


LYLE S. HALLMAN
FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK

LAURIER 
Inspiring Lives.



“It is precisely because education was the primary tool of oppression of Aboriginal people, and miseducation of all Canadians, that we have concluded that education holds the key to reconciliation.”

— Justice Murray Sinclair Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

Make a meaningful difference

The Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work (FSW) at Wilfrid Laurier University offers social work programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels. All graduate programs are offered in person at Laurier's Kitchener location. The part-time Master of Social Work programs (with the exception of the Indigenous Field of Study) are available online.



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Since 1966, the FSW has graduated more than 5,100 social workers. Known for academic excellence, our students' success is measured through more than grades — it's based on the quality of the lives they lead, and those they inspire in the communities in which they serve. At the undergraduate level our generalist program offers both depth and breadth of learning affording students all they need to be world class practitioners. At the graduate level, the FSW has developed a national and international reputation for excellence in teaching, research and field work instruction the kind of excellence aimed at developing practitioners to challenge and change their world.

The FSW is located in downtown Kitchener among neighbouring community agencies, and enjoys strong partnerships in the social services sector both in research and in placement opportunities for students. We are committed to providing a learning environment that is challenging yet respectful and inclusive. The Master of Social Work (MSW) curriculum has an overarching framework that focuses on social justice, equity, inclusivity and reflexivity. This curriculum continues and strengthens our long-standing and well-recognized emphasis on social work practice. Students can focus their course work and field education on micro and/or macro practice, or in the field of Indigenous study. The FSW offers a dynamic PhD program providing students with opportunities for advanced scholarship.

For more information on our Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program at the Brantford campus, please visit our website at wlu.ca.

Land Acknowledgment

We respectfully acknowledge that Wilfrid Laurier University and its campuses are located on the Haldimand tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabe (Anish-nah-bay) and Haudenosaunee (Hoe-den-no-show-nee) peoples. We would like to take a moment to acknowledge the importance of the lands, which we each call home. We acknowledge the importance of the lands where we live, learn, and work, to reaffirm our commitment and responsibility in improving relationships between nations.

Why choose Laurier?

Laurier is a mid-sized university that offers students big opportunities, all with a small community feel. Laurier is a place where people are inspired to learn, lead, and build lifelong relationships; to give their all and to give back. Our commitment to purposeful learning and student experience ensures our graduates are ready to leave their mark on the world. In our campus communities, the communities we live, learn and work in, and our global community, Laurier builds meaningful connections that have a lasting impact.

The Faculty of Social Work has an outstanding reputation as one of Canada's top graduate schools for social work education.

- Since 1966, we have graduated more than 5,100 social workers.
- More than 85% of our graduates find full-time employment in the field.
- Our field education team works with various agencies to secure approximately 300 placement opportunities each year across across the country.
- Fully accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE).*

ENGAGING CLASS SIZES

- Classes usually do not exceed more than 30 students. This allows for strong relationships between faculty and students and encourages personal learning.
- Our MSW graduates are highly qualified for practice.
- Our PhD program prepares graduates for leadership roles in professional education, research and specialized practice in governmental or private human organizations.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Faculty members are involved teachers and mentors, as well as active researchers whose work is recognized both nationally and internationally. Faculty members' interests and expertise are wide-ranging. Areas of practice, teaching and research, and writing include: capacity building with diverse communities; counselling process and outcome; critical theory and anti-oppressive practice; refugee experiences; bereavement; collaborative projects with Indigenous communities and diverse local groups; treatment of survivors of sexual abuse; practice ethics; policies and practices related to disability; work with families and service providers in the child-welfare and mental-health systems; community-based mental health policies; community based research with at-risk populations and many others.

Teaching by full-time faculty in the FSW is complemented by teaching by part-time instructors, many of whom are practicing social workers with extensive expertise in various fields of practice. Many part-time instructors also provide field work instruction for students.

*This qualifies graduates to register as a Registered Social Worker (RSW) in the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW). Please note, different provinces have specific requirements for registration with their respective regulatory bodies. Students who plan on registering in a province other than Ontario are advised to review the regulatory requirements for registration in the college specific to their province/country.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS



Excellence in teaching, research and field education

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

The Master of Social Work (MSW) degree is a professional program providing a pathway to professional practice. The MSW program is an integrated program, meaning that courses cover various social work practice areas, from micro (clinical practice), mezzo (community practice), and macro (research and policy). Students are required to demonstrate behaviour that is consistent with the Social Work Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers and the Canadian Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics.

The Faculty of Social Work offers a variety of Master of Social Work programs:

Program		Academic Terms	Degree Required
MSW Advanced Standing	Full-time	3 terms	Bachelor of Social Work
Online MSW Advanced Standing	Part-time	5 terms	Bachelor of Social Work
MSW Advanced Standing - Indigenous Field of Study	Full-time Part-time	3 terms 6 terms	Bachelor of Social Work
MSW Regular Track	Full-time	5 terms	Bachelor degree
Online MSW Regular Track	Part-time	8 terms	Bachelor degree
MSW-MDiv	Full-time	12 terms	Bachelor degree

PhD IN SOCIAL WORK

The Faculty of Social Work offers a PhD program on a full-time and part-time basis. However, for the 2022–23 academic year only, the Indigenous Field of Study and PhD program are offering an Indigenized PhD in Social Work (full-time).

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK THESIS OPTION

Although most students complete the coursework option, a limited number of on-campus students can choose the thesis option.

WHY DO A THESIS?

A thesis is an excellent opportunity for students who are looking to pursue a particular interest/topic area, contribute to a field of knowledge, further their research skills, and/or lay the groundwork for further practice or subsequent studies.

EXEMPTIONS

Students who choose to pursue a thesis during their studies, will be exempt from taking the following:

Full-time, Regular Track

- 100 hours of the advanced field placement
- The Foundational Elective
- Two Advanced Electives

Full-time, Advanced Standing

- Two Advanced Electives
- Field placement

FINDING AN ADVISOR

Students who wish to complete a thesis must discuss this with the MSW associate dean who will assist students in identifying potential thesis advisors. As enrollment in the thesis option is contingent upon the student finding a faculty member who is willing to act as their thesis advisor, it is strongly recommended that students begin this process soon after acceptance into the program.

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMS

Course sequence

MSW ADVANCED STANDING FULL-TIME PROGRAM*

TERM 1 (FALL)

SK504 Research 1

SK649 Advanced Field Education (two terms, fall-winter)

Choose one of the following (depending on micro/macro nature of placement):

SK508 Reflexive Group and Community Practice

SK621 Reflexive Practices

Choose one of the following:

SK651 Advanced Social Work Practice with Individuals

SK690 Inequality, Poverty and Income Support:

TERM 2 (WINTER)

SK649 Advanced Field Education (two terms, fall-winter)

SK665 Relational Accountability - Transforming Social Work with Indigenous Peoples

Two Advanced Electives**

TERM 3 (SPRING)

SK615 Research 2

Two Advanced Electives**

MSW REGULAR TRACK FULL-TIME PROGRAM*

FOUNDATIONAL YEAR

TERM 1 (FALL)

SK501 Approaches to Community Organizing and Group Practices

SK504 Research 1

SK507 Social Justice and Transformative Social Work Practices

SK522 Social Work Practice with Individuals

SK681 The Political and Organizational Contexts of Social Work Practice

TERM 2 (WINTER)

SK536 Integrating Theory and Practice (two-term, winter-summer)

SK541 Foundational Field Education (two-term, winter-spring)

SK545 Introduction to Ethical Thought and Reflexive Practice
Foundational Elective**

TERM 3 (SPRING)

SK536 Integrating Theory and Practice (two-term, winter-spring)

SK541 Foundational Field Education (two-term, winter-spring)

SK665 Relational Accountability - Transforming Social Work with Indigenous Peoples

ADVANCED STUDY YEAR

TERM 4 (FALL)

SK615 Research 2

SK649 Advanced Field Education (two-term, fall-winter)

Choose one of the following (depending on micro/macro nature of placement):

SK508 Reflexive Group and Community Practice

SK621 Reflexive Practices

Choose one of the following:

SK651 Advanced Social Work Practice with Individuals

SK690 Inequality, Poverty and Income Support:

TERM 5 (WINTER)

SK649 Advanced Field Education (two-term, fall-winter)

Two Advanced Electives**

*The course sequence is a sample only; course offerings vary by term.

**Elective offerings will be determined on a year to year basis

On-Campus courses are not held in July or August, although this is subject to change.

MSW ONLINE

Change begins with you

Laurier's Faculty of Social Work understands the demands and needs of a busy professional that wants to advance their career, which is why you can take the Master of Social Work (MSW) Advanced Standing and Regular Track programs completely online.

Both online programs provide the same cutting-edge curriculum and academic rigor of the on-campus MSW programs, but the online program delivery allows you to access course content 24-hours a day, seven days a week, and complete your degree while you continue to work.

Only program of its kind in Canada

- 100% online asynchronous coursework, designed to fit into your busy schedule.
- Fully accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE-ACFTS).*
- Taught by internationally recognized teachers, mentors and researchers.

While courses are delivered entirely online, an in-person field placement during regular business hours is required. For further information, please visit: wlu.ca/programs/social-work/graduate/social-work-msw/field-education/part-time.html

ONLINE MSW ADVANCED STANDING

- Developed for those who have completed a Bachelor of Social Work.
- Can be completed in just under 2 years or 5 academic terms.

ONLINE MSW REGULAR TRACK

- Available to students without a Bachelor of Social Work.
- Can be completed in three years or eight academic terms.

To learn more or to connect with an online enrollment advisor, please visit online.wlu.ca.

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MSW ONLINE APPLICATION DEADLINES:

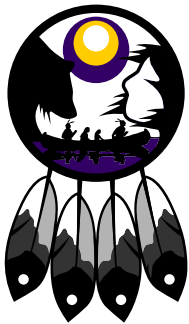
Fall 2022: **December 1, 2021**

Winter 2023: **April 15, 2022**

Spring 2023: **July 15, 2022**

PLEASE NOTE Laurier reserves the right to close applications to the online part-time programs at any time after the application open date without notice. Therefore, if you are interested in a specific entry term, plan to complete Step 1 OUAC Application as early as possible.

Indigenous Field of Study



As the first Indigenous Master of Social Work program in Canada that is completely informed by an Indigenous world view, our goal is to develop social work practitioners who demonstrate an understanding of, and respect for, the history, traditions and cultures of the Indigenous peoples of Canada. This unique program includes the involvement of Indigenous Elders, a traditional circle process and Indigenous ceremonies.

- An innovative MSW degree immersed in an Indigenous wholistic world view
- A full-time MSW program offered at Laurier's Kitchener location
- Part-time offering in partnership with Indigenous Educational Institutes
- An empowering and transformative learning experience

FULL-TIME

TERM 1 (FALL)

SK628 Cultural Camp
SK647 Elders' Teaching and Indigenous Identity
SK646 Wholistic Healing Practice
SK645 Indigenous Research Methods

TERM 2 (WINTER)

SK649 Advanced Field Education (three days per week)
SK507 Social Justice and Transformative Social Work Practices
SK644 Indigenous Kinship Structures and Social Work Practice

TERM 3 (SPRING)

SK649 Advanced Field Education (three days per week)
SK635 Indigenous Knowledges and Theory
SK648 Elders' Teachings and Self-Reflection (Fasting Camp)

Totals Eight courses plus one placement that extends over two terms.

For more information about the program, contact:
Coordinator for the Indigenous Field of Study
mwindigenous@wlu.ca

PART-TIME

TERM 1 (FALL)

SK628 Cultural Camp
SK647 Elders' Teaching and Indigenous Identity

TERM 2 (WINTER)

SK649 Advanced Field Education (three days per week)
SK646 Wholistic Healing Practice

TERM 3 (SPRING)

SK649 Advanced Field Education (three days per week)
SK645 Indigenous Research Methods

TERM 4 (FALL)

SK507 Social Justice and Transformative Social Work Practices
SK644 Indigenous Kinship Structures and Social Work Practice

TERM 5 (WINTER)

SK635 Indigenous Knowledges and Theory

TERM 6 (SPRING)

SK648 Elders' Teachings and Self-Reflection (Fasting Camp)

Totals eight courses plus one placement that extends over two terms.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Student experience at the Faculty of Social Work

The Faculty of Social Work offers a wide range of academic and non-academic programming for students, which contributes to a transformational learning experience and community building during students' time in the program and beyond.

Students have various opportunities to get involved in the campus community through committees, social events, skills building workshops, and other opportunities for involvement. Examples of past events include paint nights, lunch and learns, peer-led workshops, student drop-ins, and other initiatives. Each year, the Faculty of Social Work invites students from all cohorts to sit on a number of committees, including but not limited to:

- **MSW Curriculum, Admissions, Field Education and Student Affairs Committee (CAFSAC):** 5 MSW students
- **Student Experience Sub-Committee:** Open to all students
- **Divisional Council:** 4 MSW students
- **Equity Committee:** Open to all students interested in joining
- **Equity Sub-Committee, Intercultural Relationships in Education (NIRE):** This committee works to improve the experience of racialized students within the FSW, open to 6 MSW students

There are also many opportunities for involvement available in other university-wide committees and events. As a graduate student at Laurier, you will have access to a large array of resources, supports, and services, including academic and writing supports, international student services, accessibility services, health and wellness resources, and other supports. Additionally, all graduate students at Laurier are members of the Graduate Student Association (GSA) and have access to all supports, services, and programming offered by the GSA.

Laurier is known for its focus on student experience and for fostering a supportive, engaged, and caring community. As such, our programming at the faculty is continuously evolving to respond to student needs and preferences and to offer students opportunities for engagement both inside and outside the classroom.



Field education: Gain valuable experience

Field education provides students with the opportunity to practise and integrate advanced-level social work values, knowledge and skills, including the development of a professional “self” and professional identity as a social worker.

Field education placements are MSW courses which are graded (pass/fail) by an agency-based qualified field instructor assigned to teach each student. The workload of placements is controlled to facilitate an **emphasis on learning**.

WHERE DO STUDENTS COMPLETE THEIR FIELD PLACEMENTS?

Students will complete placement hours and attend classes during the same time period. Placements for on-campus students are most often located within a 150-kilometre distance from the Faculty. For the online MSW program, students propose placements within a commutable distance of their location.

Agencies, instructors and placement content are approved by the FSW Field Education Office. Commuting to placement is expected and many agencies require that students have access to a car while on placement.

HOW ARE STUDENTS ASSIGNED TO A PLACEMENT?

A student’s interests in particular placements are taken into consideration. Students will be asked to rank interest

in available placements. The FSW Field Education Office also considers new placement opportunities that students propose within a specific time frame. Students are assigned to a placement interview based on the requirements of the MSW program and that of the agency.

WHO INSTRUCTS THE FIELD EDUCATION COURSES?

Professional and qualified instructors teach in the field. Field education instructors typically hold a BSW and/or an MSW degree and are recognized as “our faculty in the field.” Instructors have a minimum of two years post-degree experience as well as formal training.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PLACEMENTS?

Field education courses are covered under student fees. However, while on placement, students are usually expected to pay for expenses such as police checks, mileage and parking. Student placements are unpaid and are considered part of the MSW learning experience.

WHEN DO FIELD EDUCATION COURSES TAKE PLACE?

The timelines for field education courses are structured and sequenced to reflect course requirements and program progression. The following timelines also ensure students attend the required seminars and workshops that are part of the field education course, and ensure program requirements are met in a timely manner. For the Advanced Field Education placement, students have the option to complete the field course during the summer term (May to August) or the fall and winter term (September to April).

Field Education Course Timelines for Full-time Students

Field Course	Days	Months	Required Hours
Foundational Field Education: Three/four days a week (same placement)	Monday to Wednesday	January to March	462 hours of placement
	Monday to Thursday	April to May	
Advanced Field Education: Three days a week	Monday to Wednesday	September to April	546 hours of placement
	Five days a week	Based on instructor availability	

Admission requirements

Our programs are competitive for admission. Each year, the Faculty of Social Work receives many more qualified individuals apply for our programs than spaces in the MSW program. Applications are considered as a whole and the review committee takes all facets of the application into consideration, including experience, academic background, personal statement, and references. Having the minimum admission requirements does not itself guarantee admission to the program as the review committee reserves the right to select the most qualified applications. All decisions are final.

1. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

MSW Advanced Standing program: To be eligible for the advanced standing program, a Bachelor of Social Work degree from an accredited program in a university of recognized standing is required.

MSW Regular Track program: Normally, a four-year bachelor's degree, or equivalent from a university or college of recognized standing. Applicants with a three-year degree and significant relevant work experience (equivalent to three years paid and/or volunteer work in human service organizations) will be considered.

2. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Academic background must include at least four full (or eight half) credit social science courses and a half-credit course in research methodology. Social sciences would include, but are not limited to; anthropology, child/youth/family studies, criminology, economics, environmental studies, gender studies, global studies, history, political science, psychology, social justice and peace, sociology, social work, thanatology, women's studies, etc. We will also accept your university's definition of a social science. There are many new programs and courses that would fall under the category of social science even though it may not be listed.

3. GPA REQUIREMENT

Applicants who have already completed a bachelor's degree, a minimum B (73%) average in the final academic year is required (equivalent of 10 half-credit or one-term courses). For applicants completing their most recent year of undergraduate study, eligibility is determined on the basis of the last completed academic year at the time of application. If an applicant does not have a B standing in the final academic year, additional undergraduate coursework may be completed to raise the final year GPA to the minimum B requirement. Additional courses required for admission to the MSW Program, or for upgrading purposes that are completed after your undergraduate degree has been granted, will be calculated into the final year GPA. To be considered for admission, the re-calculated GPA must be at least a B average.

4. EXPERIENCE PROFILE

Awareness of contemporary social issues and social work values, demonstrated ability to communicate effectively and motivation for a career as a professional social worker is assessed on the basis of application material. Evidence of paid and/or voluntary experience in human service organizations is required. Work/Volunteer experience in a human service organization could come from a variety of experiences in various relevant practice areas. This experience commonly includes roles that work with others in a "helping capacity" or direct practice, community work, or relevant research and policy experience. This could take on various forms such as, but not limited to, support groups, crisis lines, working with diverse populations, community development, program development,

advocacy, and many other positions. In the experience profile form, applicants have the opportunity to highlight their most relevant experiences and explain how their experience prepares them for graduate social work.

One year is equivalent to full time hours (1750 hours). Two or more years of paid and/or volunteer experience would be considered competitive and an asset to the application assessment.

5. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Applicants whose language of instruction during the undergraduate degree was other than English are required to submit official English language test results obtained within the last two years. Photocopies will not be accepted.

Accepted Test Scores:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):
iBT/iBT Home Edition: minimum score of 89, with minimum skill scores of 21 in each of the skills tests (speaking, writing, reading and listening).
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS):
Academic – minimum score of 7.
- Pearson Test of English (PTE): minimum score of 60.
- Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) Assessment: minimum score of 70.

6. APPLICANTS WITH INTERNATIONAL DEGREES AND TRANSCRIPTS

Applicants whose transcripts are issued in a language other than English must submit to Laurier an original official translation, plus the official transcript and degree certificate, where applicable, in the language in which it was issued.

7. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Non-Canadian citizens are required to submit a photocopy of their permanent residency status with their application.



APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR FALL ENTRY

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE REQUIRED

- MSW Advanced Standing (full-time): **December 1, 2021**
- MSW Advanced Standing - Indigenous Field of Study (full-time): **March 1, 2022**
- MSW Advanced Standing - Indigenous Field of Study (part-time): **March 1, 2022**

BACHELOR DEGREE REQUIRED

- MSW Regular Track (full-time): **December 1, 2021**
- MSW-MDiv (full-time): **December 1, 2021**



MSW TUITION FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Full-time students in the MSW program are automatically considered for internal scholarships upon admission and are encouraged to apply for external awards.
- If your GPA is A- (80%) or higher in each of your last two years of full-time study or equivalent, we strongly recommend that you consider applying for these external scholarship opportunities:
 - **Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)** \$15,000 – students must apply to the institution where they plan to hold the award. Students applying to a graduate program at more than one institution will be required to submit an application to each institution for consideration. This application is typically due in January each year, to hold the award in the following academic year.
 - **Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master's (CGS M)** \$17,500 - (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC) please visit the NSERC website for more information. The application deadline is December 1, to hold the award in the following academic year. Students must be pursuing a thesis to hold the CGS M award.
- The Faculty of Social Work offers a limited number of Research Assistant positions. Students are invited to apply once they begin the program. Typically, available opportunities are sent out in the beginning of each semester. There may also be employment and work-study opportunities available to student outside of the faculty.

Other scholarship and bursary opportunities can be found at wlu.ca/studentawards.



2021/2022 FEES FOR ALL PROGRAMS

FULL-TIME	Domestic Students	International Students
Tuition	\$3,560 per term (plus incidental fees)	\$8,447.25 (CDN) per term (plus incidental fees)
Textbooks	\$1,500/year (estimated cost)	\$1,500/year (CDN) (estimated cost)
PART-TIME	Domestic Students	International Students
Tuition	\$2,000.56 per term (plus incidental fees)	\$4,637.15 (CDN) per term (plus incidental fees)
Textbooks	\$1,500/year (estimated cost)	\$1,500/year (CDN) (estimated cost)

HOW TO APPLY

Applying to a MSW program is a two-step online process using the Graduate Admissions Toolkit. Visit wlu.ca and click “Admissions Toolkits” at the top of the page. Select the “Graduate Admissions Toolkit.”

STEP ONE: THE ONLINE APPLICATION

- Complete the online application by the applicable program deadline date. However, it is recommended that you complete step one at least one week prior to the deadline date. The online application is submitted directly to the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC) and a \$150 non-refundable application fee is required when the online application is submitted.
- Print the PDF of the Application Summary Form at the end of online application.

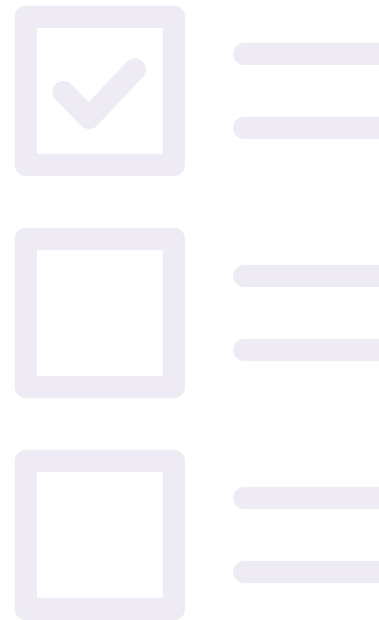
STEP TWO: SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

After you have submitted your online application, paid the non-refundable application fee and Laurier has received your online application from OUAC, you will receive an email from gradadmissions@wlu.ca advising you to upload the required supplemental materials to Laurier’s Online Viewing System.

- Application Summary Form PDF printed at the end of the online application.
- Transcript(s) for all college, undergraduate and graduate programs and courses, including those at which a degree or diploma was not completed; and for all courses studied through an international exchange.
- Statement of Interest Form which include specific questions to answer as well as the Graduate Course Exemption Request and the Field Placement Agreement.
- Experience Profile Form.
- A resume of your academic and work experience. Please ensure that your resume specifies the number of hours completed in each position.
- Official English language test results (if applicable).
- Proof of record of landing or permanent residency status for non-Canadian citizens.
- Two reference forms; one academic and one professional. Applicants who have been out of school for more than 3 years and no longer have a connection with an academic reference are welcome to submit 2 professional references.

Once all documents have been uploaded, review your submission fully for errors, typos, correct files etc. When you are satisfied with your submission, click on “Submit my application”. Once you confirm and click “OK”, no further changes can be made to your application.

Once submitted, your application has been received by Laurier. Further confirmation of receipt is not provided.



Why choose a PhD at Laurier?

The Faculty of Social Work provides a supportive and inspiring learning environment to develop excellence in research and teaching. Our students are engaged in advanced research that reflects social work values, addresses important issues, promotes new understandings and knowledge, and informs social work theory, practice, and policy. We usually admit five full-time and two part-time students into the program each year. The small class size helps to foster a strong sense of community among students and enables faculty members to provide individual support and mentorship.

For 2022, we will offer our Indigenized PhD offering and resume our general PhD program in 2023.

AN INDIGENOUS INTAKE FOR LAURIER'S SOCIAL WORK PHD

In 2018, the Faculty piloted the Indigenized PhD Cohort, which was implemented as a partnership between the PhD Program and the Indigenous Field of Study (IFS). Building on the success of the pilot, we will be initiating another Indigenized PhD Cohort for September 2022.

The Indigenized offering is intended for First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) peoples. It will be for full-time studies and we plan to accept five students. A part-time option is not available for this offering.

One of our many goals in creating this offering is to contribute to addressing the large gap of inequality within academic institutions where FNMI scholars are needed, especially as schools of social work respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action and work toward decolonization.

WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THE INDIGENIZED PHD OFFERING?

Courses will be taught by Indigenous scholars from the IFS, each of whom taught in the pilot offering. The course content will privilege Indigenous scholarship and discourses relevant to Indigenous issues in practice, research, and education.

Indigegogy is a term that is employed by the IFS to capture the Indigenous theories and practices that underpin the transformative Indigenous educational process. Indigegogy in each course will be wholistic in design and flow from Indigenous ways of seeing, being, knowing, and doing. This approach will be land-based where possible.

The program will be taught through a team-based model of delivery to ensure the continuity of knowledge articulation, and the seamless flow from one course to the next. The preferred pedagogical mechanism for delivery will be the sharing circle in the presence of medicines, ceremony, and Elders.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE INDIGENIZED PHD OFFERING

Graduates will

- Take their place in the circle of Indigenous knowledge, restoring and generating Indigenous knowledge.
- Understand “how” to gather knowledge, carve pathways, research, engage in Indigegogy, how to take their places within the academy or teaching and research positions and maintain their Indigeneity and Indigenist frameworks.
- Strive to balance the duality of reclaiming their Indigenous identity/knowledge/being and doing.

PhD APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

1. A Master of Social Work degree from a recognized university, with a minimum A- (80%) average. Applicants with other graduate degrees and strong social service experience may be considered.
2. Normally, a minimum of three years post MSW social work experience. The applicant must also provide evidence of a level of professional competence suitable for admission to the PhD program.
3. Evidence of scholarly ability for clear and creative thinking and the ability to pursue independent study.
4. We strongly encourage applications from students from equity-deserving groups and other diverse marginalized communities

PART-TIME PhD PROGRAM

The part-time PhD Social Work program has been designed for individuals who wish to remain employed while they complete their PhD degree. You take a maximum of two courses per term. Part-time students follow the same curriculum as full-time students and attend classes with full-time PhD students. You must, therefore, plan to take courses in the terms in which the courses are offered. Criteria for admission to the part-time program are the same as the criteria for the full-time program.

Please note that part-time students are not eligible for Laurier's Minimum Guaranteed Funding package or for Ontario Graduate Scholarships, SSHRC or CIHR doctoral awards.

As noted above, we will not be accepting part-time students in Fall 2022, the part-time option will return in Fall 2023.



2021/2022 PhD FEES		
	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME
Domestic Students	\$2,622.92 per term (plus incidental fees)	\$1,687.08 per term (plus incidental fees)
International Students	\$6,885 (CDN) per term (plus incidental fees)	\$3,348 (CDN) per term (plus incidental fees)

HOW TO APPLY (PhD IN SOCIAL WORK)

Applying to our PhD program is a two-step online process using the Graduate Admissions Toolkit. Visit wlu.ca and click “Admissions Toolkits” at the top of the page. Choose the “Graduate Admissions Toolkit.” Only a full-time studies option is available for the Indigenized offering.

STEP ONE: THE ONLINE APPLICATION

- Complete the online application by the deadline date. Applicants may apply to one of our PhD programs or they may apply to both the full-time and the part-time PhD programs. An application fee will be required for each program. The online application is submitted directly to the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC) and a \$150 non-refundable application fee is required when the online application is submitted..
- Print the PDF of the Application Summary Form at the end of online application.

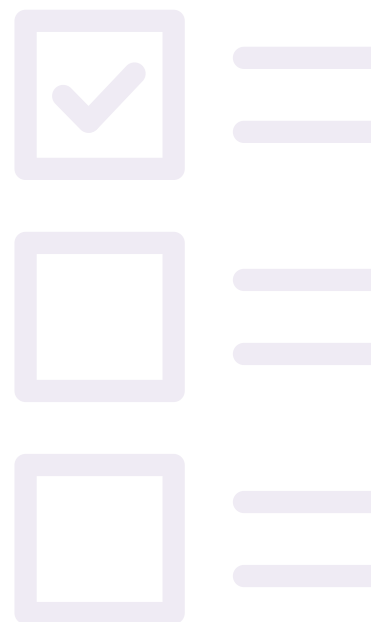
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- SK790 Social Work Thought and Theory Development
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- SK801 Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis
- SK805 Applied Qualitative Research Methods
- SK820 Doctoral Seminar
- One Elective

YEAR TWO

- SK894 Writing for Publication
- Optional Elective
- SK893 Comprehensive Examination

YEARS 3 AND 4

- SK899 PhD Dissertation

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