

Work and Labour Studies (WKLS)

Learn how work occupies much of our lives and influences how we live and think about the world while exploring the complex nature of work and employment, the impact of globalization and the role of trade unions.

Sample First Year Schedule

Your first year classes in Work and Labour Studies will consist of a mixture of courses within your major, general education courses and elective courses outside your major.

Course Type	Course(s)	Credits
Major Course	AP/SOSC 1510 - The Future of Work	6.00
General Education Course	Any approved 1000 level course from the Humanities or Social Sciences	6.00 or 9.00
General Education Course	Any approved course from the Natural Sciences	6.00
Course Outside Work and Labour Studies	Any course that is not a Work and Labour Studies course or general education course	3.00 or 6.00
Elective Course	Any course for which you meet the prerequisite requirements	3.00
	Total	30.00 (maximum)

Program Options

With Work and Labour Studies, you have the option of taking another program within the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies as a Double Major or pursuing another program as a Minor. Work and Labour Studies can also be taken as a minor.

Double Major Options Include:

French Studies	Political Science
Human Rights and Equity Studies	Sociology
International Development Studies	Urban Studies
	+ many more!

Minor Options Include:

Economics	Political Science
Human Resource Management	Sociology
Interdisciplinary Social Science	Urban Studies
International Development Studies	+ many more!

The York Promise

York is here to support you throughout your unique university journey. Beyond academic achievement, we strive to enrich your student experience through personal and professional development by offering:

- **Career-Focused Services**
Career advising, career fairs and networking opportunities to help sharpen your professional edge.
- **Academic Support**
Learning skills workshops, outstanding libraries, academic accommodations, transition programs and academic advising services designed to help you every step of the way.
- **Social & Leadership Development Programs**
A vibrant social scene with more than 300 clubs and organizations to enhance student life, and help you develop soft skills you can bring to the table in your future career.



Christopher Flynn
Third Year Student
Work and Labour Studies

"The small community in the Work and Labour Studies program has made it easy for me to develop relationships with my fellow students and faculty, which has translated to a support system personally, academically, and professionally."

Your Degree Pathway

A degree in Work and Labour Studies requires the completion of 90 Credits for a Bachelor's Degree (three years) or 120 Credits for an Honours Degree (four years). Your courses will consist of Major, General Education, and Elective Courses.

First Year

First year will introduce you to the university environment, provide you with general education courses, and allow options for you to study courses aligned with your own interests.



Work and Labour Studies Courses: The Future of Work

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Your choice of courses outside of Work and Labour Studies

Second Year

In your second year, you will continue your development of the fundamentals of Work and Labour Studies.



Work and Labour Studies Courses: Labour Relations in Canada (required), Diversity in the Canadian Workplace (optional)

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Third Year

Your third year in Work and Labour Studies will allow you to explore specific interests in the field.



Work and Labour Studies Course Options: Labour and Globalization; Law, Labour and the State; Sex Work/Sexual Labour + many more

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Fourth Year

In your fourth and final year, your courses in Work and Labour Studies will be designed to meet your specific interests.



Work and Labour Studies Courses: Labour Relations Simulation, and Labour Studies Work Placement

Elective Courses: These courses can include additional Work and Labour Studies courses or further courses of interest at the upper level



Your Degree!