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

- 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 Justice System, and Advocacy and Childhood
- 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
- Education pathway with an opportunity for guaranteed admission to the Primary/Junior teaching certification program at the Faculty of Education, at Western University

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 develop the skills, knowledge, and leadership abilities to achieve their aspirations and to pursue their dreams.

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**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 Linkoping University, Sweden
- MA Child and Youth Studies at Brock University
- Master of Teaching in the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) at the University of Toronto
- MAH courses at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- Master of Laws at 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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**Online Resources**

- King’s University College Career Connect
- King's University College job Board
- King’s University College Alumni Services
- Western University Student Success: Find Work
- Pillar Non Profit for London Region Opportunities

**Wellness Resources**

- A Place to Become
- KING’S WELLNESS

**Student Affairs**

- A Place to Be
- A Place to Become
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 childhood across time and space with an 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 equip them to contribute to social, political, and legal discourses that are relevant to children's lives.

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 politics, and the development of child protection agency and welfare policies.

SKILL IMPROVEMENT AND REFLECTION in reflection contributing to a learner's understanding diversity and multiple perspectives, participating in measured debate, constructing written reports and reviews, practicing research methods, interpreting statistical data using multimedia formats and scrutinizing a wide range of childhood practices and policies.

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