

McGill School of Social Work
BSW Program

**Pre-Approved Social Science Complementary
and Elective Courses**

A. SOCIAL SCIENCE COMPLEMENTARY COURSES

90-credit BSW students need to take 18 credits of “Social Science Complementary Courses”. For courses in other departments, you must respect all the restrictions and pre-requisites listed in the course calendar. If you need an instructor’s permission to register for a course, you must speak to the instructor in that department and go through their administrative office to get an override to register. Permission must be obtained prior to course registration.

All courses from these departments are automatically approved as Social Science Complementary Courses:

- Anthropology
- Economics
- Gender, Sexuality, Feminist, and Social Justice Studies
- Indigenous Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

In addition, **these specific** courses are pre-approved as Social Science Complementary Courses:

N.B. Courses not listed here *may* be approved as Social Science Complementary Courses. If you would like to take a course not listed here, please consult a Social Work advisor with the course description and outline. If the course is approved, it will be noted in your file.

African Studies

[AFRI 200 Introduction to African Studies](#)

[AFRI 598 Research Seminar in African Studies](#)

Art History

[ARTH 310 Postcolonialism](#)

Canadian Studies

[CANS 200 Introduction to the Study of Canada](#)
[CANS 202 Canadian Cultures: Context and Issues](#)
[CANS 306 Issues in Native Studies](#)
[CANS 310 Canadian Cultures: Context & Issues](#)

[CANS 315 Indigenous Art and Culture](#)
[CANS 413 Canada and Quebec Seminar](#)
[CANS 501 Interdisciplinarity & Canadian Studies](#)

Communications Studies

[COMS 200 History of Communication](#)
[COMS 210 Introduction to Communication Studies](#)
[COMS 230 Communication and Democracy](#)
[COMS 300 Media and Modernity in the 20th Century](#)

[COMS 310 Media and Feminist Studies](#)
[COMS 320 Media and Empire](#)
[COMS 354 Media Studies of Crime](#)
[COMS 491 Media, Communication & Culture](#)
[COMS 510 Canadian Broadcasting Policy](#)

East Asian Studies

[EAST 211 Introduction: East Asian Culture: China](#)
[EAST 212 Introduction: East Asian Culture: Japan](#)
[EAST 213 Introduction: East Asian Culture: Korea](#)
[EAST 364 Mass Culture and Postwar Japan](#)

[EAST 385 Society and Community in Korea](#)
[EAST 564 Structures of Modernity: Japan](#)
[EAST 582 Japanese Culture and Society](#)

Educational & Counselling Psychology

[EDPC 505 Crisis Intervention Processes](#)
[EDPE 300 Educational Psychology](#)

Geography

[GEOG 200: Geographical Perspectives on World Environmental Problems](#)
[GEOG 201 Introductory Geo-Information Science](#)
[GEOG 202 Statistics and Spatial Analysis](#)
[GEOG 210 Global Places and Peoples](#)
[GEOG 216 Geography of the World Economy](#)
[GEOG 217 Cities in the Modern World](#)
[GEOG 221 Environment and Health](#)
[GEOG 300 Human Ecology in Geography](#)
[GEOG 301 Geography of Nunavut](#)
[GEOG 303 Health Geography](#)
[GEOG 306 Raster Geo-Information Science](#)
[GEOG 307 Socioeconomic Applications of GIS](#)
[GEOG 309 Geography of Canada](#)
[GEOG 310 Development and Livelihoods](#)
[GEOG 311 Economic Geography](#)
[GEOG 315 Urban Transportation Geography](#)
[GEOG 316 Political Geography](#)
[GEOG 351 Quantitative Methods](#)
[GEOG 360 Analyzing Sustainability](#)
[GEOG 370 Protected Areas](#)
[GEOG 381 Geographic Thought and Practice](#)
[GEOG 382 Principles Earth Citizenship](#)

[GEOG 390 Managing Field Research](#)
[GEOG 398 Field Studies in Human Geography](#)
[GEOG 403 Global Health and Environmental Change](#)
[GEOG 406 Human Dimensions of Climate Change](#)
[GEOG 408 Geography of Development](#)
[GEOG 409 Geographies of Developing Asia](#)
[GEOG 410 Geography of Underdevelopment: Current Problems](#)
[GEOG 416 Africa South of the Sahara](#)
[GEOG 424 Europe: Places and Peoples](#)
[GEOG 451 Research in Society and Development in Africa](#)
[GEOG 493 Health and Environment in Africa](#)
[GEOG 494 Urban Field Studies](#)
[GEOG 498 Humans in Tropical Environments](#)
[GEOG 502 Geography of Northern Development](#)
[GEOG 503 Advanced Topics in Health Geography](#)
[GEOG 504 Industrial Restructuring - Geographic Implications](#)
[GEOG 509 Qualitative Methods](#)
[GEOG 511 Advanced Political Geography](#)
[GEOG 513 Behavioural Geography](#)

[GEOG 515 Contemporary Dilemmas of Development](#)

[GEOG 551 Environmental Decisions](#)

German Studies

[GERM 367 Topics in German Thought](#)

Health Science

[HSEL 308 Issues in Women's Health](#)

Hispanic Studies

[HISP 226 Hispanic Civilization 2](#)

History

[HIST 200 Introduction to African Studies](#)
[HIST 201 Modern African History](#)
[HIST 203 Survey: Canada since 1867](#)
[HIST 213 World History, 1300-2000](#)
[HIST 215 Modern European History](#)
[HIST 218 Modern East Asian History](#)
[HIST 219 Jewish History 1000-2000](#)
[HIST 221 United States since 1865](#)
[HIST 223 Natives of the Americas](#)
[HIST 226 Eastern Europe in 20th Century](#)
[HIST 236 Russia from 1801 to 1991](#)
[HIST 238 Histories of Science](#)
[HIST 240 Modern History of Islamic Movements](#)
[HIST 249 Health and the Healer in Western History](#)
[HIST 301 U.S. Presidential Campaigning](#)
[HIST 306 East Central Europe Since 1944](#)
[HIST 321 European Thought and Culture 2](#)
[HIST 322 Canada: American Presence since 1939](#)
[HIST 333 Natives and French](#)
[HIST 335 Science and Medicine in Canada](#)
[HIST 338 Twentieth-Century China](#)
[HIST 339 Arab-Israeli Conflict](#)
[HIST 351 Themes in U.S. History since 1865](#)
[HIST 353 History of Montreal](#)
[HIST 354 Women in Europe 1700-2000](#)
[HIST 360 Latin America since 1825](#)
[HIST 367 Canada since 1945](#)

[HIST 374 History of Sexuality in Canada](#)
[HIST 392 The United States since 1965](#)
[HIST 409 Themes in Latin American History 2](#)
[HIST 410 Topics in History of Science](#)
[HIST 412 Women and Gender in Modern Britain](#)
[HIST 417 British & Irish Nationalisms](#)
[HIST 419 Central America](#)
[HIST 423 Topics: Migration and Ethnicity](#)
[HIST 424 Gender, Sexuality & Medicine](#)
[HIST 430 Topics in Modern Medicine](#)
[HIST 432 The Atlantic Provinces](#)
[HIST 433 British Queer History](#)
[HIST 457 Topics in Medical History](#)
[HIST 458 Modern Medicine: Seminar](#)
[HIST 459 Modern Medicine: Research](#)
[HIST 461D1 Topics in Modern U.S. History](#)
[HIST 461D2 Topics in Modern U.S. History](#)
[HIST 471D1 Canadian Immigration History](#)
[HIST 471D2 Canadian Immigration History](#)
[HIST 497D1 Topics in Chinese History](#)
[HIST 497D2 Topics in Chinese History](#)
[HIST 510 Environmental History of Latin America \(Field\)](#)
[HIST 525 Women, Work and Family in Global History](#)
[HIST 565 Modern Britain: Seminar 1](#)
[HIST 566 Modern Britain: Seminar 2](#)

Interdisciplinary Field Course

[IDFC 500 Indigenous Field Studies](#)

International Development

[INTD 200 Introduction to International Development](#)

[INTD 397 Topics in International Development](#)

Islamic Studies

[ISLA 210 Muslim Societies](#)

[ISLA 355 Modern History of the Middle East](#)

Italian Studies

[ITAL 307 Topics in Italian Culture](#)

Jewish Studies

[JWST 201 Jewish Law](#)

[JWST 225 Literature and Society](#)

[JWST 240 The Holocaust](#)

[JWST 300 Charisma and Social Change](#)

[JWST 315 Modern Liberal Jewish Thought](#)

[JWST 337 Jewish Philosophy and Thought](#)

[JWST 552 Judaism and Poverty](#)

[JWST 576 Jewish Family Law](#)

Linguistics

[LING 320 Sociolinguistics 1](#)

[LING 520 Sociolinguistics 2](#)

Mathematics and Statistics

[MATH 203 Principles of Statistics](#)

North American Studies

[NAST 401 Interdisciplinary Seminar - North American Studies](#)

Philosophy

[PHIL 237 Contemporary Moral Issues](#)

[PHIL 240 Political Philosophy 1](#)

[PHIL 241 Political Philosophy 2](#)

[PHIL 242 Introduction to Feminist Theory](#)

[PHIL 304 Chomsky](#)

[PHIL 327 Philosophy of Race](#)

[PHIL 334 Ethical theory](#)

[PHIL 340 Philosophy of the Social Sciences 1](#)

[PHIL 343 Biomedical Ethics](#)

[PHIL 440 Philosophy of Social Sciences 2](#)

[PHIL 442 Topics in Feminist Theory](#)

[PHIL 443 Topics in Biomedical Ethics](#)

[PHIL 446 Current Issues in Political Philosophy](#)

Quebec Studies

[QCST 200 Introduction to the Study of Quebec](#)

[QCST 300 Quebec Culture and Society](#)

Russian Studies

[RUSS 199 FYS: Russia - Past and Present](#)
[RUSS 217 Russia's Eternal Questions](#)
[RUSS 218 Russian Literature in Revolution](#)

[RUSS 219 Russian Literature in Recovery](#)
[RUSS 510 High Stalinist Culture](#)
[RUSS 585 Woman in Russian Culture](#)

Religious Studies

[RELG 203 Bible and Western Culture](#)
[RELG 204 Judaism, Christianity and Islam](#)
[RELG 207 The Study of World Religions 1](#)
[RELG 208 Religions and the Cultures They Create](#)
[RELG 210 Jesus of Nazareth](#)
[RELG 252 Hinduism and Buddhism](#)
[RELG 253 Religions of East Asia](#)
[RELG 254 Introduction to Sikhism](#)
[RELG 256 Women in Judaism and Islam](#)
[RELG 270 Religious Ethics and the Environment](#)
[RELG 271 Sexual Ethics](#)
[RELG 316 New Religious Movements](#)
[RELG 334 Christian Thought and Culture](#)
[RELG 338 Women and the Christian Tradition](#)

[RELG 339 Gender & Sexuality in Buddhism](#)
[RELG 340 Religion and the Sciences](#)
[RELG 353 Gandhi: His Life and Thought](#)
[RELG 356 Gender & Sexuality in Hinduism](#)
[RELG 361 Religious Behaviour](#)
[RELG 362 Contemporary Judaism](#)
[RELG 370 Religion and Human Rights](#)
[RELG 371 Ethics of Violence/Non-Violence](#)
[RELG 375 Religion and Society](#)
[RELG 420 Canadian Church History](#)
[RELG 456 Theories of Religion](#)
[RELG 479 Christianity in Global Perspective](#)
[RELG 571 Ethics, Medicine and Religion](#)

B. ELECTIVE COURSES

Students entering the 90-credit BSW as of Fall 2016 need to take 6 credits of Electives. Those who entered the BSW prior to Fall 2016 need to take 6-9 credits of Electives. Elective courses are 200+ level (U1 students may take up to two 100-level courses, one per term), non-social work, university credit courses from any academic Faculty and any department. For example, all Arts, Law, Management, Medicine, Music, Religious Studies, Science courses can count as elective courses.

N.B. Continuing Studies courses cannot be counted towards your degree. The only exceptions are the following courses:

[CEAP 250 Research Essay & Rhetoric](#)
[CESL 300 ESL: Academic English 2](#)
[CESL 400 ESL: Essay & Critical Thinking](#)
[CESL 500 ESL: Research Essay and Rhetoric](#)
[CCOM 300: Writing and Community Action](#), offered by McGill Writing Centre

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