

# Undeclared Arts

**First Year Studies**  
Full-time, 1 year

**Ryerson  
University**

**Faculty  
of Arts**





# Where

# inspiration meets

# impact

## About the Program

Undeclared Arts is for students who are still considering which major they want to pursue. Many students choose this first-year option to help them decide which direction they would like to go in their studies and later transfer into a major of their choice after completing their first year in Undeclared Arts.

Choose this first-year studies option to explore program areas in the social sciences and humanities. Discover your passion and strengths to help you select the program you wish to pursue as a major or double major. Students will have the opportunity to explore first year introductory courses across all Faculty of Arts disciplines.



*I originally chose Undeclared Arts because I was unsure which area I wanted to study. I had a strong interest in sociology, philosophy, and psychology, but couldn't make up my mind – and for the first year, I didn't have to. After taking a year of courses in various disciplines, I came to see that my main area of interest was psychology. I could still take courses in other areas I found interesting. It was that freedom I really appreciated. I didn't feel like I would paint myself into a corner. Now, I'm exactly where I want to be after having the opportunity explore all of my options."*

– Alexander Waddling, Faculty of Arts Alumni



## Program Structure

**Students will have the opportunity to explore first year introductory courses across all Faculty of Arts disciplines.**

Students must complete two mandatory courses in first year that are essential in preparing students for university level learning.

In semester two, students will have the opportunity to complete one or two non-Arts electives in areas including film studies, business, child and youth care and more. Many of these interests can lead to a minor.

## Typical First Year

Semester 1 - FALL	Semester 2 - WINTER
Academic Writing and Research - SSH 205	Critical Thinking I - SSH 105
In addition to that you must choose <b>8 Electives</b> (4 each semester) for your first year.	



## Program Transfer

**By February of the second semester, students must apply for program transfer to one of the programs listed below for second year. All completed courses will transfer to the new program.**

- Criminology
- English
- English and History Double Major
- English and Philosophy Double Major
- Environment and Urban Sustainability
- Geographic Analysis
- History
- History and Philosophy Double Major
- Language and Intercultural Relations
- Philosophy
- Politics and Governance
- Psychology
- Sociology

# How to Apply

## Academic Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent with a minimum of six Grade 12 U or M courses including the following program specific requirements.

Typically, a minimum overall average of 70% establishes eligibility for admission consideration; subject to competition individual programs may require higher pre-requisite grades and/or higher overall averages:

- a minimum grade of 70% or higher will be required in Grade 12 U English/Anglais (ENG4U/EAE4U preferred).

Undeclared Arts welcomes applications from prospective students of all nationalities and gender identities, regardless of age, disability, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

For more information visit:

**[ryerson.ca/programs/undergraduate/undeclared-arts](http://ryerson.ca/programs/undergraduate/undeclared-arts)**

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*Undeclared Arts allowed me to begin university without worrying as to what was the correct academic path for me. I did not feel pressured into choosing a specific program before I even began university."*

**- Jacob Ouimet, Faculty of Arts Alumni**