The School for Advanced Studies in the Arts & Humanities (SASSA)

This interdisciplinary and experiential major across 30 different universities welcomes new undergraduates each year.

SASSA is unique in Canada. This advanced liberal arts program delivers a transformative education that includes interdisciplinary studies, second language acquisition, experiential learning, engagement with the digital world, and international travel and exchanges. Our goal is to educate international citizens and research leaders, people who can creatively and critically engage with global challenges and twenty-first-century opportunities. Students will be considered for entrance based on a portfolio demonstrating academic excellence, community engagement and intellectual breadth. Applications are due February 15.

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Minor in Black Studies

Open to all students in the university, the Minor in Black Studies aims to develop students’ knowledge of the issues facing people from the Black Diaspora. The Minor encompasses historical, theoretical and sociocultural topics, varying from Black Feminist Thought to contemporary Black cultural practices in Canada and elsewhere. All program courses may be credited toward other undergraduate programs as electives.

For more information visit: uwo.ca/gsws

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Undergraduate Viewbook ’24-’25
**French Studies**

By strengthening their proficiency in both of Canada’s official languages, French studies allow students to explore their cultural and linguistic competencies and awareness. The Department of French Studies offers a comprehensive core of courses that enable students to develop their linguistic and intercultural competencies, as well as the critical thinking and research skills needed to understand sound, word, meaning and sentence structure. French Studies offers a wide variety of courses, from introductory to advanced levels, in French and Women’s Studies, in Black Studies, and in Feminist, queer, and critical approaches. Course offerings include feminist theory, sexuality, gender, and sex. French studies are gender and race-inclusive; women, sex, and social change; gender, identity, gender, gender identity, gender expression, and environment and sex; and popular culture.

**Course highlights: New in 2023-24:**
- Introduction to French from Beginner to Upper Intermediate Level
- Advanced French from Intermediate to Upper Advanced Level
- Micro-French for Business
- French Language and Literature
- French Literature
- French Civilisation
- French Culture and Society
- French Cinema
- French Music

**Certifications in Intercultural Communication for:**
- Arabic
- German
- Japanese
- Italian
- Spanish

**Certifications in Intercultural Studies:**
- French Studies
- German Studies
- Italian Studies
- Spanish Studies

**Certificates in Intercultural Studies:**
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- Intercultural Competencies
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**Linguistics:**

Linguistics is the scientific and humanistic study of language. This interdisciplinary program will familiarize you with the tools needed to understand sound, word, sentence and its structure, and as well as historical and sociolinguistic phenomena. Through your studies in linguistics, you will learn about the application of linguistic theory in areas such as language revitalization, second language acquisition, sociolinguistics, and psycholinguistics. In addition, studying Linguistics will help you explore a broad range of theoretical topics such as: the grammar of human language, language variation and change, and language acquisition.