

Scholar's Electives Program and Western Scholars

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SCHOLAR'S ELECTIVES PROGRAM

The Scholar's Electives program allows students who have demonstrated outstanding academic potential to apply to Western for admission to both a primary, discipline-based program/module of study and the Scholar's Electives program. The Scholar's Electives program is designed to provide an intellectually stimulating learning environment for students who truly wish to undertake an interdisciplinary research experience. Its goal is to foster a community of scholars who have diverse disciplinary and research interests, but a general intellectual curiosity about most disciplines. The program is intended primarily for students who are interested in completing a four-year Honors degree before moving on to their chosen careers.

Those selected will comprise a small group (no larger than 50-75 students per year at the constituent university) who will, in addition to their Honors degree courses, enrol in a Scholar's Electives program comprised of 3.0 courses. The interdisciplinary courses in the Scholar's Electives program will be taught by faculty members from more than one Faculty and expose students to significant ideas from different disciplines.

The small enrollment in the program will enable the students to connect with one another and ensure greater individual contact with faculty members. Development and staffing of the Scholar's Electives courses will be the responsibility of the participating faculties.

Brescia and Huron University Colleges also offer a Scholar's Electives program leading to a BA degree under the same conditions as the Scholar's Electives program at Western. For more information, see the Academic Calendar.

Admission Requirements

Students apply for admission to the Scholar's Electives program prior to registration in first year of a BA, BHSc, BMSc or BSc degree program. Scholar's Electives is a limited enrolment program, open to full-time students having at least a 90% admission average. Selection will be determined by a Selection Committee on the basis of grades and personal accomplishments, such as demonstrated achievement beyond the classroom and community contributions, as detailed on a supplementary admissions form.

areas* designed by the student with the support of Faculty mentors and approved by the Dean's Office. The lecture/seminar courses in the Scholar's Electives program are interdisciplinary courses developed and taught by a team of experienced faculty members. Mentoring for the Supervised Individual Research courses in Years 2 and 3 of the Scholar's Electives program will be by individual faculty members who are experienced researchers.

Scholar's Electives Program

3.0 courses:

0.5 course: Scholars Electives 1100F/G (normally taken in first year)

2.0 courses: Scholars Electives 2200E, 3305E

0.5 course: Scholars Electives 4400Y

Students must be registered in a minimum of 5.0 courses during each Fall/Winter session. Scholar's Electives 1100F/G will be taken in addition to the minimum course load of 5.0 courses in Year 1. With permission of the Department and Dean's Office, students with an appropriate background may be permitted to include senior courses in Year 1. In second and third year, the Scholar's Elective courses will be taken within the minimum course load of 5.0 courses. Scholar's Electives 4400Y will be taken in addition to the minimum course load of 5.0 courses in Year 4. After first year, students are required to take all of their courses at the 2000-level and above. (One exception may be permitted with Dean's approval.). Graduation regulations such as breadth and essay requirements, apply to Scholar's Electives students.

***Themed Modules**

These modules allow study in areas that are not covered within the existing Honors Specialization or Major modules. Each themed module will be overseen by an appropriate mentor or Associate Dean. Examples of these themes include:

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The Western Scholars designation is noted on the student's internal academic record, official transcript and degree diploma.

Eligibility Requirements

Students entering full-time study with averages of at least 90% or equivalent are invited to be recognized as Western Scholars prior to the beginning of their first year as part of the registration process. Students