

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 and/or laboratory 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 Honours 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 Honours degree courses, enrol in a Scholar's Electives program comprised of 3.0 courses. The

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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.

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Program Requirements

The Scholar's Electives program is a 21-course program that includes an honours degree, with either an Honours Specialization or Honours double Major modules, as well as the Scholar's Electives courses. The Honours Specialization or the Major modules may be standard modules offered by Departments, or theme areas*

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least 80% in their two Scholar's Electives research courses. If additional courses are taken during the summer session, students must achieve an average of at least 70% during the summer session, with no mark less than 65%.

Graduation requirements: Completion of an Honou

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apply for Western Scholars designation if they have met all of the progression requirements each session from their first year onward.

To retain the Western Scholars designation, students must achieve a sessional average of at least 80%, with no mark less than 65%, on a full course load (i.e., at least 5.0 courses) during each Fall/Winter session and a sessional average of at least 70%, with no mark less than 65%, on any additional courses taken during the summer session.