

SDS - SOCIAL POLICY AND SOCIAL ACTION SPECIALIZATION

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2026 - PRESENT

Student Name: _____
Plan Version (term/year added): _____ Date: _____

REQUIREMENTS: Completion of 6 COURSES from the following options:

✓ **AT LEAST 4 FROM:**

☐	SDS 210R/LS 273*	☐	SDS 331R*	☐	SDS 445R
☐	SDS 231R	☐	SDS 388R	☐	SDS 451R
☐	SDS 260R/ERS 260	☐	SDS 400R*	☐	SOC 224R
☐	SDS 311R/LS 373	☐	SDS 411R	☐	SOCWK 222R*
☐	SDS 312R	☐	SDS 441R	☐	SOCWK 300R*
☐	SDS 322R				

*available online, pending term.

This specialization cannot be done with only online courses.

NOTE (Optional) Courses below can only count if the topic covered fits within the scope of this specialization.
See an SDS academic advisor for more information.

☐	SOC, SOCWK, or SDS 450R	Special Topics. <i>Topic must be approved.</i>
☐	SDS 490R	Special Studies. Application Required. <i>Topic must be approved.</i>
☐	SDS 495R	Research Apprenticeship. Application Required. <i>Topic must be approved.</i>
☐	SDS 496R	Applied Apprenticeship. Application Required. <i>Topic must be approved.</i>
☐	SDS 499A	Honours Thesis. Application Required. <i>Topic must be approved.</i> <u>Must take 499B.</u>
☐	SDS 499B	Honours Thesis. Application Required. <i>Topic must be approved.</i>

✓ **UP TO 2 courses allowed from this list, if all 6 have not been completed from the options above:**

☐	ENGL 309G/GSJ 309/ HIST 309/COMMST 434	☐	HIST 389	☐	PLAN 431
☐	GSJ 304	☐	HLTH 260/GSJ 260	☐	PSCI 260/LS 206
☐	HIST 221	☐	HLTH 410	☐	PSCI 334/SOC 334
☐	HIST 258	☐	INDEV 302	☐	PSCI 472
☐	HIST 369/PSCI 369	☐	PHIL 328/LS 352	☐	RCS 301/GSJ 301

This checklist is to be used as a worksheet only.

Students are responsible for understanding and meeting plan requirements. Seek clarification if needed.

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Social Policy and Social Action: Required course options

SDS 210R/LS 273 Children's Rights in Canada
SDS 231R Introduction to Social Policy Processes
SDS 260R/ERS 260 Ecology, Society, and Justice: Social Development and the Environment
SDS 311R/LS 373 Indigenous Peoples and Canadian Public Policy
SDS 312R Homelessness and Public Policy
SDS 322R Community Engagement and Social Development
SDS 331R Social Inequality, Social Justice, and Social Action
SDS 388R Globalization and Social Development
SDS 400R Comparative Social Policy
SDS 411R Decolonization and Social Action
SDS 441R Popular Culture and Social Change in the Radical Imagination
SDS 445R Pedagogies of Democratic Education (rarely offered)
SDS 451R Research with Communities (rarely offered)
SOC 224R Poverty in Canada and its Social Consequences
SOCWK 222R Community Organization
SOCWK 300R Canadian Social Welfare Policy

**Academic Calendar Plan
Requirements:**



Social Policy and Social Action: Optional courses

ENGL 309G/GSJ 309/HIST 309/COMMST 434 The Discourse of Dissent
GSJ 304 Research as Resistance
HIST 221 Racism and Response in Canadian History
HIST 258 The United States since the Civil War Era
HIST 369/ PSCI 369 The Politics of Decolonization
HIST 389 Canada in World Affairs
HLTH 260/GSJ 260 Social Determinants of Health
HLTH 410 Health Policy
INDEV 302 Development Agents
PHIL 328/ LS 352 Human Rights
PLAN 431 Issues in Housing
PSCI 260/ LS 206 Canadian Government and Politics
PSCI 334/ SOC 334 Public Policy
PSCI 472 Gender and Public Policy
RCS 301/GSJ 301 Socially Engaged Buddhism

* Always refer to the current undergraduate calendar for up-to-date course names, pre-requisites, and anti-requisites *