

HONOURS SOCIAL SCIENCE

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Honours Social Science (HSS)

students follow the same academic program and profiles offered to all regular Social Science students but with the following enhancements:

- common classes in their compulsory subjects (6 or 9 depending on the chosen profile);
- weekly meetings throughout the first year at which we have invited guest speakers (including university recruiters and former HSS graduates), field trips, informal social activities—all designed to help promote peer support, group cohesion, choice of university and career orientation, as well as to stimulate thinking on a variety of topics;
- travel opportunities;
- development of special projects.



THIS PROGRAM IS FOR YOU IF...

You are an intellectually curious student who likes to think and who is not afraid of hard work. Successful candidates tend to have an average graduating high school grade in the mid-eighties or higher. They enjoy being with a group of highly motivated students and sharing ideas with them. Most are usually involved in many extracurricular activities ranging from elite athletes, sports teams, humanitarian work, clubs and volunteer work.

WHAT DISTINGUISHES THE PROGRAM OFFERED AT JAC FROM OTHERS LIKE IT?

Besides the advantages listed in the program description, what nearly all of our graduates have in common is that they look back very fondly on their years spent in HSS and feel they were very well prepared for their university studies.

Having six or nine classes with the same group of motivated classmates forges friendships for life, creates a very positive group dynamic, and is especially well-suited to students coming from enriched high school programs or those wishing to experience this type of learning community in CEGEP.

Also, because of the group strength, the course material can be covered more quickly than in regular classes, thereby allowing teachers to take detours or go into greater depth in certain areas, which makes the courses more intellectually satisfying.

Despite this, in all their compulsory courses taken as a group, HSS students write the same exams as regular social science students and are graded like everyone else.

DOES BEING IN THE HONOURS SOCIAL SCIENCE CLASS AFFECT THE CRC OF HONOURS SOCIAL SCIENCE STUDENTS?

No. Calculating a student's CRC involves normalizing the student's grades against the class average for each course, and then averaging these. However, for the Honours Social Science class this would penalize the students for being in a class with a high average, so the normalizing is done against the whole first-year social science student cohort. Thus the CRC of Honours students are not adversely affected by being in a strong class.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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+ See profiles for specific course requirements

Applicants should have an average in the low 80s and above.



PROGRAM PLANNER

The course path for Honours Social Science students is the same as for regular Social Science students. See the Honours Social Science program link on the JAC website for more details johnabbott.qc.ca/hss.



WHERE HONOURS SOCIAL SCIENCE CAN TAKE YOU!

Our HSS graduates are admitted at all the top schools in Canada, from coast-to-coast. Many go into the various disciplines within commerce, while others go into psychology, education, law, history, economics, human ecology and sustainability, journalism, political science, banking, and more.



HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should have an average in the low 80s and above.

John Abbott College is affiliated with the *Service régional d'admission du Montréal métropolitain* (SRAM) and uses its online application service.

To apply:

- complete the online application at admission.sram.qc.ca,
- select John Abbott College and the Social Science program, **AND**
- complete the online application form at johnabbott.qc.ca/HSS,

You will need a letter of recommendation from one of your teachers.

The deadline for both applications is March 1. All documents and payment must be submitted by the deadline.

Program start: fall

Note: The SRAM and HSS applications are evaluated independently. Admission to the regular Social Science program is not affected by the decision regarding HSS. Students will receive a regular JAC acceptance letter based on their SRAM application and a separate email regarding acceptance into HSS.