour per week of oral practice is required.

Antirequisite(s): [French 1900E](#).

Prerequisite(s): Ontario Grade 12 French (Core, Extended, Immersion) or equivalent, or [French 1010](#) or permission of the Department.

Extra Information: 4 tutorial/laboratory hours, 1.0 course. (Brescia, Huron, King's)

Course number and title:
full year non-essay course

Brief description of
course content.

Course that overlaps in
content; Fr 1910 and Fr 1900E
can't both be taken for credit.

Course **MUST** be completed
before enrolment in Fr 1910

Where the course is offered

***ALWAYS READ
THE COURSE DESCRIPTION
BEFORE CHOOSING A COURSE!**

Course Codes and Numbers

Course Codes

- E = full year essay course
- F = first term essay half course
- G = second term essay half course
- A = first term half course
- B = second term half course
- 1000-1999 = first year level course
- 2000-4999 = senior level course

Economics 1021A

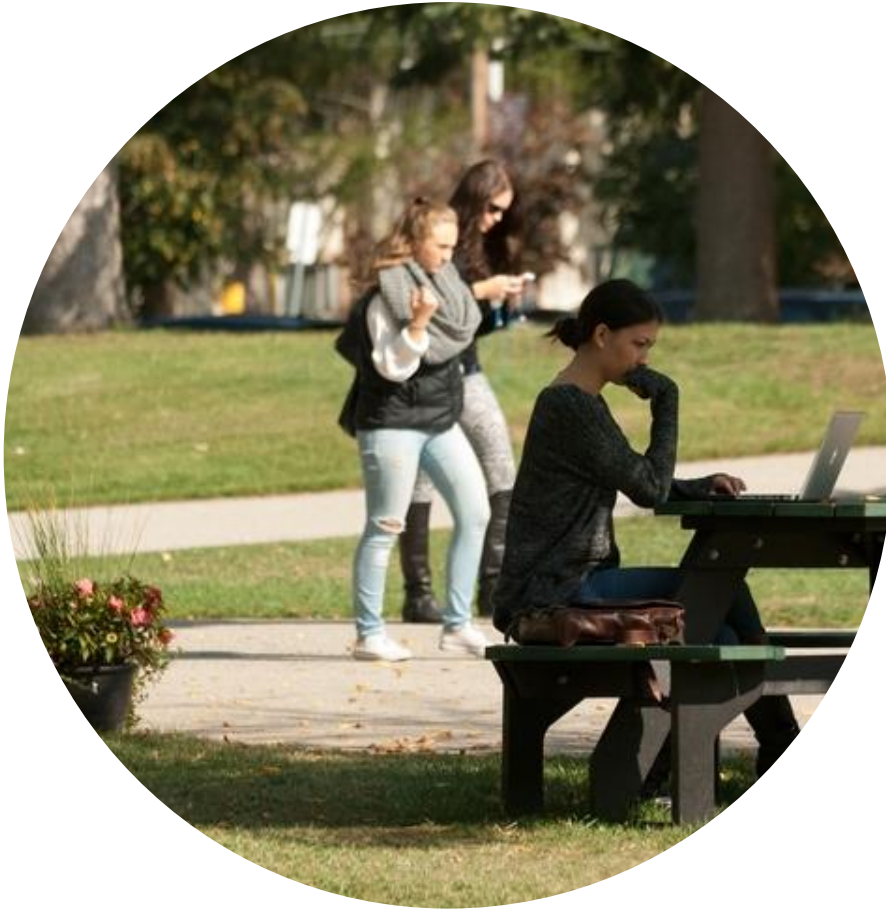
Political Science 2230E

Progression: moving towards your dream program

**Want into a program?
Your first year course choices and grades are your
keys!**



Progression: planning your dream program



Module: a set of courses specified by an academic department

1. Honors Specialization (9.0 – 10.0 credits)
2. Specialization (9.0 credits)
3. Major (6.0 – 7.0 credits)
4. Minor (4.0 – 5.0 credits)

Moving towards your dream program

Degree type	Honors Specialization module	Specialization module	Major module	Major module	Minor module	Minor module		Module combinations
Honors Degree 4 Year (20.0 courses)	E						=	Honors Specialization
	E		A				=	Honors Specialization and Major
	E				A		=	Honors Specialization and Minor
			E	E			=	Honors Double Major
Bachelor Degree 4 Year (20.0 courses)		E					=	Specialization
		E	A				=	Specialization and Major
		E			A		=	Specialization and Minor
			E	A			=	Double Major
			E				=	Major
			E		A		=	Major and Minor
			E		A	A	=	Major and two Minors
Bachelor Degree 3 Year (15.0 courses)			E				=	Major
			E		A		=	Major and Minor
					E	E	=	Double Minor

The DEGREE GRID: Approved Module Combinations for Degrees

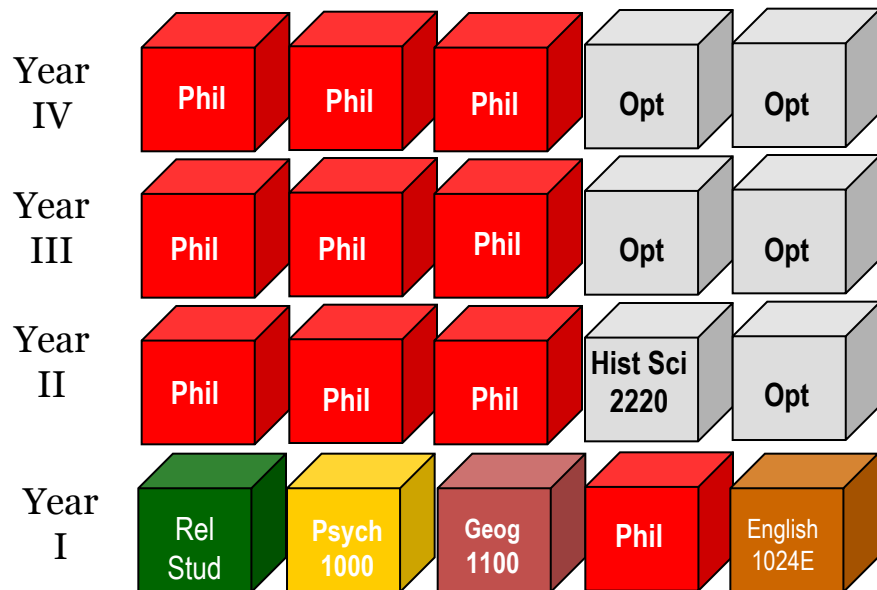
E = Essential module(s) for degree

A = Additional module(s) — optional

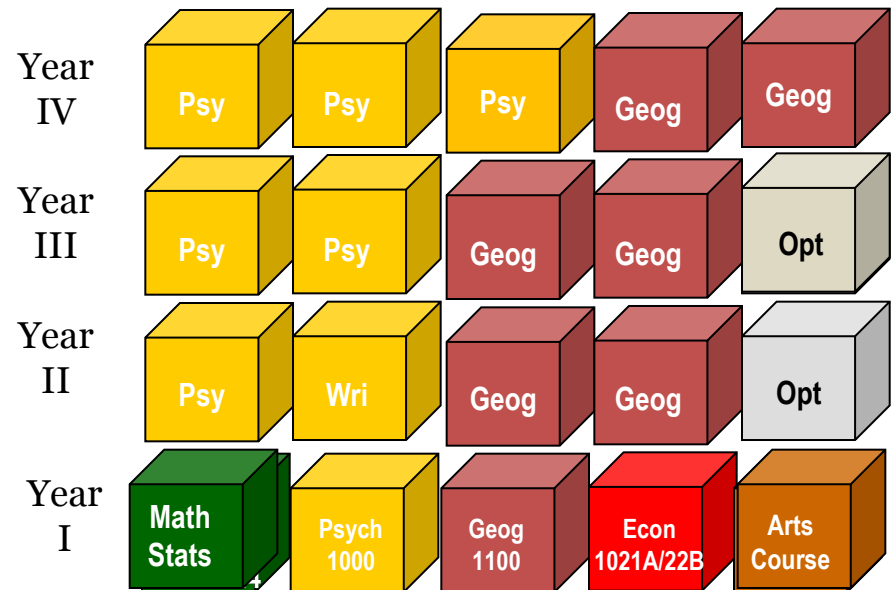
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Examples: Honors Bachelor Degrees (4 year): 20.0 courses

Honors Specialization Philosophy



Honors Double Major Psych and Geog



- ✓ 1.0 course from Category B (Cat. A well represented in Social Science degree)
- ✓ 1.0 course from Category C (eg. History of Science or Math 1228a/b and Stats 1024a/b)
- ✓ 2.0 designated essay courses, including 1.0 numbered 2000 or above
- ✓ Maximum of 7.0 first year courses (1000-1999)

Moving towards your dream program

Sample Course Selection #1

History 1403E

Business 1220E

Economics
1021A/1022B

Math 1225A/1229B

Politics 1020E

**May
lead
to...**

History

Politics

Finance

Economics

BMOS (King's)

Business (IVEY)*

Year 1 courses are
the foundation for
your degree.



* Limited enrolment; separate application required in Year 2

Moving towards your dream program

Sample Course Selection #2

Writing 1020F/Disability
Studies 1010B

History 1601E

Philosophy 1300E

Social Work 1021A

Social Work 1022B

French 1910

**May
lead
to...**

Disability Studies

Thanatology

History

Philosophy

Social Work*

French

* Limited enrolment; separate application required in Year 2

Minimum Progression Requirements

*average on ALL courses

Level 1 progression requirements
(at 3.0 courses)

- In good standing: $\geq 55\%$ *
- On probation: 50 – 54%*
- Req'd. to withdraw: $< 50\%$ *

Level 2 progression requirements
(at 8.0 courses; all transfer students are at level 2)

- In good standing: $\geq 60\%$ *
- On probation: 55 – 59%*
- Req'd. to withdraw: $< 55\%$ *

Resources: King's Academic Mentoring Program (KAMP)

A research-based mentoring program designed
to support incoming students

To be paired with a
mentor visit:

[http://www.kings.uwo.ca/
kamp](http://www.kings.uwo.ca/kamp)

Program coordinator's
email:

kingskamp@kings.uwo.ca



Resources: student life and support

- **The Write Place:** Essay writing, Help with English
- **Over 200+ Clubs**
- International Exchange
- Alternative Spring Break
- **Campus Ministry**
- **Personal counselling**
- **Academic counselling**
- **Career counselling**
- **Free Tutoring:** Economics, Math, Stats, French



Resources: student life and support

If you are a student with special needs, you must self-identify in order to make use of academic accommodations.

Please contact csd@kings.uwo.ca.



Online Resources for Academic Planning and Success

- Western Calendar westerncalendar.uwo.ca
 - Course descriptions and academic regulations
- Student Centre student.uwo.ca

Manage courses, fees, grades, contact info, view academic records and more

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

Admission: 10.0 courses – overall average 70%, no grade below 60%

3.0 courses with a minimum grade of 70% in each:

- SW 1021A/B & 1022A/B
- SW 2214A/B & 2215A/B
- Sociology 2206A/B
- Writing 1020F/G, 1022F/G* or 2101F/G

*Requires 0002F/G as pre-requisite
Reference Social Work Program Checklist

7.0 additional courses, minimum grade of 60% in each:

- 0.5 Intro Stats course
 - i.e., Soc 2205A/B, Stats 1024A/B
- 1.0 course from Category A
- 1.0 course from Category B
- 1.0 course from Category C**
- 3.5 additional courses in any subject

**If Stats 1024A/B taken then 0.5 Category C required and 4.0 additional courses.
Minimum of 10.0 course still required.

Non-Academic Requirements for admission: Group Interview, Personal Profile, References.

See www.kings.uwo.ca/bsw for full details.



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Officer

Meet Your Academic Counsellors

The Best of Both Worlds



**We are delighted that you have chosen King's
University College at Western.**

Welcome and best wishes for an intellectually,
socially, and spiritually fulfilling year!

See you in January!

Stay in touch!
Check your Western email

<https://youtu.be/07w-NbmdbAA>

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