What is Renison University College?

A PLACE TO LEARN ...
As a student co-registered at Renison, you’ll be a University of Waterloo student. By making Renison your home campus, you will benefit from extra academic support, personalized attention, and small class sizes. Our programs range from Social Development Studies and Social Work to Culture and Language Studies. You’ll thrive in an environment that blends diverse learning with a traditional university experience.

A PLACE TO LIVE ...
More than 200 students from across all six Waterloo faculties choose to live at Renison, located in the heart of the Waterloo campus. Well-known for our small, intimate, and friendly community of students, Renison is the ideal place to support your smooth transition to university life.

A PLACE TO LEAD ...
We offer over 100 leadership opportunities – including over 50 paid positions – which will allow you to gain new skills and experiences, and add to your résumé.
Education for social impact.

Our Social Development Studies (SDS) students want to make a difference in the community and help people flourish. As an SDS student, you’ll work toward a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a solid foundation across the social sciences and hands-on experience for your future career. With courses in psychology, sociology, social work – and more – our flexible program and personalized support will encourage you to follow your passion and develop skills toward a career path that can change the world.


Learn while you earn.

New this year: Honours Arts co-op for Social Development Studies students. Graduates of the social sciences are sought after by employers because of their ability to adapt and see things from multiple perspectives. So why not start building your network while completing your degree? In addition to gaining valuable practical experience in a variety of settings, as a co-op student you’ll make important career contacts, help finance your education, and have the opportunity to apply classroom theory to real-world job situations.

The University of Waterloo offers the world’s largest co-op program with opportunities in fields such as Social Work, Education, Individual Well-being and Development, Social Policy and Social Action, Diversity and Equity. You’ll be in classes of 50 students or fewer, and there are sample co-op jobs such as camp co-ordinator, child and youth worker, policy and research assistant, and teaching assistant. Average earnings of Arts co-op students over the course of their studies range from $30,000 to $60,000.
YASMIN
HONOURS ARTS AND BUSINESS STUDENT

One of my dreams before coming to Renison was to work in business and make a difference in the community. The Arts and Business program has given me an opportunity to take social sciences courses like sociology – which is really interesting – as well as business courses like economics that will help me in my career. Plus – the classes are small, so it’s comfortable for everyone to participate!

We do business differently. Combine your passion for working with people and practical business skills. Honours Arts and Business with a major in Social Development Studies (SDS) allows you to go beyond a traditional business degree and graduate with expertise in both areas! Combine courses in marketing, economics, and financial management with SDS to learn how to translate your ideas into real-world social change.

Best of both worlds. As a student co-registered at Renison, you’ll get the best of both worlds: full access to a world-class university and the supportive, community-driven environment that Renison is known for. Our small class sizes encourage unique learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom. Individualized support from academic advisors and the Renison Registrar’s Office will help you get the most out of your academic experience, while taking advantage of Renison’s many experiential and leadership opportunities. Our staff and faculty will not only know your name, they’ll support the changes you want to make in the world!

To learn how to enhance your degree with experiential and leadership opportunities, see pages 12-15.

Why co-register at Renison?

Your own academic advisor will help you each term

Three programs to choose from

- Social Development Studies (regular)
- Honours Arts (interest in SDS) with co-op
- Honours Arts and Business (interest in SDS) regular or co-op

see more on page 19.
A pathway to helping others.

The School of Social Work (SSW) brings together classroom learning and practicum experience. Renison offers two degree programs: a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and a Master of Social Work (MSW). Both the BSW and MSW are post-degree programs that you can apply to after earning an undergraduate degree. However, at Renison you will have the opportunity to start visualizing your full university education from the moment you walk through our doors.

FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE
Martha has always been passionate about social justice issues and working to remove the stigma around mental illness. She began her journey to becoming a social worker by enrolling in Renison’s BSW program, after completing online courses in SDS. In addition to classes on campus, Martha took a Walls 2 Bridges course, learning alongside people with lived mental health and addiction experiences. This course profoundly impacted how Martha viewed mental health, and she went on to complete her MSW degree at the School of Social Work.

SOCIAL WORK PATHWAY

STEP 1 BA
Study Social Development Studies (SDS) and graduate with a three-year general or four-year honours Bachelor of Arts degree.

STEP 2 BSW
Apply to our 10-month BSW degree and get practical experience while you study.

STEP 3 MSW
Apply to our one-year online MSW program and add a third degree to broaden your horizons and career possibilities.

“...My placement offered many learning opportunities to engage with various community partners, explore other areas of social work, and examine different approaches to practice.”

AKIESHA, BSW GRADUATE

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85+community agencies partner with the SSW for practicum placements

1stonline health-focused MSW program in Canada

3 DAYS PER WEEK
of practicum placement for the full-time BSW program

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**Beyond the Bottom Line**

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**Employability in the Social Sciences**

*The art of critical thinking.*

More than ever, employers are looking to graduates of arts and social sciences to enhance their workforce and keep their competitive edge. The skills you’ll learn at Renison, including the ability to research, problem solve, think critically, and analyze research data, are in high-demand across many sectors – including high tech! The co-op option, now available to all students, provides even more opportunities to expand your network and get started on the path to a rewarding career.

88.9% of SDS grads are employed within six months!

**Ontario University Graduate Survey**

“Over the arc of a career, humanities and social science graduates earn as much or more than those in professional fields ... and are equally employed.”

**Inside Higher Ed**

**Job Skills in Demand**

- Communication and collaboration
- Research and analysis
- Independence and adaptability

**British Academy**

53% increase in jobs in social and community services, and law between 2007-17.

**Statistics Canada**

NEARLY 75% of employers would recommend a liberal arts education to prepare for success in today’s global economy.

**Association of American Colleges and Universities**
GRADS AT WORK

Our grads make a difference.

More alumni stories online:
uwaterloo.ca/renison/gradsatwork

LAURA BLACK
CO-ORDINATOR, STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, CONESTOGA COLLEGE

When Laura began at Renison, she wasn’t sure where her career path would take her. Social Development Studies (SDS) allowed her to explore many avenues and learn the value of responding to social issues from multiple vantage points. Laura is recognized for her leadership in community development and inclusive education, which led her to a position as a Student Rights and Responsibilities Co-ordinator at Conestoga College.

Cindy-lou Schmidt
REALTOR

I initially planned to get into a research field related to my degree. Near the end of my schooling I decided to pursue a different career that would still have a direct influence on the community and I became a Realtor. My work involves much more than a transaction, home sale or purchase – it’s really about building a healthier community.

JOHN NEUFELD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

John knew he wanted to pursue SDS, and chose Renison because of the wide range of courses. After working in child welfare with foster children, John decided that he wanted to affect change in a different way. He now works as the Executive Director of House of Friendship, an organization that works to tackle systemic social issues like homelessness and addiction.

My experience at Renison was foundational to working in the field of social work. I didn’t really know what social work was until I arrived, but I was fascinated. It opened up a whole new world of possibilities for me.

My education prepared me to listen and collaborate with diverse stakeholders; to understand attitudes, behaviours, and social factors; to advocate for those who are marginalized and to critically research and analyze systems; to practice my passion for public education; to constantly adapt and creatively problem solve. The community and education I experienced at Renison are embedded in every aspect of my career journey.
ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE

Discover your passion.

If you are interested in discovering the world and becoming a global citizen, Renison’s unique learning environment is worth exploring. At Renison, Culture and Language Studies (CLS) offers language and culture courses to help prepare you to be a part of an international community. Renison’s International Office (RIO) offers students a variety of unique cultural experiences at home and abroad. Three minors and seven language programs are offered on Renison’s campus through CLS, in addition to the 40+ minors and 23 majors offered by the University of Waterloo Faculty of Arts.

uwaterloo.ca/renison/enhance-your-degree

CUSTOMIZE YOUR DEGREE

Let us help you build a degree that is right for you. With an endless number of combinations to choose from, you can explore your interests, feed your passions, and achieve your goals. Whether you are interested in genetic counselling, art therapy, working in criminal justice, or you’re considering teaching and want to add teachable subjects to your degree, Social Development Studies can be combined with majors and minors from across the Waterloo campus.

Here are a few of our most popular double-majors: Psychology, Sociology, Legal Studies, Environment, Resources and Sustainability, Peace and Conflict Studies, Sexuality, Marriage and Family Studies, and Therapeutic Recreation.

MINORS AND LANGUAGES HOUSED AT RENISON

MINORS
- Applied Language Studies
- East Asian Studies
- Studies in Islam

LANGUAGES
- American Sign Language
- Arabic
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- English for Multilingual Speakers
- Japanese
- Korean
- Mohawk (Kanien’kéha)

PLUS 
SO MUCH MORE FROM ACROSS THE WATERLOO CAMPUS!

Connect with an advisor to learn more.
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FROM CONVERSATIONS TO A CAREER PATH

Charmaine’s interest in Japanese began with her participation in the Conversation Partner Program, which pairs domestic and international students to provide a cross-cultural experience. Charmaine studied Japanese while completing her SDS degree and, with the support of RIO, was able to realize her dream of studying abroad in Japan. After returning to Canada, Charmaine was inspired to pursue an SDS specialization focused on cultural diversity, setting her up for a career in higher education working with international students.

#CONVERSATIONPARTNERS
#STUDYABROAD
LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Tell us what excites you, and we’ll help you find just the right opportunity. Enhance your résumé by taking advantage of the many leadership roles available to you at Renison. Work for a community organization or assist your professor in research. Participate in the innovative Walls 2 Bridges program, a collaborative course taught inside a correctional institution. Engage in campus life by becoming a peer leader or a residence don. Work behind the scenes at Renison on student council or with our international students from the English Language Institute (ELI). Not sure what you want? University is for exploring, and we’ll help you with that too!

- OPEN HOUSE VOLUNTEER: Join the team as a volunteer and tour guide for Renison open houses.
- ELI PEER LEADER: Make a difference and learn about other cultures first-hand.
- RESIDENCE LIFE DON: Help build inclusive and supportive environments in residence.
- CONVERSATION PARTNER: Make new friends, and gain memorable cross-cultural experiences while helping an international student practice their English.
- MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT ASSISTANT: Gain valuable business experience and keep your finger on the pulse of Renison.
- RENISON STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER: Take an active role in campus life by joining the Renison student government.
- RESEARCH APPRENTICE: Gain valuable research skills and work alongside one of Renison’s talented Faculty members.
- YOUTH SOCIAL ACTION RETREAT LEADER: Engage with high school students at the annual Youth Social Action Retreat.

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RESIDENCE LIFE

A+ support.

Enjoy the success that comes from being part of a small, supportive residence community in the heart of Canada’s world-class innovation university. Renison is well-known for its small, close-knit, and welcoming community of residents, making it the ideal place for your transition to university life.

WELLNESS TEAM

Our wellness team includes two full-time counsellors and one chaplain to help support you throughout your university career. In addition to providing you with one-on-one services, the wellness team leads programs and provides consultation and training for students, faculty, and staff. Their work helps to create the positive, healthy community that Renison is known for.

MOST COMMON ROOMS AVAILABLE

TRADITIONAL DOUBLE ROOM

LINK DOUBLE ROOM

FOOD AND MEAL PLANS

Enjoy fresh meals in the Renison cafeteria with your all-you-can-eat meal plan, or stop at our mobile food cart for a snack while you’re on the go. As a resident, you can whip something up on your own in the fully stocked student kitchen or learn your way around the kitchen by attending one of our many cooking classes or demonstrations. Good news – your meal plan is included in the cost of residence – one less thing to worry about.

LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Being part of a living-learning community (LLC) at Renison means that your friends, roommates, and classmates are all rolled into one. As part of an LLC you’ll live with your peers, receive additional support and have access to tailored activities. This residence option is offered to students in Social Development Studies, Warrior athletes, and those enrolled in the Bridge to Academic Success in English (BASE) program. Apply to join an LLC when you apply to live in residence.

WHO’S DON?

Residence life dons are upper-year students who live and work in residences to facilitate an inclusive and supportive environment. Dons organize events, monitor buildings, and offer support around the clock. Think of it as having fun, caring older siblings living with you in residence.

TRANSPORTATION

Show your student card to ride Grand River Transit and enjoy easy access to Waterloo, Kitchener, and Cambridge. You can also count on free shuttle services between Waterloo campuses, off-campus student shuttles, and bike and car-share programs to help you get around town.

THEY WALC AMONG US...

When Shaq accepted his offer to the University of Waterloo, he began looking for a residence community that would suit him. He came from a small high school so community was very important to him. As a Waterloo Warrior athlete, he got the added bonus of the Warrior Academic Leadership Community (WALC), one of three living-learning communities at Renison.

#UWHOUSING #BEYOND4WALLS

100% residence guarantee for all first-year students

UNLIMITED HIGH SPEED wireless internet access over residence internet

24/7 controlled key fob access to all residence buildings and rooms to keep you safe

1:22 Don-to-resident ratio, the smallest on campus, which means lots of upper-year support

uwaterloo.ca/renison/residence
**CHOOSE FROM TWO SYSTEMS OF STUDY**

**CO-OP**
As a Social Development Studies, Honours Arts, or Honours Arts and Business student, you can choose the co-op stream and graduate in 5 years.
- Alternate study terms with four-month or eight-month paid work terms.
- Explore a variety of careers and make valuable networking contacts.
- Help to finance your education – earn while you learn.

**REGULAR, WITH AN EDGE**
Pair the consistency of September to April study and summers off with EDGE, our experiential education certificate program.
Developed in partnership with career advisors, EDGE allows you to enhance your academic, co-curricular, and work experiences with professional development.
You’ll learn how to market the skills you’ve gained inside and outside the classroom to set you apart from the competition.
*Available for regular system of study only.

**SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID**
**We invest in you!**
**ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS**
If you are applying to post-secondary education for the first time, you will automatically be considered for an entrance scholarship. Your admission average determines which scholarship you receive.

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$1,000 per year is available to upper-year students with an average of 80% and above.

| PATHWAY TO SOCIAL WORK |

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<td>Undergraduate university degree with a minimum of 6 units (12 courses) in the social sciences. Including 12 prerequisite courses. Minimum 70% average required.</td>
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<td>Master of Social Work (MSW)</td>
<td>Minimum 75% average in final 2 years of study. Successful completion of a research methodology course and a statistics course – or one full course which includes both.</td>
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**OVER 93% of students coming to Renison from high school receive an entrance scholarship**

**REGULAR, WITH AN EDGE**
Enjoy continuity in campus activities and move on to a career or further education a full year sooner than in co-op by choosing the regular stream.

**PLAN YOUR OWN SUMMERS**
for work, travel, volunteering, or extra courses

**OVER 2020 REQUIREMENTS**

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<td>Social Development Studies (WRS) (regular)</td>
<td>6 Grade 12 U or M courses including any grade 12 English course (WRS)*</td>
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*Mathematics for Data Management is a recommended course for admission to social science programs.

**APPLYING TO CO-OP?**
Choose the co-op option when you apply to Honours Arts (WRA) or Arts and Business (WAB). Choose Social Development Studies as your major interest.

**CO-REGISTER WITH RENISON**
Apply to Social Development Studies (WRS) or Honours Arts (WRA). Renison is your campus.
Apply to Honours Arts and Business (WAB). Email renison@uwaterloo.ca to ask for Renison as your campus. We’ll take care of the rest.

**ADMISSIONS**

**SDS**
Want to know more about the types of courses you can take?
Changing Concepts of Childhood
Children’s Rights in Canada
Globalization and Social Development
Race and Gender Equality
Ecology, Society, and Justice: Social Development and the Environment
Indigenous Peoples and Canadian Public Policy
Radical Ideology and Social Policy
Positive Psychology
Adult Life Crises and Events
Learning Disabilities
Child Maltreatment: Identification and Prevention
Personality
Family Violence
Social Work in Healthcare
Aging and Social Development
Understanding Diversity in Canada
Social Work with Families
Canadian Social Welfare Policy

**Want to combine SDS with Arts and Business?**
**SAMPLE COURSES**
Entrepreneurship Principles and Practices
International Business
Leadership, Teams, and Communication
Government and Business
Principles of Marketing and Consumer Economics

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SDS SPECIALIZATIONS

As part of the Social Development Studies (SDS) program you can choose to specialize in one or more of the following areas.

SCHOOL WORL:
DESIGNED FOR: Students interested in social work. This specialization offers many of the prerequisite courses needed to apply to the BSW program at Renison.

EDUCATION:
DESIGNED FOR: Students interested in professions that focus on teaching and learning, children and youth, program development evaluation, and policy analysis.

INDIVIDUAL WELL-BEING AND DEVELOPMENT:
DESIGNED FOR: Students interested in careers in areas such as life coaching and training, leadership development, and human resources.
SAMPLE COURSES: Personality, Optimal Living, and Positive Psychology.

SOCIAL POLICY AND SOCIAL ACTION:
DESIGNED FOR: Students interested in careers in public service or organizations focused on social justice in areas such as community organization, law, global governance, human rights, health, housing, and the environment.
SAMPLE COURSES: Homelessness and Public Policy, Indigenous Peoples and Canadian Public Policy, and Radical Ideology and Social Policy.

DIVERSITY AND EQUITY:
DESIGNED FOR: Students interested in developing knowledge and skills that help them understand and work with people from diverse backgrounds, both within Canada and internationally.
SAMPLE COURSES: Cross-Cultural Psychology, Globalization and Social Development, and Disability and Society.

EXTRA FUNDING

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES:
Renison students have access to additional scholarships, awards and bursaries available for every single term of study. You are also eligible for financial support through Waterloo. Ask us how you can apply for an entrance bursary!

OTHER FUNDING AVAILABLE:
- Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), which provides loans and bursaries for Ontario residents.
- External scholarships and bursaries.
- Co-op and parttime jobs on campus.

$500 GUARANTEED SCHOLARSHIP
for any Renison student going on an international exchange experience
uwaterloo.ca/renison/student-travel-fund

RESIDENCE

Renison is a part of the First Year Residence Guarantee and we reserve 80% of our rooms for first-year students! To make sure you live at Renison, rank it as your number one choice on the Waterloo Residence Community Ranking Form, and make sure you have accepted your offer and paid your residence deposit by the deadlines. Residence information can be found at:
uwaterloo.ca/renison/residence

Your meal plan is included in your residence fees. The prices listed below are based on the current year and may be used as a guide, but are subject to change.

8-MONTH CONTRACT

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