

Fall 2024 Lower-Level Degree Breadth Electives

Course Code	Course Title	Category	Course Description	CRN	Day	Start Time	End Time
ANTH 10000	Introduction to the 4-Fields of Anthropology	Culture, Arts, Humanities and Self	Anthropology is the study of humans from our evolutionary origins ~65 million years ago as very simple primates, through to today. Traditional Anthropology focuses on using 4-Subfields to study humans. These are Archaeology, Evolutionary Anthropology, Linguistics and Socio-Cultural Anthropology. In this course we will examine the past and present history of humans using a 4-field anthropological lens. Students will learn about primate and human evolutionary history, use archaeology to study what our ancestors left behind, the origins and evolution of language and finally, about our species' socio-cultural nature that can be seen as defining humanity. We will conclude the course with some reflections about the future of humanity and how Anthropology can help lead us to a more sustainable future.	11531	Friday	1010	1200
ECOL 10000	Introduction to Ecology	Science & Technology	This course introduces the principles of ecology and focuses on the factors that influence ecosystems. After a general discussion of aquatic and terrestrial environments, individual components of an ecosystem are examined and their interrelationship with the environment. Populations and species interaction are examined as the course takes a broader view of ecology. The course content broadens into community and ecosystem ecology. In acquiring knowledge of the individual components and factors initially, it is easier to grasp the concepts of larger ecosystems. The course culminates with the study of human impacts on ecology with the study of resource use, habitat loss, biodiversity, and conservation.	12388	Wednesday	1410	1600
LAWW 10000	Canadian Law - An Introduction	Society & Commerce	This course introduces students to the historical context and operation of our legal system, the institutions within the system, roles of persons within those institutions and the process of thought which apply to current Canadian legal issues. Students in this course will gain a general understanding of how laws are defined, created, implemented and interpreted to give meaning and solutions to modern social problems. In addition, students will examine the role of law in Canadian society. NOTE: This course is restricted to students in the Honours Bachelor of Paralegal program.	13072	Wednesday	1410	1600
SOCI 10000	Introduction to Sociology	Society & Commerce	Sociology is the study of people and how they interact with each other and various social groups. This course deals with the study of people's lives, their relationship to society as a whole, and how people are affected by the society in which they live. The concepts, theories and methods of the discipline will be introduced and discussed with particular emphasis on the dynamics of Canadian society and Canadian social problems.	13797	Friday	1010	1200

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Fall 2024 Upper-Level Degree Breadth Electives

NOTE: To be eligible to register in an upper level breadth course, students must have already successfully completed one lower-level breadth course.

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ENVI 20002	Green & Alternative Energy Sources	Science & Technology	The climate crisis is creating a once in a lifetime opportunity to participate in the energy transition – a movement towards more sustainable energy sources. Investigate the demand for and expanding interest in green and alternative energy systems and their current contribution to the electricity grid in Ontario. Discuss the fundamentals of energy generation and electricity in Ontario and the drivers for the transition to alternative energy sources. Analyze the significance of hydroelectric and nuclear energy generation to meet Ontario's growing energy demand. Other renewable energy sources including solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, wave and tidal energy are also explored, including opportunities for residential, small- and large-scale applications. Through the combination of fundamental principles and case studies, different green and alternative energy sources will be identified and compared. As well as an introduction to the fundamentals of energy storage, energy conservation and other emerging innovations in the rapidly growing energy sector.	12467			Online - Asynchronous
SOCI 20003	Social Media & Society	Culture, Arts, Humanities & Self	The rise of social media has profoundly changed the global communication landscape and shaped our understanding of ourselves, society, and the world around us. With the advent of social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube, TikTok, and Twitter, more and more people connect and collaborate online, and consume, create, and share content in ways we have never seen before. This course will examine social media's historical evolution and affordances and explore its social, cultural, political, and economic impacts. By engaging with social media and critically analyzing emerging issues and topics, students will investigate the complex role of social media in contemporary society.	13806			Online - Asynchronous

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