



# Bachelor of Arts, 4 Year Major in Social Justice & Catholic Studies

*Catholic Studies Stream*

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## Program Planning Guide 2019/2020

### Program Overview

The Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Social Justice and Catholic Studies reflects St. Mary's University's vision and mission as an institution founded in the Catholic intellectual tradition committed to developing the whole person (body, mind, and spirit), and preparing its students to live with integrity, compassion, and confidence as lifelong learners and engaged citizens dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge for the service to the community.

This is a unique interdisciplinary program that encourages critical reflection on the structural injustices that characterize society, both locally and globally, and upon the Catholic tradition and its engagement with the world. Drawing upon the theories and practices of a wide range of different disciplines, this degree equips students with the critical, analytical, and ethical skills necessary to live and work responsibly in an increasingly integrated global community.

The program has two streams: Social Justice and Catholic Studies. All students complete a common degree core as well as a suite of required and elective courses from different disciplines in their chosen stream. To ensure breadth, students are also required to complete a minimum number of courses from the other stream. Senior students in the program participate in Directed Community Service providing them with an important opportunity to apply what they have learned through experiential learning. In the final year of study, students complete a Major Research Project.

In addition to pursuing graduate studies, the SJCS degree equips students to be employed in a variety of social and community services, including: Indigenous outreach officer, social services case aid, child and youth worker, life skills coach, community centre worker, community liaison worker, community service worker, development service worker, drop-in centre worker, family service worker, group home worker, halfway house worker, peer support worker, residential counsellor, settlement worker, social assistance officer, social welfare officer, street outreach worker, transition home worker, veteran's field worker, women's centre officer, youth worker, religious outreach worker, community organizer.

### Admission

New students may apply directly to the program when they apply for admission. Current students may be admitted to the program by submitting a *Change of Program Form* to the Enrolment Services Office for processing.

### Program Requirements

It is the student's responsibility to ensure they have met the requirements for graduation and it is strongly recommended that they meet with an academic advisor on a regular basis throughout their program. They may do so by contacting [advising@stmu.ca](mailto:advising@stmu.ca).

This planning guide is designed to help students keep track of their progress in meeting degree requirements. Course descriptions may be found in the St. Mary's University calendar.

**A. Liberal Arts Core (18 credits)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 200A: Literature in English from the Middle Ages to the 1900 (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 200B: Literature in English from the 1900 to the Present (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIST 200A: History of Ideas: Antiquity to the Reformation (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIST 200B: History of Ideas: Scientific Revolution to 20th Century (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ PHIL 351: Ethics (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ RLGS 205: Reading Biblical Texts (3 credits)

**B. Breadth Requirements (12 credits)**

- /   6 credits in a language other than English
- /   6 credits in Natural and Mathematical Sciences (ASTR, BCEM, BIOL, CHEM, CPSC 215, HMKN 205, MATH, PHYS, SCIE, STAT)

**C. Core Social Justice & Catholic Studies Requirements (15 credits)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ INST 201: Introduction to Indigenous Studies
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLI 315: Politics and Social Justice
- \_\_\_\_\_ RLGS 301: The Catholic Intellectual and Cultural Tradition
- \_\_\_\_\_ SJCS 401: *Directed Community Service*
- \_\_\_\_\_ SJCS 403: *Major Research Project*

**D. Catholic Studies Stream Requirements (33 credits)**

**Required courses for Catholic Studies Stream (12 credits)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ RLGS 317: Social Justice in the Bible
- \_\_\_\_\_ RLGS 321: Vatican II and Beyond
- \_\_\_\_\_ **One of:** RLGS 331: Christianity and Empire, Origins to 1492 *or*  
RLGS 333: Christianity, Conquest and Science, 1492 to Present
- \_\_\_\_\_ **One of:** RLGS 201: World Religions: Western *or*  
RLGS 203: World Religions: Eastern

**12 credits in Catholic Studies electives** (ART 203, ART 325, ART 355, ART 405, CLAS 209, CLAS 315, ENGL 303, ENGL 305, ENGL 309, ENGL 353, ENGL 355, HIST 321, HIST 323, HIST 335, HIST 349, HIST 375, HIST 377, POLI 371, RLGS 201, RLGS 203, RLGS 305, RLGS 311, RLGS 313, RLGS 315, RLGS 323, RLGS 325, RLGS 331, RLGS 333, RLGS 335, RLGS 363, SOCI 377)

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**9 credits in Social Justice electives** (ECON 205, ECON 337, ECON 373, ENG 397.6, GEOG 213, HIST 305, HIST 341, HIST 353, HIST 357, INST 301, POLI 201, POLI 353, POLI 359, POLI 361, POLI 363, POLI 365, POLI 367, PSYC 337, RLGS 317, RLGS 325, SOCI 201, SOCI 303, SOCI 325, SOCI 327, SOCI 375, SOCI 377)

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**120 Credit Degree**

**Junior/Senior Requirements**

Completion of at least **72** credits at the senior level, including at least **30** credits in Social Justice and Catholic Studies Core and Stream Requirements (sections C and D).

**Directed Studies**

Students are allowed a **maximum of 9.0 credits hours** of directed studies in their degree program.

**Program Standing**

In order to remain in the program, you must maintain a cumulative **GPA of 2.0** and a cumulative **GPA of 2.3** in senior Social Justice and Catholic Studies Core and Stream courses, and no more than one D or D+ in senior Social Justice and Catholic Studies Core and Stream courses (sections C and D). Students who do not meet these requirements may not graduate.

**Residence Requirement**

All students must complete at least **60 credits** at St. Mary's University. A minimum of 24 credits in Social Justice and Catholic Studies Core and Stream requirements must be completed at StMU, including **SJCS 401 and SJCS 403**.

**Graduation**

In your final year of study, you must submit an *Application to Graduate* by October 1.

This guide is for your convenience only and should not replace the St. Mary's University Calendar, which is the final authority regarding degree program requirements and academic regulations.

**E. Minor Program Requirements (18 credits)** \*If not pursuing a minor, take 18 credits of electives

- At least 9 credits of a minor must be taken at the 300 or 400 level
- At least 9 credits of a minor must be completed at St. Mary's University

**Minor** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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**E. Electives (24 credits)** \*be attentive to junior/senior credit requirements

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## Minor Program Requirements

Students must complete at least **18 credits**, including at least **9 credits at the senior level**.

### Biology

BCEM 393	BIOL 315	BIOL 377	BIOL 417
BIOL 231	BIOL 317	BIOL 381	BIOL 431
BIOL 233	BIOL 331	BIOL 411	BIOL 433
BIOL 311	BIOL 341	BIOL 413	BIOL 441
BIOL 313	BIOL 375	BIOL 415	BIOL 451

### Canadian Studies

ENGL 341	FREN 221	HIST 345	IDST 333	SOCI 371
ENGL 343	GEOG 381	HIST 347	INST 201	SOCI 393
ENGL 345	HIST 201	HIST 349	POLI 321	
ENGL 381.6	HIST 203	HIST 353	POLI 357	
ENGL 381.8	HIST 341	HIST 355	SOCI 327	
FREN 219	HIST 343	HIST 357	SOCI 343	

### Drama

CLAS 323	DRAM 301	DRAM 403	ENGL 327	MUSI 205
DRAM 201	DRAM 303	DRAM 405	ENGL 371	MUSI 305
DRAM 203	DRAM 305	ENGL 313	*ENGL 397 or 399	MUSI 405
DRAM 205	DRAM 401	ENGL 315	HMKN 201	*if focus is on Drama

### English

All ENGL courses are eligible to be counted towards a minor in English, excluding the use of ENGL 465 and ENGL 401, but could also include the following courses, due to their strong focus on literature and the English language:

CLAS 321	CLAS 323	LING 301
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### Family Studies

ENGL 391	FMST 411	PSYC 333	SOCI 303
FMST 301	HIST 351	PSYC 353	SOCI 327
FMST 303	HIST 353	PSYC 355	SOCI 371
FMST 401	PSYC 329	PSYC 361	

### History

All HIST courses are eligible to be counted towards a minor in History, excluding the use of HIST 391, HIST 401 and HIST 403, but could also include the following courses due to their strong History content:

CLAS 315	IDST 333	PHIL 399
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### Management

ACCT 317	ECON 303	MGST 291	MGST 305
ACCT 319	ECON 337	MGST 301.0	MGST 321
ECON 201	ECON 373	MGST 301.1	MGST 331
ECON 203	MATH 211	MGST 301.2	
ECON 301	MATH 249 or 251	MGST 301.3	

### Philosophy

All PHIL courses are eligible to be counted towards a minor in Philosophy.

**Political Studies**

All POLI courses are eligible to be counted towards a minor in Political Studies.

**Psychology**

All PSYC courses are eligible to be counted towards a minor in Psychology.

**Science Studies**

BCEM 393	BIOL 341	BIOL 431	CPSC 215	PSYC 475
BIOL 231	BIOL 375	BIOL 433	HMKN 205	SCIE 201
BIOL 233	BIOL 377	BIOL 441	MATH 211	SCIE 301
BIOL 311	BIOL 381	BIOL 451	MATH 249 or 251	STAT 213
BIOL 313	BIOL 411	CHEM 201	MATH 253	STAT 217
BIOL 315	BIOL 413	CHEM 203	PHYS 211	
BIOL 317	BIOL 415	CHEM 351	PHYS 223	
BIOL 331	BIOL 417	CHEM 353	PSYC 375	

**Sociology**

All SOCI courses are eligible to be counted towards a minor in Sociology.