

**SFU** FACULTY OF ARTS  
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



# WHERE PASSION MEETS KNOWLEDGE

Simon Fraser University's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences educates the thinkers and entrepreneurs of tomorrow.

**CANADA'S ENGAGED UNIVERSITY**

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# WHY ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES?

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## SFU IS CANADA'S TOP COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY<sup>1</sup>

Simon Fraser University's **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS)** is the largest and most diverse faculty at SFU. Our students benefit from working closely with active research faculty members currently working in their fields. Our robust degree options bring flexibility and interdisciplinarity to your degree. FASS develops engaged and informed citizens who pursue careers that excite them.

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RANKED IN CANADA<sup>2</sup>

# 304

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FACULTY

# 15

RESEARCH CENTRES  
AND INSTITUTES

# 29

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR AND  
MINOR DEGREE OPTIONS

# 1,200

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES  
TO CHOOSE FROM

# 25

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

# 437

CO-OP PLACEMENTS  
ANNUALLY

# 67,932

TOTAL FASS ALUMNI

# 42%

TOTAL SFU ALUMNI

# 92%

ALUMNI SATISFIED  
OR VERY SATISFIED<sup>3</sup>

Join FASS at the forefront of communication, collaboration, and reconciliation as our world-class research faculty give you the skills to navigate the world of tomorrow.

1. Maclean's University Rankings (2023) 2. Times Higher Education Ranking (2023) by subject area [5th in Canada in both "arts and humanities" and "social sciences"] 3. BC Student Outcomes Survey (2019-2021)



## APPLYING THEORY IN PRACTICE

In the **Department of Political Science**, students delve into complex political theories while developing keen critical thinking skills. Political Science major Helen Sofia Pahou experienced first-hand how applicable her education can be in any situation.

During her co-op term as a student analyst with the federal government, Helen used the theoretical knowledge she gained in POL 350: Public Policy for Women to assist a team of analysts in examining the impact of socioeconomic policies on marginalized communities.

“I was able to tie in a broad general knowledge of women’s public policy into my co-op,” says Helen. “It was great to learn from other analysts who were investigating the impact of socioeconomic policies on women.”



At FASS, we are committed to helping students become engaged and informed citizens. Taya Wall, an **International Studies** student, already puts this commitment in practice. She makes a real-life social impact as a non-profit entrepreneur advocating for disenfranchised women in India, with the United Nations Academic Impact initiative awarding Taya a Millennium Fellowship in recognition of her community leadership and humanitarian work.



# STUDENT-ATHLETE RESEARCHES SPORT PSYCHOLOGY

Inspired by her experience as a varsity swimmer at SFU, Marina Cummskey joined a research lab at the **Department of Psychology** to study the mental wellbeing of retiring athletes. This has set her on an exciting academic trajectory to pursue a master's degree in sport psychology at a top Canadian university.

A recipient of the FASS Dean's Undergraduate Convocation Medal, Marina's dedication to her community extends beyond her own student-athlete career. She strongly advocates for the mental health of student-athletes and hopes to use her academic research experience to help others as a sport psychologist.

"From my fellow student-athletes to professors, and scholars across Canada, I have been able to interact with some truly incredible individuals who have shaped my degree and career path."

**Did you know?** SFU Psychology has 17 research labs, giving students exciting opportunities to participate in ground-breaking psychology research.

## PARLEZ-VOUS FRANÇAIS?

Do you want to take your French to a professional level? Would you like to be immersed in Francophone literatures, cultures, and linguistics?

The **Department of French** offers a dynamic learning environment so you can develop academic and professional skills in French literature and language.



## SERVING THE PUBLIC INTEREST

How do we tackle society's most urgent and complex issues? The **School of Public Policy** teaches the interdisciplinary knowledge and expertise valued by the government, the private sector, and civil society organizations.

The new Public Policy minor offers undergraduate students the opportunity to learn applied public policy skills and practical analysis.



## REDUCING BARRIERS TO INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

The **Department of Indigenous Studies** is in the process of developing and digitizing many of its courses for accessible online delivery, making it easier for students to learn remotely about topics and issues impacting Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

## FASS RESEARCHER USES AI TO PRESERVE ENDANGERED INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

Eldon Yellowhorn, a faculty member in SFU's **Department of Indigenous Studies**, applies computational science and artificial intelligence to Indigenous language revitalization.

Together with the Blackfoot and Cree Revitalization Project team, he developed an interactive online chatbot to teach and preserve endangered Indigenous languages.

## A PASSION FOR JUSTICE



**C**riminology honours student Ashley Kyne champions Indigenous justice. Equipped with the legal reform theory and forensic knowledge taught at the **School of Criminology**, Ashley studies the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the criminal justice system.

"I maintain an Indigenous lens to examine the criminal justice system," she says. "I want to use my knowledge to address the root causes to effect lasting change."



## GLOBAL ASIA

**T**ara McGee added a **Global Asia** minor to her **Linguistics** degree to explore the variety of Asian cultures she grew up with in her East Vancouver neighbourhood. She says that taking language courses for the cultures she studied made understanding the terms easier, because it added a linguistic depth to her cultural understanding.

## UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD AROUND US

Named one of Canada's top economists, **Economics** professor Krishna Pendakur conducts extensive research on systemic societal issues such as poverty, discrimination, and economic inequality.

In ECON 104, his students learn about policy-relevant issues in economics that impact our everyday life—from income inequality to carbon taxes to policy responses related to mental health and substance abuse.



## EXPLORE THE PAST TO BUILD THE FUTURE

**E**mma Henderson's love of historical literature led her to explore several FASS programs throughout her degree. Now, she is an SFU graduate with a double major in **English** and **History**.

Her advice? "Explore different areas of study as much as you can. Take any courses that sound interesting and do not be afraid for your plan to change and develop as you go. It is your degree, so shape it how you want it to be."



## COLLABORATIVE TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

The **Centre for Hellenic Studies** at the **Department of Global Humanities** launched a pilot program with the UCLA Center for the Study of Hellenic Culture to enable academic collaboration and travel between the two institutions.

The pilot program is made possible by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, which also funds students and faculty to conduct hands-on research in Greece.

**FASS is SFU's oldest, largest, and most diverse faculty** and home to 30% of SFU's faculty and students. FASS researchers and students explore topics as diverse as foreign policy, women's writing, and sleep patterns in Vanuatu.

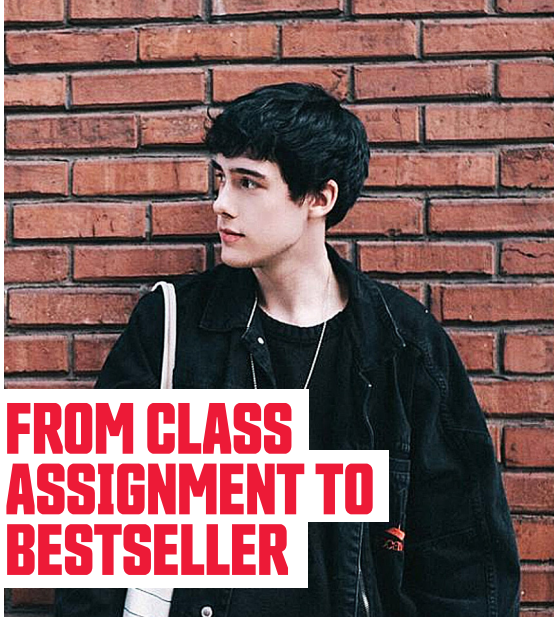
We build bridges from the academy to the community. We conduct respectful conversations that enable people to work together towards common goals.

Our work is interdisciplinary and we thrive in building connections that help citizens stay informed and better understand the human experience.

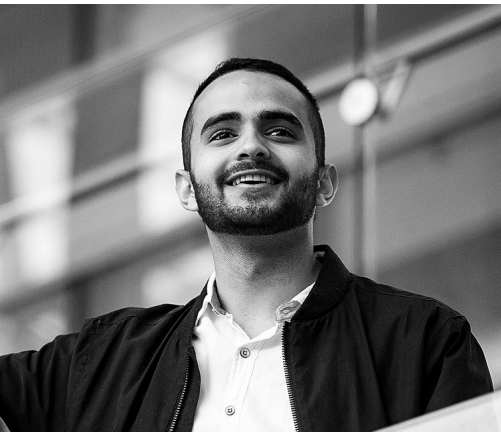
**D**o you want to write your own short story or publish a novel one day? The **Department of English** offers a **Creative Writing** minor to help you develop your own literary voice and publish your writing.

When Jarod Liebenberg independently published a children's story he wrote for a Creative Writing class assignment, it became an Amazon bestseller.

"I had never tried creative writing at that level before," he says. "If you have a good idea, you should try and produce it because there's always going to be someone that the idea touches."



## FROM CLASS ASSIGNMENT TO BESTSELLER



## PAVING THE WAY WITH DATA ANALYSIS

**A** graduate of SFU's **Economics** honours program, Hamza Abdelrahman says that his expertise in data analysis helped him land a position as a research analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank. The analytical and quantitative skills he gained during his honours thesis research equipped him with the skills to discover his own path.

"This is the value of the **Social Data Analytics** minor—in a world economy where data is the most valuable commodity, knowing how to draw valuable insight from large and complex data sets will only become more important in the future."



## DISCOVER THE WORLD

Nine languages, eight programs: the **Department of World Languages and Literatures** is one of the most interdisciplinary departments at FASS. Students combine their passion for language and literature to prepare for a global career and navigate a worldwide literary landscape.



# EXPLORE FASS

From mentorship programs to advising to first-year programs such as FASS One in Surrey, SFU's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences offers you many avenues to make the most out of your undergraduate experience.

We offer many ways to enhance and enrich your educational experience. Spend a couple of terms studying abroad, gain practical experience through co-op or join a field school—the possibilities are endless.

[Learn more at www.sfu.ca/fass/undergraduate](http://www.sfu.ca/fass/undergraduate) →

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## UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR AND MINOR DEGREE OPTIONS

- Anthropology
- Behavioural Neuroscience
- Cognitive Science
- Creative Writing
- Criminology
- Economics
- English
- French
- French Cohort Program
- 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
- Philosophy
- Police Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Social Data Analytics
- Sociology
- World Languages and Literatures



# EXPLORE YOUR LEARNING AT SFU'S SURREY CAMPUS



Conveniently located at Central City, SFU's Surrey campus is a great place to begin your university degree.

Surrey campus students are enrolled in FASS One, a program that helps first-year students transition to university life with small class sizes, close contact with professors and a dedicated faculty advisor.

The FASS Friends and Mentors (FASS FaM) program also helps Surrey campus students connect with classmates, form meaningful friendships, and develop academic and personal skills.

Learn more: [www.sfu.ca/fass/surrey](http://www.sfu.ca/fass/surrey)

# 5 STEPS TO APPLY



## STEP 1: EXPLORE FASS PROGRAMS AND COURSES

Check out the programs offered by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and discover what interests you:

[www.sfu.ca/fass/departments](http://www.sfu.ca/fass/departments)



## STEP 2: MEET ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

[www.sfu.ca/students/admission](http://www.sfu.ca/students/admission)



## STEP 3: SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

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

[www.sfu.ca/students/admission/apply](http://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/apply)



## STEP 4: AFTER APPLICATION

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

[www.sfu.ca/students/admission/apply/applied](http://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, attend an info session and kickoff the most exciting education of your life:

[www.sfu.ca/students/newundergrads](http://www.sfu.ca/students/newundergrads)