

# Faculty of Social Science Student Reading Room

## The Faculty of Social Science at Western

The Faculty of Social Science is the largest faculty at Western with more than 7,100 students enrolled in 2015-16. Faculty programs, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, continue to grow in popularity.

The Faculty has witnessed a steady incline in enrollment during the last 25 years. In fact, our Social Science alumni network now consists of more than 77,000 worldwide and features leaders in diverse industries from business to government to media.

At Social Science, The Western Experience includes a diverse offering of programs and courses, combined degrees, internships, and international experiences. These elements position the Faculty as a first choice among the best and brightest students.

## Student Reading Room

A unique feature of Western is the sense of community that underlies everything we do. A special part of this is the extent to which students participate in the day-to-day life at the faculty. Students tend to come to school and stay for the day, which lends vibrancy and collegiality to student life.

In order to enhance the student experience, the Faculty is converting existing space into the **Faculty of Social Science Student Reading Room**.

We believe the Student Reading Room will become a signature space in the Faculty that future generations of students, faculty and alumni will be proud to call their own.

The Student Reading Room will be a quiet study space consisting of soft seating areas (suitable for quiet conversation), study carrels and several partitioned study rooms for students to collaborate and complete group project work. All spaces will be equipped with the latest technological capabilities.

We envision the space will be utilized for serious studies and collaboration that will require a reservation through the Social Science Students' Council who will have office space adjacent to the reading room.



Social Science  
is the largest  
faculty and  
the demands  
for space are  
significant.  
Study space is  
at a premium  
and often  
crowded.

# Our Request

As a testament to the importance and need of this initiative, the Social Science Students' Council has committed \$200,000 towards renovation of this space.

**We invite you to be part of the creation of this signature space by supporting the renovation effort.**

Investing in the **Faculty of Social Science Student Reading Room** will:

- Provide much needed, premium space for study and research;
- Enable students and faculty to gather, exchange ideas and share a common educational experience;
- Support students, foster collaboration and instill a sense of community that students and alumni will carry with them throughout their lives;
- Endorse and match the leadership gift of the Social Science Students' Council and encourage other like-minded potential donors to contribute.

## Impact and Recognition

Western is committed to working in close cooperation with our donors to recognize their support and ensure they witness the impact of their giving. For example:

**Recognition Opportunities**—Western will work with our alumni and friends to appropriately recognize their philanthropic leadership and financial commitment, such as a plaque with a comprehensive donor listing.

The Faculty of Social Science is situated in the heart of campus. The proposed Student Reading Room will be located in a high traffic area next the main entrance, the tunnel to the UCC and popular food service options.

**Enhance The Western Experience**—the Student Reading Room will be available to the more than 7,000 students from diverse programs across the Faculty, giving them a dedicated space to work and study.

**A Lasting Legacy**—the Student Reading Room will serve the needs of students and faculty for many years to come.

**Regular Reporting**—we will provide donors with annual reports on the impact of your support.

Thank you for your consideration.



The **Faculty of Social Science** is the largest and most diverse faculty at Western.

More than 7,100 students enrolled in 2015-16.

Programs include:

- Anthropology
- Commercial Aviation Management
- Criminology
- DAN Management and Organizational Studies
- Economics\*
- First Nations Studies
- Geography
- History
- International Relations
- Local Government Program
- Migration and Ethnic Relations
- Neuroscience
- Political Science
- Psychology\*
- Sociology
- Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Resolution
- Urban Development Program
- Women's Studies and Feminist Research

*\*The QS World University Rankings by Subject 2015 listed Western's Psychology and Economics departments among the Top 5 in Canada.*