

Experience Grad

Socio-Legal Studies

FALL 2023

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Introduction

The Faculty of Graduate Studies

The Faculty of Graduate Studies is a body of Senate, with an embedded centre of excellence that supports and coordinates graduate student support services across all Faculties. Known as FGS, it

- Facilitate the graduate student experience
- Govern institutional policies and procedures
- Provide advocacy and support

By the numbers.....



6,000 students



Supporting 9 resource
Faculties



\$45.5M Grad Support
Budget on behalf
of Faculties



More than 100
graduate programs
& diplomas



Coordinating
a \$32M
awards portfolio

Why Graduate School?

CAREER ADVANTAGES

- Higher employment Rates
- Crucial development of in-demand skills that employers seek, such as: oral and written communication, teamwork, public speaking, time and project management, collaboration, community engagement and outreach, critical thinking, qualitative and quantitative analysis, and more

PERSONAL ADVANTAGES

- The chance to learn from, grow with, and engage in a community that is as passionate about the field as you are
- Lifelong friendships and professional relationships
- The freedom that independent work and self-direction brings

ACADEMIC ADVANTAGES

- The chance to contribute to the advancement of knowledge, and to effect positive change as a researcher
- The opportunity to work with the best in your field, and to become an expert Yourself
- The ability to focus on a research question that you've been dying to answer

ACCESSIBLE TO YOU

- Many programs are 100% funded
- Tuition and fees are neutralized
- Low time commitment
- “Unique admissions” process for Nontraditional applicants

Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA& PS)

LA& PS Offers more than 35 graduate degrees in 21 fields of study

Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS)

Anthropology–Social
Communication & Culture
Development Studies
Disaster & Emergency Management
Economics
English
Financial Accountability
Gender, Feminist & Women's Studies

Humanities
Human Resources Management
History
Information Systems and Technology
Interdisciplinary Studies
Linguistics & Applied Linguistics
Management Practice

Philosophy
Political Science
Science & Technology Studies
Public Policy, Administration & Law
Social & Political Thought
Social Work
Sociology

Department of Social Sciences

Faculty of Graduate Studies
Department of Social Science

Socio-Legal
Studies

Social &
Political
Thought

Development
Studies

Department of Social Sciences- Get to know us better

Graduate Program Director (GPD)

- Prof Annie Bunting
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Graduate Program Administrator (GPA)

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- SLST Drop-In Hours- Every Monday & Thursday: 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM
- Zoom Meeting ID: 917 1837 6144 Passcode: 880204

Programs in SLST

Programs in Socio-Legal Studies

Socio-Legal Studies
Graduate Programs

Master's

PhD

Master's Degree

What is the Master's Degree entail?

- The MA is a research degree that emphasizes the attainment of a basic capacity for critical research, analysis, academic writing and effective communication skills

Duration of the Program?

- Full Time, 3 term, or 12-month, program
- September- August

Eligibility

- Usually applicants must hold a four year honour's undergraduate degree, or the equivalent
- Minimum GPA of B+ or above
- However, we consider extenuating circumstances, and relevant personal and professional experiences throughout the admissions process

MA Degree Requirements

Summary of MA Degree Requirements

<https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/slst/current-students/degree-requirements/#ma>

Required courses

- Law and Social Theory (6000 3.0): 3 credits
- Socio-Legal Methods (6005 3.0): 3 credits
- MRP Seminar (6100 3.0): 3 credits includes MRP Proposal Draft
- MRP Final

Electives Courses

- (3 courses with a 3.0 credit designation): 9 credits total
- At least 1 from SLST, and maximum 2 from outside SLST courses

Speaker Series

- 12 required- They take place throughout the year

PhD Degree

What is the PhD entail?

- A PhD/doctoral degree is an advanced research degree. It is the highest available academic degree granted by the University.

Duration of the Program?

- Full Time, 5 year Program (3 terms each year)

Eligibility

- Usually applicants must hold a master's degree
- PhD programs look for a GPA of a B+/A- or above.
- However, we consider extenuating circumstances, and relevant personal and professional experiences throughout the admissions process

PhD Degree Requirements

Summary of PhD Degree Requirements

<https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/slst/current-students/degree-requirements/#phd>

Coursework: 15 credits- Five 3.0 credit courses

Required Courses

- Socio-Legal Studies 6000 3.0: Law and Social Theory
- Socio-Legal Studies 6005 3.0: Advanced Research Strategies in Socio-Legal Methods
- Socio-Legal Studies 7100 3.0: Dissertation Proposal Seminar

Elective Courses

- (3 courses with a 3.0 credit designation): 9 credits total
- At least 1 from SLST, and maximum 2 from outside SLST courses

Speaker Series

- 12 required- They take place throughout the year- to be completed by the end of the 2nd year

Time Table- 2023- 2024

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	Reqd/ Elective	INSTRUCTOR	TERM	DAY/TIME
GS SLST 6020	Legal Pluralism (section A)	Elective	Amelie Barras	FA 23	Monday 2.30 PM- 5.30 PM
GS SLST 6005	Advanced Research Strategies in Socio-Legal Methods (Section A)	Required	Marsha Ramperusad	FA 23	Tuesday 11.30 AM- 2.30 PM
GS SLST 7100	Dissertation Proposal Seminar (Section A)	Required	Miriam Smith	FA23	Tuesday 11.30 AM- 2.30 PM
GS SLST 6005	Advanced Research Strategies in Socio-Legal Methods (Section B)	Required	Marsha Ramperusad	FA 23	Tuesday 2.30 PM- 5.30 PM
GS SLST 6100	Major Research Paper Seminar	Required	Annie Bunting	FA 23	Thursday 11.30 AM- 2.30PM
GS SLST 5900	Directed Reading	Elective		FA 23	
GS SLST 6028	Neoliberalism: Governmentality in Theory and Practice (Section M)	Elective	Paul Brienza	WI 24	Monday 2.30 PM- 5.30 PM
GS SLST 6000	Law and Social Theory (Section N)	Required	Nergis Canefe	WI 24	Tuesday 11.30 AM- 2.30 PM
GS SLST 7100	Dissertation Proposal Seminar (Section M)	Required	Miriam Smith	WI 24	Tuesday 11.30 AM- 2.30 PM
GS SLST 6000	Law and Social Theory (Section M)	Required	Nergis Canefe	WI 24	Tuesday 2.30 PM- 5.30 PM
GS SLST 6090	Social Dimensions of Legal Discourse (Section M)	Elective	Jay Ramasubramanyam	WI 24	Thursday 11.30 AM- 2.30 PM

Past SLST Course Options

- 6000 Law & Social Theory Mandatory
- 6005 Advanced Research Strategies in Socio-Legal Methods Mandatory
- 6012 Criminological Theory and Global Illegalities Elective
- 6013 Hate Crime & Hate Speech Elective
- 6015 Law, Narrative, Responsibility Elective
- 6018 Theories of Cosmopolitanism Elective
- 6020 Legal Pluralism Elective
- 6025 Regulatory Institutions in Theory and Practice Elective
- 6028 Neoliberalism: Governmentality in Theory and Practice Elective
- 6030 Politics of Security & Regulation Elective
- 6035 Law and Governance Elective
- 6040 Law, Crime and Exclusion Elective
- 6045 Global Perspectives on Crime and Crime Control Elective
- 6055 Gender and International Human Rights: Law, Citizenships and Borders Elective
- 6060 Canadian Society Policy in Comar Perspective Elective
- 6065 Colonialism, Race and the Law: Sociological Implications Elective
- 6070 The Political Economy of Work and Welfare Elective
- 6075 Low Law and petty justice: inferior courts and tribunals in Western societies Elective
- 6080 Western Legal Histories Elective
- 6085 Law, Politics and the Judiciary Elective
- 6090 Social Dimensions of Legal Discourse Elective
- 6095 Selected Topics in Social and Moral Regulation Elective
- 6100 MRP Seminar Mandatory
- 7100 Dissertation Proposal Seminar Mandatory

PhD Degree Requirements

- **Comprehensive Exams**

- Comprehensive Examination #1- Theory
- Comprehensive Examination #2- Substantive (area of specialization that is related to the dissertation)

- **PhD Proposal**

Topic approved by the student's supervisor and supervisory committee, and shall include submission and approval of a dissertation proposal, including appropriate ethics review (if applicable), and approval

- **PhD Dissertation**

The doctoral dissertation must embody original work conducted while in program and must constitute a significant contribution to knowledge. It should contain evidence of critical understanding of the relevant literature. The material embodied in the dissertation should merit publication.

How to apply

How to Apply & Required Documents

How to apply

- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/future-students/how-to-apply/>
- <https://futurestudents.yorku.ca/graduate/steps-apply/>

Required Documents

- Transcript(s) from all University level studies
 - Minimum B+ GPA
- Statement of interest (500 words)
- Resumé or CV
- Written work (maximum 5,000 words)
- Letters of Recommendation- 3 (2 academic and 1 additional/ employment)
- English Language Proficiency Test score (If applicable)
- Supplementary Information Form
 - Finding a Supervisor
 - Potential Research subject

Funding, Fees & Scholarships

Funding Packages

- A funding package is money given to you from the University, to help cover the costs of a graduate program
- Funding packages often fully neutralizes your tuition, and covers your health care costs
- All full-time students in eligible programs are automatically considered for a funding package
- Details of the funding package will be included in your offer letter.
- If you receive a funding package, you are welcome to apply for scholarships & bursaries as well, but those are separate from a funding package

Fees, Funding & Scholarships- <https://sfs.yorku.ca/>

Fees

- <https://sfs.yorku.ca/fees>
- <https://sfs.yorku.ca/fees/courses/2023-2024/fall-winter/graduate-studies/masters>
- <https://sfs.yorku.ca/fees/courses/2023-2024/fall-winter/graduate-studies/phd>

Funding

- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/slst/future-students/york-graduate-funding/>

Awards & Scholarships

- <https://sfs.yorku.ca/scholarships-awards-bursaries>
- <https://sfs.yorku.ca/scholarships/award-search>

Financial Advising (PhD Students)

- <https://sfs.yorku.ca/advising>
- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/current-students/graduate-funding/graduate-funding-appointment/>

Other Financial Assistance

- <https://sfs.yorku.ca/aid>
- OSAP (for domestic students who are residents of Ontario)- <https://osap.yorku.ca/>

York Graduate Funding

MA

Current Academic Year

MA

PhD

Domestic

Funding	Value
York University Fellowship	10,000
Employment*	0
Faculty Enhanced Funding	0
Package Total	10,000

Funding Summary over 3 terms

International

Funding	Value
York University Fellowship	19,256
Employment*	0
Faculty Enhanced Funding	5,262
Package Total	24,518

Funding Summary over 3 terms

PHD

Current Academic Year

MA

PhD

Domestic

Funding	Value
York University Fellowship	5,403
Employment*	18,558
Research Assistantship	0
Package Total	23,961

Annual Funding Summary Years 1 - 5

International

Funding	Value
York University Fellowship	8,467
Employment*	27,328
Research Assistantship	0
Package Total	35,795

Annual Funding Summary Years 1 - 5

Important Dates, Contacts & Links

Important Contacts

Admission Window

- Mid October- Mid January

Faculty of Graduate Studies

- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/>

Student Financial Services

- <https://sfs.yorku.ca/>

Financial Advising (PhD Students)

- <https://sfs.yorku.ca/advising>
- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/current-students/graduate-funding/graduate-funding-appointment/>

Wellness

- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/current-students/grad-wellness-services/>

Program & Faculty

Program & Faculty Links

Faculty of Graduate Studies

- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies>
- <https://futurestudents.yorku.ca/graduate>

Program- Introduction to Socio-Legal Studies

- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/slst/>

York Courses Website

- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/slst/future-students/>
- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/slst/current-students/>

Faculty

- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/slst/about-us/our-faculty/>
- <https://profiles.laps.yorku.ca/>

Any Questions?

Thank You!