

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH

A CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH STUDIES (CYS) DEGREE?



The Childhood and Youth Studies program prepares students for careers in related professions – education, social work, family law, youth services, child protection, juvenile justice, and health care - or to seek advanced training in social research. Our graduates work in the non-profit sector and in public institutions; they have founded businesses and lead non-profit organizations. Some students become professionals, some researchers, others activists and reformers. In all cases, the CYS program provides the foundation for students to recognize their aspirations and the courage to pursue their dreams.

ONLINE RESOURCES



- **King's University College Career Connect**
👉 kings.uwo.ca/career-connect
- **King's University College Job Board**
👉 www.kingsjobboard.ca/jobs
- **King's University College Alumni Services**
👉 kings.uwo.ca/alumni/benefits-and-services
- **Western University Student Success: Find Work**
👉 success.uwo.ca/careers
- **Pillar Non Profit for London Region Opportunities**
👉 www.pillarnonprofit.ca/jobs

A PLACE TO BECOME



The CYS program prepares students for a wide variety of graduate and professional schools. Our graduates have gone on to:

EMPLOYMENT

- Child protection organizations
- Children's museums
- Day care facilities
- Family and youth services
- The legal system
- Non-profit organizations working with children and families
- Public schools and private academies
- Social work

GRAD SCHOOL

- Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Childhood Studies, Rutgers University-Camden, New Jersey
- Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Childhood Studies at Linköping University, Sweden
- MA Child and Youth Studies at Brock University
- Masters of Teaching in the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) at the University of Toronto
- MPhil courses at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- Master of Laws in the Faculty of Law at the University of Windsor
- Master in Social Work at the University of Toronto
- Bachelor of Education - Primary and Junior program in the Faculty of Education at Western University

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**THE CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH
STUDIES PROGRAM**
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**WELLNESS RESOURCES
STUDENT AFFAIRS**
👉 kings.uwo.ca/wellness

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Dynamic streams** of courses in law and policy AND advocacy and rights
- **Internationally recognized researchers** in the field who are dedicated to student learning
- **Overseas learning opportunities** including exchange seminars in Sweden and England
- **Certificates** in Childhood and the Legal System, and Childhood and Advocacy
- **Practical training** in advocacy for increasing children's and youths' participatory opportunities
- **Capstone course** that provides students with an opportunity to practice and present research
- **Direct pathway** to the Primary/Junior teaching certification program at the Faculty of Education at Western University.



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Childhood and Youth Studies (CYS)



What is Childhood and Youth Studies?

The CYS program focuses on often-overlooked child competencies and questions commonly held assumptions about childhood and youth. We offer a deep exploration of the social experiences and formal institutions of growing up in Canada. Increasing the possibility for effective activism by young people and the realization of their participatory rights features prominently in our courses.

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EXPERIENCE GUIDE



THE CYS PROGRAM IS FOR STUDENTS WHO:

- Are interested in children, youth, and generational relations
- Would like to pursue careers working with families, children, and young people
- Hope to prepare themselves for professional schools such as law, education, social work, etc.
- Would like to gain the academic skills necessary to enter graduate programs in the social sciences
- Want to better understand the institutional structures of society, particularly as they pertain to growing up in Canada

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students in CYS come to see children in new ways that emphasize children's participatory rights and practical competencies. Students enhance their knowledge and build skills in the areas necessary to become public citizens and achieve long-term career success. These include:

ENHANCED KNOWLEDGE of the history and sociology of children's cultures, of public debates and policy making, of law and legal processes, of educational practices, and the development of child protection agency and welfare policies.

SKILL IMPROVEMENT AND REFINEMENT in effectively contributing to a team, understanding diversity and multiple perspectives, participating in reasoned debate, constructing written reports and reviews, practicing research methods, interpreting statistical data, using multi-media formats and scrutinizing a wide range of childhood practices and policies.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Childhood and Youth Studies offers students an opportunity unlike any other childhood studies program in Canada. Our students combine the study of children's everyday lives with the analysis of formal institutions. We take the perspective of young people seriously as we explore their experiences, perspectives, and contributions. We prepare students to be advocates for young people's rights and participation in society, as well as preparing them to contribute to social, political, and legal discourses that are relevant to children's lives.

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FIRST YEAR

THINK Imagine, Create

- Take **CYS 1025F/G: Childhood and Youth Studies** as an introduction to the program
- Meet with faculty during office hours
- Join King's Academic Mentoring Program (KAMP) to meet upper year student mentors
- Sign up for the Co-Curricular Record

DISCOVER Possibilities

- Attend summer academic orientation
- Check out children and family programs offered by Campus Ministry
- Attend Orientation Week activities at King's and at Western
- Visit the Career Counsellor at King's to review potential career opportunities with your degree
- Join the CYS Club
- Join the King's Children Association

ENGAGE in Local and Global Community

- Attend King's International inter-cultural events
- Consider joining the King's University College Students' Council (KUCSC) as a first year or program rep
- Apply for residence and participate in the living-learning communities
- Considering joining the Facebook group "Childhood and Social Institutions Program at King's"

MIDDLE YEARS

- Explore a variety of childhood and youth topics including children's rights, education, public policy, family law, youth justice, and child protection
- Be a notetaker through the King's Accessibility Services
- Make sure you do your Intent to Register (ITR)
- Engage with our core courses in law and policy CYS 2212F/G and advocacy and rights CYS 2214F/G

- Check out the Life after King's series
- Become a Soph or Off-Campus Don to support fellow students at King's
- Explore your interests by volunteering on campus
- Meet with your academic counsellor to make key academic decisions
- Think about writing for the Regis or the Western Gazette
- Apply to one of our many scholarships offered by King's and donors

- Explore opportunities such as research assistants and scholarships
- Consider different ways to build engaged learning and international experience into your degree
- Visit and take in opportunities offered by Innovation Works
- Take part in our international exchange opportunities

GRADUATING YEAR

- Attend graduate school education sessions
- Sign up for the Life After King's Mentoring Program
- Attend the employer information sessions and career fairs
- Take an independent study course or a senior project in Childhood
- Complete your certificate in childhood and the justice system and/or Advocacy and Childhood
- Apply to teachers college under our Education Pathway

- Participate in local, national and global challenges and competitions such as Map the System and the World's Challenge Challenge
- Meet with faculty to talk about graduate school and reference letters
- Meet with career services to review resume and job search tools

- Contribute to the King's Undergraduate Research Journal
- Meet with alumni for informational interviews
- Conduct informational interviews with organizations you would like to work for

THE KING'S ANNUAL CHECKLIST

- Meet regularly with the Academic Dean's Office to ensure you are on track towards your degree requirements
- Meet with faculty during their office hours
- Check out programs offered by Student Affairs
- Continually review your financial aid
- Investigate opportunities to work on or off campus throughout your degree
- Volunteer and support your community at King's
- Use the library resources offered by the Cardinal Carter Library
- Check out Career Connect regularly

ALUMNI PROFILE



Gabrielle Gooch

BA Hons '21 Childhood and Social Institutions and King's Scholar
Graduation Year: 2021

“ My studies at King's allowed me to challenge myself, widen my understanding of children and their place in society and explore my own potential. ”

OVERVIEW

I completed my Bachelor of Arts Degree - Honours Specialization in Childhood and Social Institutions (now called Childhood and Youth Studies) and King's Scholar in 2021. I have been researching Vote 16 and children's political participation. I am currently pursuing a doctorate at Oxford University, UK.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ALUMNI

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