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The social study of childhood

The Childhood and Social Institutions program at King's is unlike any other in Canada.

We offer a Major in CSI or a 4-year Honours Specialization. Students may study for a certificate or diploma in Childhood and the Justice System or Advocacy and Childhood.

We explore the experiences, voices, perspectives, discourses of children and childhoods, past and present.

CSI offers courses in:
- Children and media
- Children in culture, society and social policy
- History of childhood
- Discourses of childhood
- Children, youth and leisure
- Childhood, citizenship and participation
- The geographies of childhood
- Childhood and advocacy
- Childhood and the justice system

Exchange opportunities

Students may take part in student exchanges with Malmö University, Sweden and Winchester University, UK.

Career Options

Our grads have professional careers in social policy, social work, or academic careers.

Many students take further studies after graduation (in the health field, in Law, etc.) and many go on to study education.

In our alumni’s words

“The program gave me an outlook towards children … the way I look at every client and patient is through a lens of advocacy and respect. I assume capacity and the highest of ability from every person I support … I view them as an equal, and that is largely because [the program] allowed me to understand the limits we put on others because of their social position.”

Sam Mulcaster (Foster) ‘13

“I work in a diversion program for youth aged 12-17 who have been in conflict with the law. The program gives youth sanctions that are proportionate to their crimes but also supports youth and their families. The CSI program was a catalyst for the work I am doing as I advocate for young people. I do not think I would be where I am today if it was not for the CSI program.”

Megan Bourdieu ‘10

“I am very pleased that I chose CSI as my undergraduate degree. As an educator, I have a much broader understanding of childhood relative to time and place, not such a Westernized view of children and childhood as some of my colleagues may have.”

Danielle Tisdale ‘11