



FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Overview

With broad and cutting-edge programs ranging from communications and psychology to sustainability science and labour studies, **Faculty of Social Sciences (FOSS)** provides a breadth of opportunities for students to push boundaries while developing critical thinking skills as they explore the issues that societies face today and in the future.



Faculty Highlights

- As the first in Canada to offer a co-op program, Brock's **Labour Studies department** integrates practical experience with academic studies to better prepare students as experienced employees for our community of employers.
- The commitment of Faculty to student success during COVID was exemplified with the granting of award support 25 undergraduate and graduate students to enable them to continue to advance their research.
- The Faculty of Social Sciences at Brock is home to the **Forensic Psychology and Criminal Justice (FPAC)**, the first of its kind transdisciplinary program in Canada. This innovative and timely program equips graduates with multidimensional and critical perspectives, enabling them to make groundbreaking realizations and influences on the criminal justice system.
- To foster potential synergies and collaborations between students, colleagues, and community members, the Faculty recently launched an ongoing virtual interdisciplinary Symposium Series.
- Engaging women across sectors, within Brock and the outer community, the Faculty's **Women in Leadership** actively works to encourage and inspire the next generation of our community.
- In Fall 2022, the faculty will welcome students to the **first PhD program in Sustainability Science** in Canada, housing 3 of Brock's 10 PhD programs. By enhancing Brock's graduate academic offerings, the Faculty commits more research and scholarly activities to global issues.



4,874

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS



466

GRADUATE STUDENTS



165

PERMANENT FACULTY MEMBERS



13

DEPARTMENTS AND CENTRES



HOMETO

3

CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS

* 2021-22 calendar year



As Brock's largest Faculty, we take very seriously our commitment to shaping the thinkers and doers who will impact our society for years to come. We strive to do so through developing new programs and specialties in crucial fields, constantly seeking out ways to engage with the community and other research partners, and always prioritizing meaningful and inclusive learning experiences for our students — tomorrow's changemakers.

Ingrid Makus
Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences

Research extending beyond Brock

- Brock research teams, that include many FOSS faculty members are part of a national team working with a \$1.84 million Brain Canada Foundation grant to launch an electroencephalography (EEG) platform for national and international EEG-based neuroscience collaboration.
- Led by faculty scholars, the Niagara Community Observatory (NPO) works with the Niagara community to support and strengthen collaborative community-based research, at the local, provincial, national, binational, and international level.
- Research currently being conducted by a master's student in **Linguistics** sheds light on methods of English as a second Language through real-life study and is being presented at international conferences.
- A policy document produced by Associate Professor of **Sociology** and Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies on areas of focus and challenges associated with the pandemic was featured in a project at Ryerson University and later received related coverage on the Toronto Star, CTV News, The Hill Times, the National Post, and Huffington Post, among other venues.
- Research findings in **Political Science** on electronic voting in a legislative context was presented in testimony to the Canadian Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs.
- The Decolonial Reading Circle initiative, founded by Brock's own Associate Professor in **Women's and Gender Studies**, was presented to the Royal Society of Canada.

Emerging Priorities

Named Research Chair: Research chair positions are used to attract and retain world-class researchers who reinforce academic research and training excellence in Canadian postsecondary institutions. Supporting a Research Chair in the Faculty of Social Sciences will directly support the faculty's access to excellence, innovation, and research. Proceeds of the endowment will support salary, benefits and an appropriate measure of scholar and research support.

Applied Disability Studies Program: In light of recent world events, enhancing Brock's Applied Disability Studies Program is more important than ever. This program trains our students to apply real-world knowledge to contribute to the betterment of the lives of people in our community and beyond with a focus on persons with disabilities and underserved populations.

Mental Health Program: The demand for wellness and mental health supports has increased significantly at Brock and other post-secondary institutions across the globe as a result of COVID-19. Supporting the emerging needs of student mental health can increase the active engagement of students, reduce the stigma of accessing mental health assistance and increase training for practitioners.

For more information, please visit brocku.ca/social-sciences or contact Julie Bertoia at jbertoia@brocku.ca

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