

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR
DOCTOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (SOCLSCNC-DOC)
INTAKE Y2526W-CA1B
January 12, 2026 to April 28, 2030
Updated December 5, 2025**

Program schedules, including start and end dates, are subject to change

Non-credit Required Activities						
Activity	Description	Grade Scale	Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	End Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Delivery Mode	# weeks
ITAI	Introduction to Academic Integrity	C/I	1/12/2026	1/25/2026	Online	2

Course	Credit	Course Title	Grade Scale	Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	End Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Delivery Mode	# weeks	Required or Elective
Residency One								
SOSC 710	3	Social Science Theory and the Globalized World	4.33	1/12/2026	2/8/2026	Pre-Res Online	4	Required
				2/9/2026	2/27/2026	On-Campus	3	
				3/2/2026	4/5/2026	Post-Res Online	5	
SOSC 720	3	Research Paradigms in Applied Social Sciences	4.33	1/12/2026	2/8/2026	Pre-Res Online	4	Required
				2/9/2026	2/27/2026	On-Campus	3	
				3/2/2026	4/5/2026	Post-Res Online	5	
Online								
SOSC 717	3	Directed Study	CR	4/20/2026	9/20/2026	Online	22	Required
SOSC 730	3	Applied Qualitative Social Scientific Methods	4.33	9/28/2026	12/20/2026	Online	12	Required
Residency Two								
SOSC 740	3	Applied Quantitative Social Scientific Methods	4.33	1/11/2027	2/7/2027	Pre-Res Online	4	Required
				2/8/2027	2/26/2027	On-Campus	3	
				3/1/2027	4/4/2027	Post-Res Online	5	
SOSC 750	3	Academic Writing and Critical Thinking:Preparation for the Candidacy Exam and Dissertation	CR	1/11/2027	2/7/2027	Pre-Res Online	4	Required
				2/8/2027	2/26/2027	On-Campus	3	
				3/1/2027	4/4/2027	Post-Res Online	5	
Online								
SOSC 799A	–	Candidacy Written Exam	P/F	4/19/2027	4/28/2030	Expected timeline for completion of 799A & 799B is 10 months from start (Apr 19, 2027 - Feb 27, 2028)		Required
SOSC 799B	–	Candidacy Oral Exam	P/F					Required
SOSC 790	42	Dissertation	CR					Independent Research
60 Total Credits for Doctor of Social Sciences Schedule updated Dec 5, 2025								

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Definition Key:

Delivery Mode (way in which the course is delivered to the student):

Blended indicates that some components of the course are online and some are on campus or on location.

On-Campus, also known as Face to Face, indicates that this portion of the course is taught on site at Royal Roads University.

Online, also known as Distance Learning, indicates that this portion of the course is taken over the Internet.

On Location indicates that this portion of the course is taught off campus at another location and applies to internship courses.

Independent Study indicates that this is a self-directed course (excluding graduate level research papers, major projects, theses and dissertations).

Independent Research indicates that this is a graduate level research paper, major project, thesis or dissertation.

Residency vs Distance Row Headers:

Residency indicates courses or a period of time during which students are on site receiving instruction in person at Royal Roads University or at a partner institution. When followed by One, Two, Three or Four, indicates whether it is the first, second, third or fourth residency period.

Pre-Res, or Pre-Residency, indicates courses that are being offered prior to the student attending Residency.

Distance indicates courses or a period of time during which students take their courses online (aka Distance Learning). When followed by One, Two, Three or Four, indicates whether it is the first, second, third or fourth Distance Learning period.