

CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH STUDIES



Honours Specialization



Major



Minor



Certificate (2)

Why Choose Our Childhood and Youth Studies Program?

The Childhood and Youth Studies program at King's offers a multidisciplinary approach to understanding the experiences of children and youth. This program explores the social, cultural, and historical contexts that shape young lives, encouraging students to critically engage with relevant issues. You will be prepared for an impactful career in education, social work, family law, youth services, child protection, youth justice, and healthcare. You can become a champion for children's rights and participation, shaping social, political, and legal conversations. Focus on rights and advocacy or law and policy, and earn a certificate in Childhood and the Justice System or Advocacy and Childhood. Make a difference in young people's lives!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

1. Interdisciplinary Curriculum:

Gain insights from sociology, education, social work, legal studies, political science, and history as part of an interdisciplinary curriculum.

2. Summer Internships:

Gain hands-on experience through summer internships with local organizations.

3. Experiential Learning:

Participate in experiential learning courses in Canada, Scandinavia, and the United Kingdom.

4. Specialized Certificates:

Earn certificates in Childhood and the Legal System, and Childhood and Advocacy.

5. Pathway to Teaching:

Earn a direct pathway to the Primary/Junior teaching certification program at the Faculty of Education at Western University.

6. Research Opportunities:

Engage in innovative research projects with faculty members.

7. Capstone Course:

Engage in a culminating course that allows students to practice and present their research.



My studies at King's allowed me to challenge myself, widen my understanding of children and their place in society and explore my own potential."

– Gabrielle Gooch, BA Honours '21



First Year Courses:

- Childhood and Youth Studies 1025F/G: Introduction to Childhood and Youth Studies.

Additional first-year courses may include electives that provide foundational knowledge in related disciplines such as sociology or psychology.



Career and Pathway Opportunities:

You can pursue a variety of careers with a degree in Childhood and Youth Studies including:

- Education: Teaching, educational program coordination.
- Social Services: Child and youth advocacy, family support services.
- Healthcare: Pediatric support roles, child life specialist.
- Research and Policy: Positions in governmental and non-governmental organizations focused on youth policy and research.
- Further Education: Graduate studies in education, social work, psychology, or law.

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