Welcome
to the
Faculty of Social Sciences

www.socialsciences.uvic.ca

Dr. Catherine Krull
Dean of Social Sciences
Plan for today

• Faculty Overview and Opportunities: Dean Catherine Krull
• Transitioning to University: Dean Catherine Krull
• Tips for Student Success: Prof. Bruce Ravelli and student Erika van Dyk
• Academic Advising: Adviser Devon Arnold
• Co-op Program and Career Services: Barb Fisher and Joy Andrews
• Getting Involved outside class: Prof. Martin Smith
• Closing remarks: Dean Catherine Krull
Overview

UVic

Core Undergraduate Faculties

Humanities

Social Sciences

Science
What is Social Science?

Six Departments and One School, many programs

- Department of Anthropology – BA programs
- Department of Economics – BA and BSc programs
- School of Environmental Studies – BA and BSc programs
- Department of Geography – BA and BSc programs
- Department of Political Science – BA programs
- Department of Psychology – BA and BSc programs
- Department of Sociology – BA programs
What is social science?

• A way of studying the world that brings together science and people
• Studies the ways people think and behave, culture and social relationships, connections between people and their environments
• Critical analysis of social issues using reason, logic, and evidence
How to build a program that’s right for you

• Explore your options, try different courses
• Talk to Academic Advising, department advisors
• Think about the future: What can you do with a degree in Social Sciences?
• [http://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/](http://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/)
• Start with a major or general, add flavours to suit your personal taste
How to build a program that’s right for you

Types of program:

• **Major Program** – involves specialization in a discipline and accounts for about half your courses

• **Honours Program** – involves high level of specialization, higher academic standards, and more courses – must apply to department for admission (see Calendar for details)

• **Minor Program** – optional program outside major/honours specialization, requirements vary

• **General Program** – two minors with minimum 9.0 units each of 300 and 400 level courses
Student Exchange Program

University of Victoria | International Student Services
What is an international exchange?

- A study abroad opportunity that lets you spend one or two terms at one of our partner institutions around the world
- Pay UVic fees and get UVic credits towards your chosen degree program
- The best time to go: the second or third year of your degree program
Why go on an exchange?

- Build or enhance your international experience
- Study at some of the world’s leading institutions
- A safe and fun way to experience a new culture
- A chance to travel and make life-long friends
Where can you go on exchange?
For More Information...

- International Student Services office:
  - University Centre, Room A205
- Website:
  - www.uvic.ca/outgoing-exchange
- Email:
  - goglobal@uvic.ca
Differences between High School and University Learning

In High School...

- Most learning takes place within scheduled class time or within school hours.
- Many small assignments (tests, quizzes, reports); lots of low-value opportunities to demonstrate and improve learning.
- Teacher knows their students—doesn’t let them fall off the rails.
- Greater emphasis on knowing the facts.
- Less experience with deeper analysis and critical thinking.
- Immediate support of family and friends.

At University...

- Most learning extends beyond scheduled class time via engagement with course materials (e.g. textbooks, handouts, lecture notes) and research for assignments.
- Smaller number of assignments with high-values (e.g. midterms, term papers, final exams); fewer chances to learn from mistakes.
- Students often feel anonymous—perceive that no one notices if they are struggling.
- Shift from knowing the facts to deeper, more critical thinking and independent research and analysis.
- New challenges and living away from home.
Dr. Bruce Ravelli
Department of Sociology

• How to survive and thrive in first year and beyond
Erica van Dyk
Anthropology-Environmental Studies double major, in Co-op Program

• Tips for success from a student
SOURCES OF SUPPORT

1. Syllabus and academic calendar
2. Course instructors
3. Academic unit advisers
4. Academic Advising Centre (that’s us)
5. Other learning and support centres
SOURCES OF SUPPORT

3 Academic unit advisers
4 Academic Advising Centre (that’s us)
ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTRE

1. Questions and submitting paperwork
2. Course selection and degree planning
3. Workshops and referrals
RESOURCES & FORMS FOR

1. Planning your program and courses
2. Declaring your major
3. Taking credit courses at other schools
WHERE TO FIND US

WELCOME CENTRE
Extended hours until September 12
Monday – Friday: 9:00am to 4:00pm

ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTRE
University Centre B202
Monday – Thursday: 8:30am to 4:00pm
Friday: 8:30am to 12:00pm
STAY CONNECTED

UVic - Academic Advising Centre
web.uvic.ca/advising
advising@uvic.ca
UVic Co-operative Education
UVic Co-op - Social Sciences

Work-Integrated Education

alternate academic terms with paid work experience in your field of study.
UVic Co-op - Social Sciences

Apply to program in 2nd year

Available for majors in:
- Anthropology
- Economics
- Environmental Studies
- Geography
- Political Science,
- Psychology
- Sociology
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- Develop your competencies
- Explore career options
- Expand your resume
UVic Co-op - Social Sciences

- Travel
- Make professional contacts
- Earn a full-time salary
UVic Co-op - Social Sciences

For more information visit us at

- Co-op Info Day – Sep 9th in the SUB
- Drop by DTB A204
- Email s scoop@uvic.ca
Career Services
for Students in Social Sciences

Joy Andrews, Career Educator

UVic Co-operative Education Program and Career Services

Learning in motion.

University of Victoria
Co-operative Education Program and Career Services
Your Career Development

Start early to gain experience

Join a club, volunteer, work on campus
Careers in the social sciences

Whether it is working in science, technology, health care, law, business, or the art industry our social science graduates have the skill to understand and develop solutions to the complex problems that shape the world around us.

A degree in social sciences is also a common stepping stone towards a degree in Business, Law and other professional specializations.

For more information on career options for specific degrees see the department pages.
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Jenny Shaw
Education and Employment Counsellor, Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre society

What are grads doing?

Jenny Shaw - Education and Employment Counsellor, Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre society

Quote: "My degree in Anthropology provided me with a strong theoretical background in the concepts of culture and inequality which I apply in my job every day. My focus on the anthropology of children and youth also provided me tools to think about the diverse ways in which childhood is practiced and negotiated transnationally. My degree also gave me a strong set of methodological tools and ethics for working with diverse groups of youth and has enabled me to become a full-time youth worker with an amazing job at a local non-profit organization."
“Geography showed me how to view the world as a complex system - and for the need for generalists to pull all the disciplines together to understand all the impacts. Today we call it a Sustainability Framework.”

Mayor Dean Fortin
Mayor of the City of Victoria

What are grads doing?
Career Help

• Finding work
• Resumes
• Cover Letters
• Interviews
• Career exploration

15 minute drop-in
Wednesday
10:30 am – 12:00 pm
David Turpin Building A204
Co-op and Career compass

How to Navigate from Busy Student to Happily Employed Grad

Stage 1: Discover your direction
- Reflect on every experience to shape your career goals
- Visit Co-op and Career Info Day to learn about the co-op program and the career services and resources we offer on campus
- Step by the Co-op and Career Fair in October and the Hi-Tech Fair in February to meet employers and learn about different industries
- Meet with a career educator to discuss career options and job search support
- Explore opportunities to engage through student clubs, athletics, volunteering and more

Stage 2: Explore your options
- Use every experience as a stepping stone to uncovering your interests — think about what you learned, what you liked, and where you want to go from here
- Participate in hands-on learning and co-curricular opportunities available in your program area
- Apply to the co-op program in your year (Sept 15 deadlines for most, Jan 15 for some)
- Apply for the work experience program — a shorter, more flexible alternative to traditional co-op — anytime after you start around your (uvic.ca/CoopandCareer/why)
- Embrace experiential learning by taking community service learning courses, studying abroad, documenting your accomplishments on UVic's Co-Curricular Record and getting involved on campus

Stage 3: Gear up to graduate
- You're preparing for your career after graduation. You're putting all the pieces together: interests, competencies, experience and future opportunities
- Get the Stage 3 checklist at uvic.ca/CoopandCareer/grad

Third Year to Graduation
- Work through your competency kit to assess your competencies (EWC Learning Outcomes) and learn how to describe your strengths
- Join one of our free online career programs — Horizons (career exploration) or Navigator (researching for work) and follow along at your own pace
- Sign up for our free workshops held in the Library — Resume Labs, Ace Your Interviews, and Using LinkedIn and Social Media in Your Work Search
- Meet with a career educator to make sure you have a sense of your interests, a strong set of competencies, and a clear idea of where opportunities exist
- Dive into your search for opportunities — touch base with Co-op and Career if you need support
- Check out Geared Up to Graduate (Jan-April) for resources, workshops and more to help prepare you for a career after graduation (uvic.ca/CoopandCareer/grad)

Want More?
uvic.ca/coopandcareer/compass

Need a Boost?
Earn a stamp at three Co-op and Career events or services on campus and get a free coffee. Details: uvic.ca/coopandcareer/compass

University of Victoria
Co-operative Education Program and Career Services
Co-op and Career Info Day

Put your learning in motion.

When: Tuesday September 9, 10:00am-3:00pm
Where: Michele Pujol Room, Student Union Building
Contact: commcooop@uvic.ca
Getting Involved Outside Classes
Prof. Martin Smith

• Many clubs, groups, organizations: e.g., UVSS, Martlet Newspaper, Intramurals, Outdoor Club

• I personally recommend social dance groups

  – **UVIC Ballroom Dance Club**

Classes Start September 15th and 16th

Welcome back!!
We are looking forward to a fantastic new year. We can't wait to meet all of you on the dance floor.
Come out and meet us at clubs days on the 12th and the 13th of September at the SUB.
Date:
Wednesday September 12 2:45pm - Thursday September 13 2:45pm
Get Involved in your Department: Find these on the web or facebook

• **Anthropology:** ASK (Anthropology Students for Knowledge)

• **Economics:** ECU (Economics Course Union)

• **Environmental Studies:** ESSA (Environmental Studies Student Association)

• **Geography:** SOGS (Society of Geography Students)
Get Involved in your Department: find these on the web or facebook

- **Political Science:** UPS (Undergraduates of Poli Sci), MUN (Model United Nations Club)
- **Psychology:** PsychOS (Psychology Organization of Students) and Psi Chi (Psych Honours Society)
- **Sociology:** BOSS (Bureau of Sociology Students)
Getting Involved Outside Classes
Prof. Martin Smith

CLUBS & COURSE UNION DAYS
September 10 & 11, 2014
Michele Pujol Room (MPR) & Upper Lounge - Student Union Building

Come check out all the clubs & course unions you can join!
Full list at UVSS.ca or email affairs@uvss.ca
# Meet Your Department

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Let’s keep in touch!

• Faculty of Social Sciences on the web, where you’ll find a link to this PowerPoint and lots of other good stuff: http://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/

• Our Offices: BEC 456
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