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FACULTY OF ARTS
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Study your passions and
graduate with a degree you love



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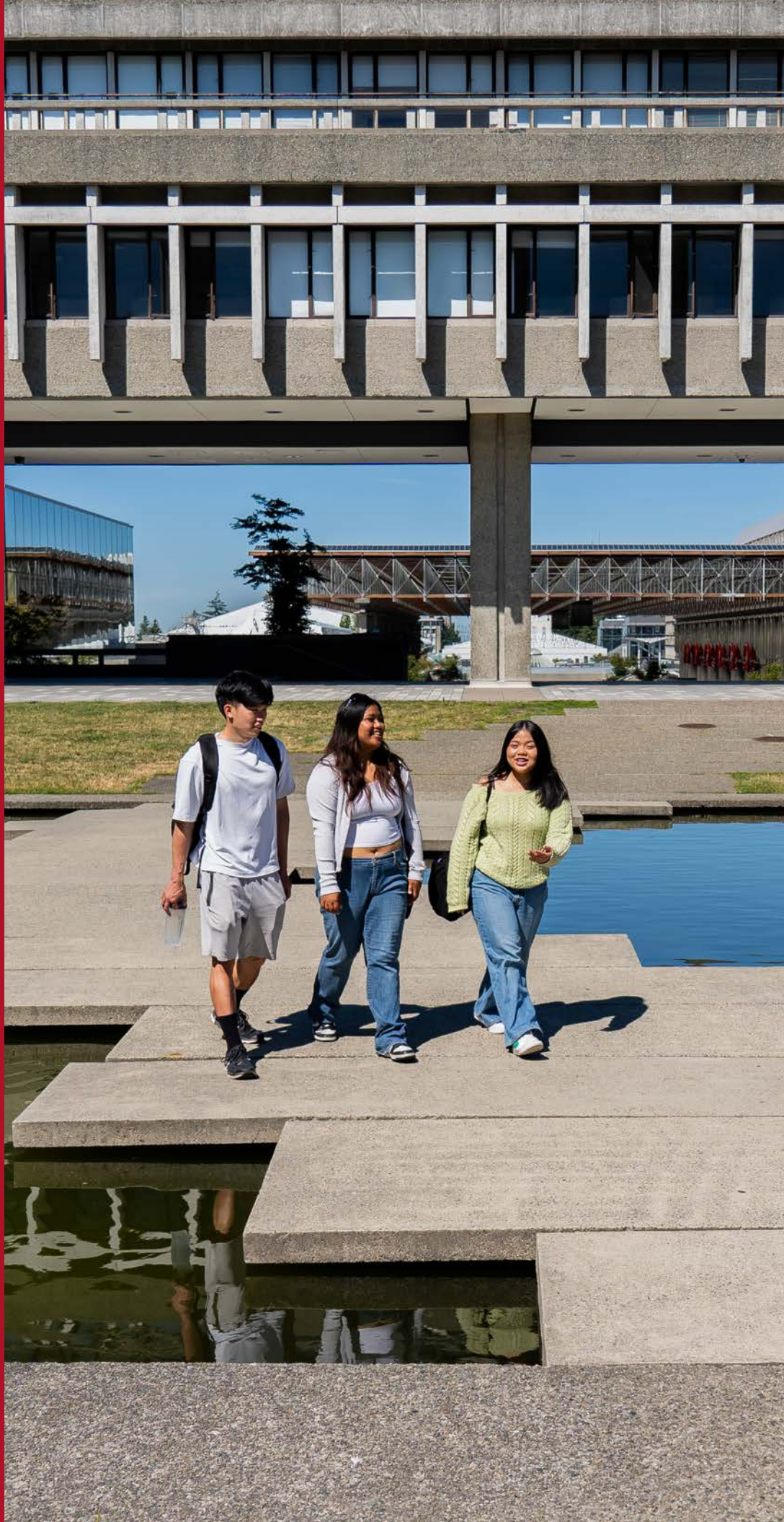
FOR ARTS, HUMANITIES,
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

#1 CANADIAN
INNOVATIVE
UNIVERSITY

World University Rankings
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#3 IN THE WORLD

Climate Action (SDG13)
Sustainable Cities and
Communities (SDG11)



WELCOME TO SFU'S FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Also known
as FASS!



Welcome to the most diverse faculty at Simon Fraser University!

In FASS, you can follow your curiosity and discover your passions. Whether you're drawn to history, literature, and languages; politics, crime, and social justice; Indigenous and 2SLGBTQIA+ rights; the mind and human behaviour; religion and culture; or health and wellness, FASS offers the flexibility to study combinations of these exciting topics and graduate with a degree you love.

We understand that the range of choices can feel overwhelming and that university is a big step in your life. That's why we take pride in our supportive team of advisors and student engagement staff at Arts Central, located in the heart of SFU's Burnaby campus, and with the FASS One team at SFU Surrey.

Our top-ranked programs, hands-on learning experiences, and world-class faculty members — who are at the forefront of innovative research — will help you expand your horizons, deepen your understanding of the world, and equip you with the skills needed to thrive in the world of tomorrow.

Graduates of SFU FASS make a real impact across various fields in their communities and around the world. They become social entrepreneurs, lawyers, teachers, registered counsellors, UX/UI designers, marketers, and much more. You will find them making a difference in classrooms, boardrooms, startups, nonprofits and beyond.

Are you ready to explore meaningful and relevant topics that ignite your interests while gaining the skills and knowledge essential for your future career?

We hope to see you soon!

CREATE A FUTURE THAT INSPIRES YOU

STUDENTS DO BEST WHEN THEY STUDY WHAT THEY ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT

Simon Fraser University's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) offers a variety of degree options and flexibility, so you can enrol in courses aligned with your interests, broaden your mind with different perspectives, and develop essential life-long skills — all leading you one step closer to a fulfilling career of your choice.

FASS courses are offered at SFU's three campuses located in Burnaby, Surrey, and Vancouver.



WHAT INTERESTS YOU?

- 2SLGBTQIA+ TOPICS
- AGING, HEALTH, AND WELLNESS
- CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY
- CRIME, SECURITY, AND JUSTICE
- DATA AND INFORMATION
- GLOBAL ISSUES
- HISTORY
- INDIGENEITY AND DECOLONIZATION
- LABOUR AND ECONOMY
- LANGUAGES
- LITERATURE
- MEDIA
- MIGRATION AND HOUSING
- THE MIND AND HUMAN BEHAVIOUR
- POLITICS, GOVERNANCE, AND POLICY
- RELIGION AND CULTURE
- RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
- SOCIAL JUSTICE

STUDY WHAT YOU LIKE EARN A DEGREE YOU LOVE

I care about social issues and the experiences of workers, which has driven my interest in sociology.

I can connect interests of mine together—something that I hope to maintain as I continue my education, and explore my career paths into the future.



ALYHA BARDI
*Sociology honours, Labour Studies minor,
Social Justice certificate (2023)*

Public Affairs Officer,
Government Communications
and Public Engagement,
BC Ministry of Housing

CONNECT THE DOTS

<div><div></div><div>Accelerated Law</div></div> <p>Become a lawyer faster. In just six years, earn a BA from SFU and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Exeter in the UK.</p> <p>Major (Dual Degree)</p>	<div><div></div><div>Anthropology</div></div> <p>Social justice and policy, cultures and subcultures, gender and sexuality, race and ethnicity. Perspectives on social life in all its complexity.</p> <p>Major Honours Minor Extended Minor</p>	<div><div></div><div>Behavioural Neuroscience</div></div> <p>Systems and sensorimotor neuroscience, cognitive neuroscience, neurological disorders, physiology and psychology.</p> <p>Major Honours</p>	<div><div></div><div>Cognitive Science</div></div> <p>Mind and processes, consciousness, language, learning, information processing and decision making. An intersection of multiple disciplines.</p> <p>Major Honours Minor</p>	<div><div></div><div>Creative Writing</div></div> <p>Theory and creative practice from several approaches including poetry, fiction, and screen writing. Learn material production and publishing.</p> <p>Minor</p>	<div><div></div><div>Criminology</div></div> <p>Crime as an individual and social phenomenon. Understand the complexities of criminal, delinquent and deviant behaviour.</p> <p>Major Honours Minor Extended Minor Certificate</p>	<div><div></div><div>Economics</div></div> <p>Business decision-making, poverty, and environmental economics. Develop quantitative skills and a framework to help you understand data.</p> <p>Major Honours Minor Extended Minor</p>	<div><div></div><div>English</div></div> <p>Explore the English language's fundamental role in shaping the world with award-winning professors and authors.</p> <p>Major Honours Minor Extended Minor Certificate</p>
<div><div></div><div>French</div></div> <p>Study French and increase your employability. Immerse yourself in interactive language classes, online courses, social and mass media.</p> <p>Major Honours Minor Extended Minor Certificate</p>	<div><div></div><div>French Cohort Program</div></div> <p>Taught primarily in French. Includes exchange program to Québec or Europe. Leads to a degree in Political Science, French, or History.</p> <p>Major Minor Extended Minor</p>	<div><div></div><div>Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies</div></div> <p>Curious about how gender and sexuality impacts society? Learn how social movements and political activism can change the world.</p> <p>Major Minor Extended Minor</p>	<div><div></div><div>Gerontology</div></div> <p>A significant demographic phenomenon of the 21st century, the aging population will significantly shape future public policies.</p> <p>Minor</p>	<div><div></div><div>Global Asia</div></div> <p>Asian society in a global context. Investigate topics across borders and disciplines and experience Asia from many perspectives.</p> <p>Minor</p>	<div><div></div><div>Global Humanities</div></div> <p>Address questions associated with the human condition: philosophy, art, literature, history, religion, science, and sociopolitical thought.</p> <p>Major Honours Minor Extended Minor Certificate</p>	<div><div></div><div>History</div></div> <p>Stories of peoples and societies. The big picture of how and why things have changed over time and how the past shapes our future.</p> <p>Major Honours Minor Extended Minor</p>	<div><div></div><div>Indigenous Languages</div></div> <p>Indigenous speech communities and organizations enable Indigenous language learning off-campus in Indigenous communities.</p> <p>Minor Certificate Diploma</p>
<div><div></div><div>Indigenous Studies</div></div> <p>Support reconciliation and decolonization. Rooted in traditional and contemporary Indigenous logic, practice, and theory.</p> <p>Major Minor Certificate</p>	<div><div></div><div>International Studies</div></div> <p>Learn about the world that extends beyond where you currently live. Understand international societies, economies, and political systems.</p> <p>Major Honours Minor Certificate</p>	<div><div></div><div>Italian Studies</div></div> <p>Explore Italian history through topics in the social, political, and cultural histories of Italy from the Renaissance to modern times.</p> <p>Minor Certificate</p>	<div><div></div><div>Labour Studies</div></div> <p>What is the future of work? How does technology transform employment? Gain perspective on labour, workers, and organizations.</p> <p>Major Minor Certificate</p>	<div><div></div><div>Legal Studies</div></div> <p>Canadian law, legal administration, and the judicial process. International law, wrongful convictions, gender, sexuality, property, land, and society.</p> <p>Minor Certificate</p>	<div><div></div><div>Linguistics</div></div> <p>How speech sounds are produced, languages are learned, and meaning is conveyed. Properties of sound systems and grammatical structures.</p> <p>Major Honours Extended Minor Certificate</p>	<div><div></div><div>Medical Humanities and Social Sciences</div></div> <p>Respond thoughtfully and ethically to your patients. Navigate the ethical, cultural, legal, and social dimensions of health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Minor</p>	<div><div></div><div>Philosophy</div></div> <p>Question assumptions and seek knowledge in a systemic and organized way. Think critically, analytically, and problem solve.</p> <p>Major Honours Minor Extended Minor Certificate</p>
<div><div></div><div>Police Studies</div></div> <p>Policing methods and the criminal legal system. Study forensics, cybercrime, offenders, accountability, and ethics.</p> <p>Minor Certificate</p>	<div><div></div><div>Political Science</div></div> <p>Learn about the distribution of power and how citizens challenge existing policies and inequalities. Explore how we can create better societies.</p> <p>Major Honours Minor Extended Minor Certificate</p>	<div><div></div><div>Psychology</div></div> <p>Behaviour, cognition, and emotions. Relationships, cultures, deviant behaviour and mental health from the neuronal level to societal context.</p> <p>Major Honours Minor Extended Minor</p>	<div><div></div><div>Public Policy</div></div> <p>Policy analysis, politics, economics, research, and quantitative methods for public, private, and non-governmental organizations.</p> <p>Minor</p>	<div><div></div><div>Social Data Analytics</div></div> <p>Collect, analyze, communicate, and critically evaluate real-world data. Investigate privacy and ethical concerns in the "big data" era.</p> <p>Minor</p>	<div><div></div><div>Sociology</div></div> <p>Think about the world in new and creative ways. Communicate across boundaries. Gain new perspectives on issues in today's society.</p> <p>Major Honours Minor Extended Minor Certificate</p>	<div><div></div><div>Urban Studies</div></div> <p>Study gentrification, homelessness, housing, climate change, and migration. Make positive change to shape cities and urban life for a better future.</p> <p>Major</p>	<div><div></div><div>World Languages and Literatures</div></div> <p>Communicate ideas across different cultures. Explore the global literary and languages landscape and learn from new perspectives.</p> <p>Major Honours Minor Extended Minor Certificate</p>



FIND YOUR MATCH BY FOLLOWING YOUR CURIOSITY

FASS has the largest selection of study areas (also known as departments and programs) at SFU. Personalize your degree according to your interests.

YOUR DEGREE OPTIONS

MAJOR

The subject area you focus on

HONOURS

Add advanced courses to a major

JOINT MAJOR

A combination of two pre-set subject areas

JOINT HONOURS

Add advanced courses to a joint major

MINOR

A secondary subject area

EXTENDED MINOR

A blend of minor and major requirements

CERTIFICATE

Add a specialization to your degree

LEARN MORE



PROGRAM	MAJOR	MINOR
Accelerated Law	●	
Anthropology	●	●
Behavioural Neuroscience	●	
Cognitive Science	●	●
Creative Writing		●
Criminology	●	●
Economics	●	●
English	●	●
French	●	●
French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs	●	●
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	●	
Medical Humanities and Social Sciences		●
Philosophy	●	●
Police Studies		●
Political Science	●	●
Psychology	●	●
Public Policy		●
Social Data Analytics		●
Sociology	●	●
Urban Studies	●	
World Literature	●	●

MIX AND MATCH TO CREATE YOUR DREAM DEGREE

Combine options to study exactly what you want. Unique to FASS, you don't have to choose right away. You can also combine your studies in FASS with studies in other SFU faculties. Here are a few examples of existing joint majors to show how you can build your dream degree.

- ✧ Anthropology and Archaeology
- ✧ Criminology and Psychology
- ✧ Economics and Business
- ✧ English and Communication
- ✧ French, History and Politics
- ✧ Linguistics and Computing Science
- ✧ Philosophy, Business and the Law

Undecided?
No problem!

It's okay to try things out. FASS offers a variety of courses to ignite your interest. You may discover areas of study you hadn't considered before. And remember, you can always speak with an advisor for help.



STEP 1
CHOOSE YOUR MAJOR

STEP 2
PERSONALIZE YOUR DEGREE
OPTIONAL

- » Add a minor
- » Complete a certificate
- » Apply to honours
- » Do a joint major and much more!



ADD A LANGUAGE AND INCREASE YOUR EMPLOYABILITY

Additional language knowledge is in high demand in healthcare, information technology, public service, and many other industries. Adding one or more of the following is another way to personalize your degree and make your resume stand out.

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| » Arabic | » Greek | » Persian |
| » Chinese | » Indigenous languages* | » Portuguese |
| » French | » Italian | » Punjabi |
| » German | » Japanese | » Spanish |

** Indigenous languages are taught within communities throughout B.C., not on campus.*

ADD A CERTIFICATE AND STUDY MORE OF WHAT YOU LOVE

In addition to your degree, certificates let you add a specialization to your studies. Plus, you can share courses from your degree for your certificate.

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| » African Studies | » German Studies | » Japanese Studies | » Police Studies |
| » Chinese Studies | » Hellenic Studies | » Legal Studies | » Religious Studies |
| » Correctional Studies | » Indigenous Language Proficiency | » Linguistics of Speech Science | » Social Justice |
| » Criminology | » Indigenous Studies Research | » Medieval and Renaissance Studies | » Spanish Studies |
| » Ethics | » International Studies | » Performance Studies | » Teaching ESL Linguistics |
| » Forensic Studies | » Italian Studies | » Philosophy and Methodology of Science | » Workplace Rights |
| » French | | | » Writing and Rhetoric |
| » French and Education | | | |



BEN ETIENNE

Political Science major, French minor

French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs (2014)

Manager of Support and Success, New/Mode

Since graduating, I have stood out from other candidates due to the fact that my degree is bilingual.



ADD LIFE AND WORK EXPERIENCE TO YOUR DEGREE

As a FASS student, we make sure you have all the opportunities you need to add valuable out-of-the-classroom experience to your university degree.

→ **Co-operative education**

Earn an income, grow your network, and add work experience to your resume. Co-op is a celebrated strength at SFU.

→ **Field schools**

Earn units while studying abroad in countries including Belgium, Italy, Czech Republic, Finland, and Scotland.

→ **Exchanges**

Exchanges are a way to study abroad, earn units, and immerse yourself in the host culture, while internationalizing your degree and resume.

→ **Labs and research opportunities**

FASS is known for its research, and we are always adding opportunities for students to get involved with hands-on learning experiences.



I made the decision to become a History major while attending the field school in Greece.

I was able to experience and learn beyond the classroom for the first time while also traveling around Greece. Taking history courses allowed me to explore my love of history and historical literature.

EMMA HENDERSON
English and History double major,
Hellenic Studies certificate (2021)
SFU History Student Union
SFU Hellenic Studies field school

LEARN WHAT YOU NEED TO SUCCEED

Our programs teach you the competencies that are in-demand in the work place, making you employable and job ready.

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| ✦ Adaptability and creative thinking | ✦ Interpersonal skills |
| ✦ Analytical problem solving | ✦ Leadership and teamwork |
| ✦ Communication: writing, speaking, reading, and editing | ✦ Organization, information and project management |
| ✦ Critical thinking | ✦ Research skills |
| ✦ Intercultural awareness | ✦ Software and digital tool skills |

Explore the many different ways that you can use your degree.

Design a life that not only equips you with skills, but considers the things and people you value.

There are many more opportunities that you haven't even thought about yet.



MEHNAZ THAWER

*Psychology major, English minor (2005)
International Studies master's (2008)*

Assistant Director, Canada Strategic Pursuits, Ernst & Young LLP

FASS GRADS HAVE EXTRAORDINARY CAREERS

No matter which path FASS students choose, their degrees lead them to exciting and fulfilling careers. Here are a few examples:



Bethany Andriulaitis

History and Global Humanities joint major, Hellenic Studies certificate (2018)

Records Management Analyst, BC Ferries



Marina Bishara

Political Science major, French extended minor (2020)

Legal Counsel, Office of the Public Sector Integrity Commissioner of Canada



Paige Dong

Sociology and Criminology joint major (2021)

Facilitator and Case Management Assistant, PLEA Community Services Society



Milad Doust

Philosophy major, Law concentration (2020)
Employment Standards Officer, BC Ministry of Labour



Francesca Ferrario

Linguistics major, Psychology extended minor, Speech Science certificate (2019)
Senior Linguistic/Prompt Engineer, Meta/TEKsystems



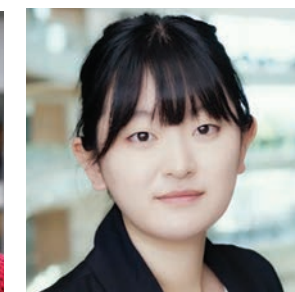
King Solomon Kabagambe

International Studies major, Political Science minor (2020)
Journalist, Bunia Actualité; Event Coordinator, African Descent Festival



Brianna Mau

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies major, Sociology minor, Social Justice certificate (2020)
Director of Development and Communications, Mission Possible



Haebin Pan

English major, Education minor (2018)
CLBPT Assessor and LINC Instructor, MOSAIC



Rollin Poe

Cognitive Science major, Interactive Arts and Technology minor (2020)
UX Designer, Ubisoft Montreal



Stephanie U

Psychology honours (2021)
Education and Communications Coordinator, Evaluation and Research Services, Fraser Health Authority



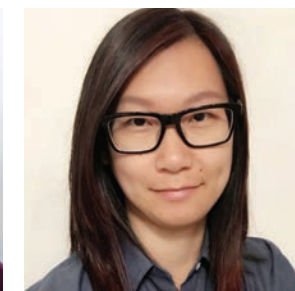
Emerald UnRuh

Indigenous Studies major, Political Science minor (2021)
Lead Manager of Indigenous Reporting Initiatives, Office of the Provincial Health Officer



Rhiannon Wallace

World Literature and International Studies joint major (2017)
Children's book author; Teen Services Librarian, Burnaby Public Library



Vermonte Wong

Psychology major (2009)
Executive Director, Oak Counselling Services Society; Registered Clinical Counselor, Just Live Counselling



Selena Wong-Clayton

Political Science honours, French extended minor (2020); Public Policy master's (2024)
Indigenous Consultation Advisor, Transport Canada



Jorge Vasquez

Economics and Business joint honours, Finance concentration (2013)
Director of Analytics, DataCamp

SUPPORTING YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Our supportive community and welcoming environment ensure that you will always have the guidance and connections you need to thrive throughout your university experience.

LEARN
MORE



ARTS CENTRAL

Located at the heart of SFU's Burnaby campus, Arts Central is the go-to place for FASS student resources and a friendly space to hang out or study with friends.



VISIT US
VIRTUALLY



ADVISING

Connect with advisors at Arts Central for everything from course selection to degree planning. Advisors are ready and able to help students from their first day on campus and throughout their academic journey. Getting help early on will have a positive impact on your studies.

FASS ONE IN SURREY

FASS One supports FASS first-year students at SFU's Surrey campus. In a cohort-like setting, you will receive assistance from a dedicated advisor and peer mentors for the first year of your academic journey. FASS One students have close contact with professors and staff, as well as the community at the Surrey campus. Additional benefits to enrolling in FASS One include reserved seats in courses, small classroom sizes, and regular engagement with the FASS Friends and Mentors (FaM).

MENTORSHIP

Arts Central is the home of the FASS Mentorship Program. Apply to be paired with a mentor and get help adjusting to university life. Mentors act as your personal guide and give you the inside scoop on quiet study spaces, fun clubs and activities, favourite professors, and the best food on campus. Mentorship is a peer-to-peer experience which can lead to long lasting friendships.

STUDENT UNIONS

Meet fellow students with similar academic interests and career goals. As a FASS student, you automatically belong to the Society for Arts and Social Sciences (SASS), as well as departmental student unions for any courses that you take. Members of student unions organize social, academic, and career-related events for students, represent the opinions of students in departmental meetings, and work together to better represent the needs and interests of students in their departments.

FINANCIAL AID

Help with the cost of university!

- » Scholarships (\$1,000 to \$11,000) recognize outstanding academic achievement.
- » Awards (\$1,000 to \$10,000) recognize exceptional accomplishments or contributions to the community.
- » Bursaries (\$500 to \$4,000) are a supplemental source of funding for students with demonstrated financial need.

Be sure to apply for entrance scholarships, open from October 1 through December 15.



Find a volunteer position, through clubs or in the campus community, or an on-campus job. That's where you will meet friends, become active in the community and make connections.



JESS DELA CRUZ

English major; minors in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies & History (2023)

Executive Assistant, International Indigenous Speakers Bureau



My favourite things about university so far are all the connections I've made with people and knowing there is support all around.



MANISHA SIDHU

Current FASS student, Psychology major

FASS One mentor in Surrey



5 STEPS TO APPLY



STEP 1: EXPLORE FASS PROGRAMS

Check out Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences' programs and discover what interests you:

www.sfu.ca/fass/departments



STEP 2: MEET ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

www.sfu.ca/students/admission



STEP 3: SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

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

www.sfu.ca/students/admission/apply



STEP 4: SEND YOUR DOCUMENTS

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

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 and TikTok, attend an info session, and kick off the most fulfilling education of your life:

www.sfu.ca/students/newundergrads

sfu.ca/fass

 @sfufass

QUESTIONS?

Connect with Evan!

As Coordinator of Student Recruitment, Evan's priority is making sure you have all the information you need when considering where to do your university studies.



EVAN CHANG

Coordinator of Student Recruitment

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ACCELERATED LAW ANTHROPOLOGY
BEHAVIOURAL NEUROSCIENCE COGNITIVE
SCIENCE CREATIVE WRITING CRIMINOLOGY
ECONOMICS ENGLISH FRENCH COHORT
PROGRAM FRENCH GENDER, SEXUALITY,
AND WOMEN'S STUDIES GERONTOLOGY
GLOBAL ASIA GLOBAL HUMANITIES
HISTORY INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

SFU FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

INDIGENOUS STUDIES INTERNATIONAL
STUDIES ITALIAN STUDIES LABOUR STUDIES
LEGAL STUDIES LINGUISTICS
MEDICAL HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
PHILOSOPHY POLICE STUDIES POLITICAL
SCIENCE PSYCHOLOGY PUBLIC POLICY SOCIAL
DATA ANALYTICS SOCIOLOGY URBAN STUDIES
WORLD LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES