

SFU

**FACULTY OF ARTS
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**



**WHERE
PASSION MEETS
KNOWLEDGE**

Simon Fraser University's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences educates the thinkers and entrepreneurs of tomorrow.

CANADA'S ENGAGED UNIVERSITY

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WHY ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES?

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SFU IS CANADA'S TOP COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY¹

Simon Fraser University's **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS)** is the largest and most diverse faculty at SFU. Our students benefit from working closely with active research faculty members currently working in their fields. Our robust degree options bring flexibility and interdisciplinarity to your degree. FASS develops engaged and informed citizens who pursue careers that excite them.

10,287

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS²

783

GRADUATE STUDENTS²

292

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FACULTY

#5

RANKED IN CANADA³

29

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR AND
MINOR DEGREE OPTIONS

1,200

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
TO CHOOSE FROM

25

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

437

CO-OP PLACEMENTS
ANNUALLY

67,932

TOTAL FASS ALUMNI

42%

TOTAL SFU ALUMNI

95%

ALUMNI SATISFIED
OR VERY SATISFIED⁴

Join FASS at the forefront of communication, collaboration and reconciliation as our world-class research faculty give you the skills to navigate the world of tomorrow.



PHILOSOPHY: EXPLORE THE FOUNDATIONS OF KNOWLEDGE

In SFU's **Department of Philosophy**, students tackle deeply important human issues and learn how to think critically. Philosophy major Milad Doust experienced first-hand how highly valuable these skills are and how transferable they can be in any situation.

During his co-op placement at the Employment Standards Branch of the BC Ministry of Labour, his critical thinking abilities were indispensable. His employer recognized this and Milad was offered a third co-op term or part-time position while finishing his studies.

"I felt like I was making a difference by helping employees get what they were entitled to and enforcing employment laws," says Milad.



DELVE INTO PSYCHOLOGY, THE STUDY OF THE MIND

Thanks to SFU's flexible interdisciplinary programming, Zaakirah Khan was able to pursue her childhood interests with a major in **Psychology** and a minor in **Criminology**. She raves about her experience at SFU: "I've made friends for a lifetime, and I couldn't be happier."



DISCOVER CRIMINOLOGY, LAW AND FORENSICS

Payten Smith credits her diverse undergraduate experience for making her well-grounded and more confident.

A **Criminology** honours student, Payten came to SFU on a full-ride athletic scholarship for wrestling. She won several provincial, national and international wrestling titles until a neck injury ended her career.

Eager to stay busy, she got involved in SFU's Centre for Forensic Research and started participating in programs to get kids interested in STEM fields. She also regularly visits her high school to teach youth about forensic techniques in criminal investigations.

Payten continues to volunteer with the wrestling community and is considering a career in teaching or research in criminology.

SFU Criminology students have five exciting **certificate options**: Correctional Studies, Criminology, Forensic Studies, Legal Studies, and Police Studies.

FEMINIST AND QUEER ANALYSIS

The Department of **Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies** brings feminist, queer, and intersectional understandings to the analysis of power.

Our faculty members teach intellectual freedom, social justice activism, diversity and transformative resistance to inequality.



MAKING KNOWLEDGE WORK

Technological, cultural and environmental change have an impact on employment. Want to find out more? **Labour Studies** will provide you with the knowledge and experience to tackle complex issues shaping the lives of workers and the future of work.

Labour Studies is firmly planted in the community, which in turn will help you build your network and ground your studies in the real world.

INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES

Did you know that FASS is home to the 20-year old **Department of Indigenous Studies**?

The department (formerly known as First Nations Studies) partners with Indigenous communities and individuals to restore and revitalize traditional knowledge, ancient and modern aesthetics and literatures.



INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND SUCCESS

Naomi Narcisse grew up on in the Ts'kw'aylaxw First Nation, a tiny reserve of 20 homes. After completing her **Indigenous Studies** degree in 2020, she was immediately accepted as a master's candidate in Education. Her words of advice: "You're going to fail, but the key is to get back up. There are so many resources to turn to at SFU. I will consider SFU my family for life."



INTERNATIONALIZATION IN ACTION

The **Department of World Languages and Literatures** is one of FASS's many departments putting international connections, understanding and skills into action. By taking courses in this department, you will develop critical thinking and writing skills, while pursuing hands-on research opportunities and engage with communities around the world.

FASS is SFU's oldest, largest and most diverse faculty and home to 30% of SFU's faculty and students. FASS researchers and students explore topics as diverse as foreign policy, women's writing, and sleep patterns in Vanuatu.

We build bridges from the academy to the community. We conduct respectful conversations that enable people to work together towards common goals.

Our work is interdisciplinary and we thrive in building connections that help citizens stay informed and better understand the human experience.

FASS RESEARCHER REVEALS THE GENDER GAP IN THE MEDIA

Maite Taboada, a faculty member in SFU's **Department of Linguistics**, aims to close the gender gap in media representation. As the lead researcher on the Gender Gap Tracker powered by SFU, she helped launch the tool to track the disparity between female and male voices quoted in major news platforms in Canada.



MINOR IN SOCIAL DATA ANALYTICS

Four departments, one unique degree: the multidisciplinary **Social Data Analytics** minor integrates **Economics, Linguistics, Philosophy** and **Political Science**. Students will analyze data and find solutions to real problems, preparing them for careers in government, business, healthcare and more.



ENGLISH: MINOR IN CREATIVE WRITING

Do you want to write your own prose, poetry and drama? Would you like to engage with the artistic and intellectual currents of the literary world? Develop your own literary voice in conversation with some of the most prominent and influential literary figures working in Canada today.



MINOR IN CREATIVE WRITING TAUGHT BY WORLD-CLASS ENGLISH FACULTY

Celebrated novelist David Chariandy will be teaching in the new **Creative Writing** minor program, along with lauded poets Clint Burnham, Stephen Collis and many more.

Global Asia

Students investigate topics across national borders and academic disciplines. Students learn to think and communicate critically and have the option to learn Chinese, Japanese or Punjabi. Graduates are prepared for a variety of global career options.



GLOBAL ASIA



REVIVING INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

Indigenous languages and language revitalization play a powerful role for the present and future identity, well-being and wholeness of Indigenous peoples and communities. **Indigenous Languages** works with First Nations speech communities and organizations to enable Indigenous language learning off-campus in First Nations communities.



MARIANNE IGNACE WINS GOVERNOR GENERAL'S INNOVATION AWARD

Many FASS faculty members are recognized beyond SFU. Marianne Ignace, **Linguistics** professor and director of the **Indigenous Languages**, won the 2019 Governor General's Innovation Award.



BUILDING COMMUNITY

Getting involved with the community is central to SFU. In addition to ongoing public contributions such as FASS's many events, we have a robust support network for students. After transferring to SFU, **Sociology** major Andrew Araneta became an integral part of this network. He was a FASS Mentor, connected with incoming first-year students and served as a member of the Sociology and Anthropology Student Union.



EXPLORE FASS

From mentorship programs to advising to first-year programs such as FASS One in Surrey, SFU's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences offers you many avenues to make the most out of your undergraduate experience.

We offer many ways to enhance and enrich your educational experience. Spend a couple of terms studying abroad, gain practical experience through co-op or join a field school—the possibilities are endless.

[Learn more at \[www.sfu.ca/fass/undergraduate\]\(http://www.sfu.ca/fass/undergraduate\)](http://www.sfu.ca/fass/undergraduate) →

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UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR AND MINOR DEGREE OPTIONS

Anthropology

Behavioural Neuroscience

Cognitive Science

Creative Writing

Criminology

Economics

English

French

French Cohort Program

Gender, Sexuality,
and Women's Studies

Gerontology

Global Asia

Global Humanities

History

Indigenous Languages

Indigenous Studies

International Studies

Italian Studies

Labour Studies

Legal Studies

Linguistics

Philosophy

Police Studies

Political Science

Psychology

Public Policy

Social Data Analytics

Sociology

World Languages
and Literatures



EXPLORE YOUR LEARNING AT SFU'S SURREY CAMPUS

Conveniently located at Central City, SFU's Surrey campus is a great place to begin your university degree.

Surrey campus students are enrolled in FASS One, a program that helps first-year students transition to university life with small class sizes, close contact with professors and a dedicated faculty advisor.

The FASS Friends and Mentors (FASS FaM) program also helps Surrey campus students connect with classmates, form meaningful friendships, and develop academic and personal skills.

Learn more: www.sfu.ca/fass/surrey

5 STEPS TO APPLY



STEP 1: EXPLORE FASS PROGRAMS AND COURSES

Check out the programs offered by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and discover what interests you:

www.sfu.ca/fass/departments



STEP 2: MEET ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Review SFU's admission requirements, application dates and deadlines to prepare your application:

www.sfu.ca/students/admission



STEP 3: SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

Application to SFU is submitted through the EducationPlannerBC application service. To sign up and apply, visit:

www.sfu.ca/students/admission/apply



STEP 4: AFTER APPLICATION

Maximize your chances of an early offer of admission by self-reporting your grades and submitting your documents. Learn more at:

www.sfu.ca/students/admission/apply/applied



STEP 5: ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

Congratulations! Accept your offer, join the SFU New Undergrads Facebook group, follow @fass.engage on Instagram, attend an info session and kickoff the most exciting education of your life:

www.sfu.ca/students/newundergrads