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Annual Report





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Message from the Dean

An exciting year

The Faculty of Social Sciences experienced another exciting year in 2009-2010. Our nine departments, schools and our institute continued to offer French- and English-language programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and in September 2009, some 260 professors and 89 administrative staff members welcomed over 9,000 students.

In recent years, research work at the Faculty has increased considerably. Support from funding agencies has tripled in the last five years, and the Faculty's researchers have one of the highest success rates in Canada for obtaining funding from agencies such as the SSHRC, NSERC and CIHR. This is indeed a reflection of our Faculty's research excellence. The following annual report highlights, in greater detail, our most recent and significant achievements.

Looking ahead

We are eagerly awaiting the day, sometime in 2012, when the Faculty will be housed under a single roof. The new Social Sciences Building, at the cutting edge of green innovation in Canada, will include superior research facilities, modern multimedia classrooms and a multitude of student spaces.

...And we have not finished growing yet! A doctoral program in Social Work, a master's program in Anthropology, and a doctoral program in International Development will likely all be created in 2010 and 2011.

Let us maintain this momentum, for there is wind in our sails! Together, we can continue to foster excellence in both teaching and research at the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Social Sciences.



Marcel Mérette
Dean

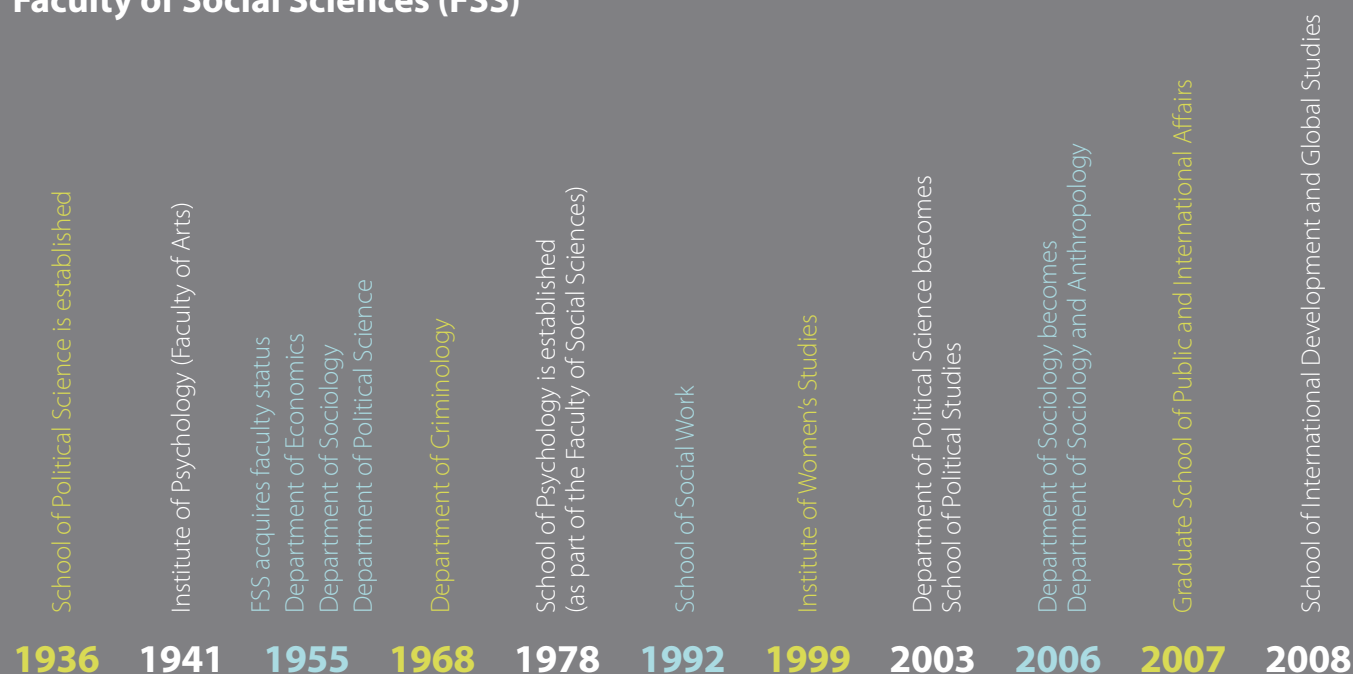


History of the Faculty and its academic units

The history of the social sciences at the University of Ottawa is a distinguished one that begins with the creation of the School of Political Science in 1936. While the founding disciplines, such as Political Science and Psychology, have continued to play a central role at the heart of the Faculty, they were in fact established well before the Faculty itself existed. Indeed, it was not until 1955, with the addition of the Department of Economics, the Department of Sociology and the Department of Political Science, that the Faculty of Social Sciences was finally formed. In the following decades, from 1968 to 2008, the Faculty grew by five more academic units (see timeline below) to its current state as a faculty with nine units, in which interdisciplinary work is valued.

Timeline

Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS)



The Faculty of Social Sciences — At the heart of the University of Ottawa and the university community

In addition to its disciplinary programs, the Faculty offers a large number of multidisciplinary, bi-disciplinary and complementary minor programs, as well as integrated programs. The Faculty's expertise and teaching requirements are such that it can provide students with excellent instruction rooted in a strong theoretical basis. In addition to the many program combinations available in either (or both) official language, there exists a wide range of rewarding opportunities for students to gain work experience while financing their studies. Co-operative education and international placements are examples of these worthwhile options.

Undergraduate and graduate registrations by Faculty

Full - and - part-time registration, Fall 2009

Faculties	Undergraduate	Graduate	Total	%
Arts	6,624	826	7,450	19.6
Law	1,786	132	1,918	5.1
Education	1,612	607	2,219	5.8
Engineering	1,979	671	2,650	7.0
Management (Telfer)	3,451	288	3,739	9.9
Medicine	1,819	508	2,327	6.1
Science	3,512	440	3,952	10.4
Health Sciences	3,926	547	4,473	11.8
Social Sciences	7,921	1,137	9,058	23.9
Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies	-	136	136	0.4
Total	32,630	5,292	37,922	100.0

Our students

In less than 10 years, the total number of students registered at the Faculty of Social Sciences has more than doubled. The creation of two new schools, the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs in 2007 and the School of International Development and Global Studies in 2008, in addition to the creation of unique interdisciplinary programs such as the Honours BSocSc in Conflict Studies and Human Rights and the Honours BSocSc in International Development and Globalization have contributed to this increase.



Within the Faculty, there are 7,921 undergraduate students and 1,137 graduate students.

Level	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Undergraduate	4,182	4,192	4,232	5,125	5,885	6,541	6,882	7,196	7,385	7,921
Graduate	364	411	430	481	492	502	608	839	1,010	1,137
Total	4,546	4,603	4,662	5,606	6,377	7,043	7,490	8,035	8,395	9,058



The student experience

FSS+

FSS+ is a program designed exclusively for first-year students in the Faculty of Social Sciences. In essence, the program makes it possible for first-year students to take at least three courses per session with the same group of classmates, while providing them with an opportunity to take part in study groups and to take advantage of assigned mentors, workshops and special events. **Close to 250 students have registered for FSS+ each year since it was first offered in 2007-2008.**

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The seminar course "Introduction to Studying the Social Sciences" has been offered to first-year students since 2006. It teaches the work methods necessary for academic success, such as time management, text summaries, outlines, bibliographies, reading techniques and statistical tables. Each professor introduces a specific theme for discussion by the class, whose total number of students is limited to 30. **More than 22 sections of this seminar course were offered in 2009-2010.**

Directed research projects for fourth-year students

The Faculty offers all fourth-year students various opportunities to work closely with professors on actual **research projects**. The experience helps students decide between graduate school and the workplace.

International component

In an age of globalization, studies abroad are a definite asset. International academic experience is becoming an increasingly important part of the programs of students in the Faculty.

International exchanges

University of Ottawa students have the option of studying for one session or year in another country. Participating in an international exchange exposes students to alternative approaches in a given field of study.

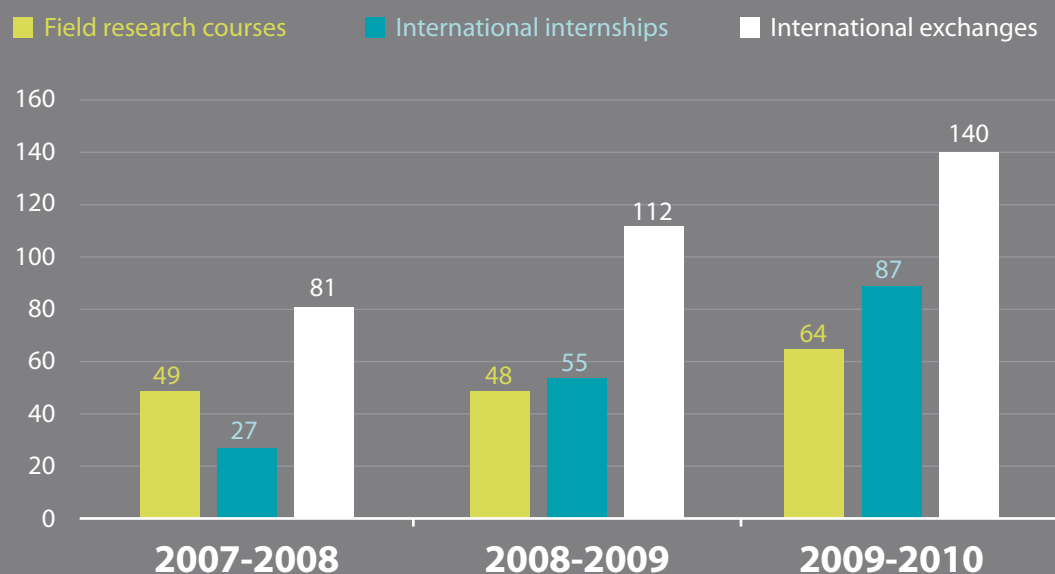
International internships

Students can experience the realities in the field during 12-week international internships in their program of study.

Field research courses

The Faculty of Social Sciences offers courses in various countries. In 2010, students had a choice of six different countries. Students and their professors attend lectures by professionals and professors in the host country. They also visit various local organizations and meet stakeholders. The number of students registered in these field courses has increased from 27 in 2006, to 64 students in 2010.

Number of students involved in various international activities (2007-2010)



Financial Support

In addition to the University of Ottawa admission scholarships in 2009, the Faculty of Social Sciences offered its undergraduate students **more than \$250,000 in Dean's excellence scholarships**, Faculty scholarships and merit scholarships.

A full **80% of our graduate students** are delighted to receive funding that allows them to fully concentrate on their academic life with minimal financial concerns. In 2009, two of our students received the prestigious Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship in the amount of **\$50 000** in recognition of their exceptional leadership in the community. This is a **high success rate** for our faculty.

International students who qualify may also benefit from financial support through a full international scholarship or an international differential scholarship that reduces tuition fees to those paid by Canadian students. The Faculty of Social Sciences offers a special annual budget dedicated to the financial support of international students.

In addition to the admission and excellence scholarships, the Faculty of Social Sciences has provided **more than \$4 million** for teaching and research assistantships for the 2009-2010 academic year.



Our research: Creating knowledge, making discoveries and conceptualizing inventions

In the heart of Canada's capital, the University of Ottawa is one of the country's leading research universities. The Faculty of Social Sciences has made research the centrepiece of its academic programs and the focal point of strategic areas of development, enriching the quality of instruction and learning.

The Faculty of Social Sciences builds on the strength of Canada's two major intellectual traditions, Anglophone and Francophone, while it also stands as a centre of excellence in knowledge creation, research and training. Driven by both disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives, research at the Faculty is rich, innovative and varied, contributing to the depth and breadth of discussions on current issues here and elsewhere. And whether fundamental, theoretical, applied or action-oriented, that research stems from proven expertise—most notably in Canada's Francophonie—and greatly influences individual communities and society in general.

In step with contemporary society on both the national and international fronts, the Faculty of Social Sciences fosters social innovation, creates and shares knowledge, promotes public policy development and builds research partnerships with the public and private sectors, as well as community organizations.

The Faculty's main areas of expertise in research are as follows:

- "*Francophonies canadiennes*," minorities, governance
- Gender, social justice, marginalization
- Health, lifespan development, cognition, intervention
- International affairs, development, globalization
- Security, conflict, human rights
- Citizenship, identity, diversity
- Economics, public policy, public administration
- Environment, sustainable development, natural resources



Research chairs

Research chairs are a vital way of promoting a discipline, a strategic area or the program of an experienced researcher. Our chairholders are always pushing the boundaries of knowledge in their respective fields. Chairholders are selected on the basis of their research program, sustained contribution to education, mentoring of students and impact in their field.

Canada Research Chairs

Canada Research Chair in Legal Traditions and Penal Rationality	Alvaro Pires, Criminology, CIRCEM
Canada Research Chair in Gender, Migration and Health	Denise Spitzer, Institute of Women's Studies

Research Chair in Canadian Francophonie

<i>Chaire de recherche sur la francophonie et les politiques publiques</i>	Linda Cardinal, School of Political Studies
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University Research Chairs

University Research Chair in Bilingualism and Society	Richard Clément, School of Psychology
University Research Chair in Political Thought	Douglas Moggach, School of Political Studies
University Research Chair in International Security and Governance	Roland Paris, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
University Research Chair in Family and Policy in Sociological Theory	Marie-Blanche Tahon, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Endowed Research Chairs

Chair of Ukrainian Studies	Dominique Arel, School of Political Studies
CN Paul M. Tellier Chair on Business and Public Policy	Richard French, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
Jean-Luc Pepin Research Chair	Luc Juillet, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
McLaughlin Research Chair on Psychosocial Aspects of Risk and Health	Louise Lemyre, School of Psychology and Institute of Population Health
Jarislowsky Chair on Management in the Public Sector (joint chair with the School of Management)	David Zussman, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and Telfer School of Management
Joint Chair in Women's Studies (University of Ottawa and Carleton University)	Agnes Whitfield, Institute of Women's Studies

Research funding

External research funding obtained by Faculty researchers has been steadily increasing. Their success rate with the three funding agencies (SSHRC, NSERC and CIHR) has been significantly greater than the national average.

External Research Funding (2004-2010)



Awards

The Faculty of Social Sciences is proud to recognize the achievements of its professors.

External awards

2010 Talent Award, Social Sciences category Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Victor Da Rosa, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
2009 Canadian International Council Award	Patrick Leblond, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
2010 CPA President's New Researcher Award Canadian Psychological Association	Patrick Gaudreau, School of Psychology
2009 Davis Center Book Prize in Political and Social Studies American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS)	Jessica Allina-Pisano, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
2009 Robert N. Butler and Myrna Lewis Award for Exemplary Research International Institute for Reminiscence and Life Review (IIRLR)	Philippe Cappeliez, School of Psychology
2009 Award for Graduate Student Empowerment Canadian Society of Criminology (CSC)	Christine Bruckert, Sylvie Frigon Dominique Robert, Department of Criminology
2009 Dianne Martin Award Canadian Society of Criminology (CSC)	Jennifer Kilty, Department of Criminology
2009 Lewis Perinbam Award for International Development World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	Christine Gervais, Department of Criminology
2009 Capital Educator's Awards Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation (OCRI)	Matteo Legrenzi, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs Paul Saurette, School of Political Studies

University of Ottawa awards

2009 President's Award for Media Relations	Serge Coulombe, Department of Economics
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Faculty of Social Sciences awards

2009 Excellence in Teaching Award	Nguyen Quyen, Department of Economics
2009 Young Researcher of the Year Award	Patrick Gaudreau, School of Psychology
Excellence in Research Award	Linda Cardinal, School of Political Studies
2009 Award for Activities in the Media and Community	Serge Coulombe, Department of Economics

Funding

The Faculty has an operating budget of over \$45 million and a research budget of almost \$8 million.

Operating	\$45,287,165
Research and trust fund (FSS-administered)	\$7,948,789



Our professors

The Faculty of Social Sciences has 260 full, associate, assistant and replacement professors. As experts in their field, these professors conduct basic and applied research, on a national and international scale, and in a variety of areas that generate interest worldwide. In addition, our professors help develop social policy; they collaborate with government bodies, para-public agencies and community organizations and they actively participate in public debate.

The Faculty also currently includes more than 25 senior fellows and scholars in residence who have acquired many years of practical experience in government departments, research centres and NGOs in Canada and abroad. They provide a wealth of knowledge to the Faculty's programs of study, which enhances the student experience and the community as a whole.

Professors (Fall 2009)

	Number
Full	68
Associate	96
Assistant	71
Replacement	25
Total	260



Our administrative staff

Our Faculty relies on the expertise of an administrative staff that is highly qualified in a number of areas. In both academic units and secretariats, our staff oversees the integrated management of academic and administrative activities with respect to student records and the student experience. Indeed, it is this staff that attracts, retains and maintains a top-notch student population in competitive academic programs. From the moment students are admitted into one of our programs of study, our staff welcomes them, guides them and continues to provide assistance to them throughout their studies and until they graduate.

More than 80 members strong, the administrative staff of the Faculty of Social Sciences is skilled and dedicated. Administrative staff members play an essential role in ensuring that teaching and research activities run smoothly and in creating an atmosphere of harmony and collegiality throughout the Faculty.

Our facilities

At present

Since 2007, four of the Faculty's academic units have resided in the Desmarais Building (55 Laurier Avenue East), along with the Office of the Dean, offices of the vice-deans and the undergraduate and graduate studies academic secretariats.

The Faculty also has offices elsewhere: the Department of Criminology is located at 25 University Private; the School of International Development and Global Studies is at 550 Cumberland Street (Tabaret Hall); the School of Social Work is at 1 Stewart Street, the Institute of Women's Studies is at 30 Stewart Street; the School of Psychology is at 200 Lees Avenue..

Toward a green future

The time when the entire Faculty of Social Sciences will be housed under a single roof is fast approaching! In 2012, the Faculty will move into the new Social Sciences Building, connected to the neighbouring Vanier Hall, which is also under renovation. The renovated Vanier Hall will be home to the School of Psychology, while the rest of the Faculty will reside in the 15-storey Social Sciences Building.

Both the new Social Sciences Building and the renovated Vanier Hall will be at the cutting edge of green innovation and will provide 22,000 m² of additional space for teaching and research.

Designed by the architectural firm of Diamond and Schnitt, the new building will be equipped with a 90% efficiency heat recovery ventilation system. As well, 80% of the building's heat will come from heat generated by campus mainframe computers. Since the construction project is pursuing gold-level certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) program, the Faculty's move aligns perfectly with its Vision 2020 strategic plan, which places increased importance on environmental friendliness and sustainability in Faculty operations and programs.