



**Huron**  
AT WESTERN

# SCHOLAR'S ELECTIVES

Research and  
Collaboration

**LEADERSHIP** *with heart*

# ENGAGE IN AN UNPARALLELED ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

HURON AT WESTERN IS YOUR DESTINATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH LEARNING. OUR UNIVERSITY'S SMALL SIZE AND DEDICATED FACULTY MEAN **WE CAN TAILOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES TO SUIT INDIVIDUAL STUDENT TRAJECTORY AND INTEREST.**

Scholar's Electives offers students with outstanding academic potential the opportunity to pursue their personalized research interests through faculty mentorship, networking with like-minded students and participation in extracurricular activities that foster intellectual curiosity.

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**Become part of a select community of high-achieving students who learn collaboratively within a uniquely enriching environment.**

The Scholar's Electives program is designed to teach you the skills of independent research. There are no limits to what you can investigate, so no matter where you're headed, this highly individualized program will enhance your chances of getting there.

This program will help you distinguish yourself as an exceptional scholar whose portfolio is highly attractive to future employers and post-graduate educational institutions.

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**TAYLOR BOYD** | CLASS OF 2019

Psychology, Scholar's Electives Program

*"My independent research was the most significant and formative experience of my undergraduate degree. Through Scholar's Electives, I was able to work with educators from international backgrounds, which significantly shaped my pursuit of a graduate degree. This foundation was instrumental for my Harvard application, as it distinguished me from other people applying to the Masters in Education who may have not conducted this type of intensive research during their undergraduate degree."*



# ESTABLISHING THE FOUNDATIONS OF ACADEMIC EXPLORATION

The first year of the Scholar's Electives program sets the tone for meaningful scholarly investigation through a set of interdisciplinary courses that teach you to understand and apply alternative research approaches. You will begin to identify the issues you want to explore and learn how to both refine a research question and determine a strategy for answering it effectively.

During your first year you will collaborate with your peers and develop relationships with the faculty members who will supervise your progress throughout the remaining years of the program.



## YOUR SCHOLAR'S ELECTIVES ROADMAP

### Year 1

#### **IDIS 1101F Developing Research Questions** and **IDIS 1102G Building A Research Project**

These two half-year courses focus on introducing the skills needed to develop research questions and build a research project, including disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to research, principles and practices of research methods, and information literacy.

### Year 2

#### **IDIS 2201F/G Research Internship**

This second-year internship involves working alongside a faculty member on a research project related to the faculty member's area of research expertise.

### Year 3

#### **IDIS 3301F/G Research Fellowship**

During the research fellowship, the student designs and carries out their own research project with the mentorship of a faculty member.

### Year 4

#### **IDIS 4900E Research Communication**

This final capstone course consists of major year-long project designed by the student with supervision and assessment by an interdisciplinary panel of faculty members, with a final public presentation to the community.



## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

You will complete an Honors degree in any program offered at Huron and combine that program with the additional 3.0 courses of the Scholar's Electives program.

The Honors Specialization or the Major modules may be standard modules offered by departments or thematic areas designed by the student with the support of faculty mentors and approved by the Dean.



# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Current students in the Scholar's Electives program are drawn from a range of disciplinary backgrounds (e.g. Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology) and are researching topics including:

- Sustainable cities
- Financial illiteracy
- Language acquisition in autism spectrum disorder
- Deregulation in the airline industry
- Comparative genocide studies



**SCHOLAR'S ELECTIVES IS A LIMITED ENROLMENT PROGRAM, OPEN TO FULL-TIME STUDENTS WITH A MINIMUM FINAL AVERAGE OF 90%.**

The program is designed for high-achieving students who wish to add an interdisciplinary module to their primary discipline-based Honors degree program. Admission is determined on the basis of grades and answers to supplemental application questions. For more information about the application process for the Scholar's Electives program at Huron, please see [huronatwestern.ca/scholars-electives-program](http://huronatwestern.ca/scholars-electives-program)

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