

POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Program: PLCS

Credential: Ontario College Diploma

Delivery: Full-time

Length: 4 Semesters

Duration: 2 Years

Effective: Fall 2027

Location: Barrie, Owen Sound

Description

Students engage in academic and practical courses to develop the knowledge and skills demanded by Canadian police services and community safety agencies. Areas of focus include forensic crime scene investigation, interview skills, use of force theory and application, police powers, and crisis intervention techniques and community policing and safety. The physical training and career preparation components of the program prepare students to meet the specific demands of police recruitment processes and a career in the field.

Career Opportunities

Diverse opportunities within the field of policing may be available to graduates, including employment with Royal Canadian Mounted Police, provincial police services, municipal/regional police organizations, private policing services, the Canadian Forces Military Police, and various other community safety agencies.

Applicants with a criminal record will need to discuss their personal situation with college counsellors before enrolling in the program. In some cases, a criminal record may make it more difficult for students to find related employment after graduation.

Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. adhere to legislation, regulations, policies, ethical and industry best practices within the scope of community safety and police law enforcement operations;
2. develop and apply strategies to enhance physical and mental resilience for effective performance in public and private safety roles;
3. promote equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging in community safety policies and practices to foster inclusive environments;
4. communicate and collaborate with multidisciplinary teams to develop strategies that enhance public trust;
5. identify and collaborate with community organizations and partners to create proactive safety strategies that promote community safeguarding and well-being;
6. assess and document incidents to support legal processes, operational efficiency, accountability and continuous improvement;
7. use crisis and emergency response strategies to manage situations lawfully and effectively;
8. connect individuals with necessary resources and support services to contribute to a healthier, more resilient community;
9. conduct interviews and collect evidence to ensure admissibility in legal proceedings;

10. examine the diversity of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures, histories, and perspectives in Canada, including the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, to foster inclusive relationships with the community and inform law enforcement practices.

Program Progression

The following reflects the planned progression for full-time offerings of the program.

Fall Intake - Barrie, Owen Sound

- **Sem 1:** Fall 2027
- **Sem 2:** Winter 2028
- **Sem 3:** Fall 2028
- **Sem 4:** Winter 2029

Articulation

A number of articulation agreements have been negotiated with universities and other institutions across Canada, North America and internationally. These agreements are assessed, revised and updated on a regular basis. Please contact the program co-ordinator for specific details if you are interested in pursuing such an option.

Additional information can be found on our website at <https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/> (<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/>)

Admission Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent, or mature student status
- Grade 12 English (C or U)

Mature students, non-secondary school applicants (19 years or older), and home school applicants may also be considered for admission. Eligibility may be met by applicants who have taken equivalent courses, upgrading, completed their GED, and equivalency testing. For complete details refer to: www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/academic-regulations/ (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/academic-regulations/>)

Applicants who have taken courses from a recognized and accredited post-secondary institution and/or have relevant life/learning experience may also be considered for admission; refer to the Credit for Prior Learning website for details: www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/ (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/>)

Additional Information

Students are required to sign a waiver indicating they are physically and medically able to participate in strenuous physical activity.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) requirements

All Georgian College students are required to bring their own device (BYOD) (<https://georgiancollege.ca/byod/>) that meets the technology requirements (<https://georgiancollege.ca/byod/>) for their program. Having access to a personal laptop that meets your program's technical requirements will ensure you're prepared for in-class, online and hybrid

learning activities. Students are responsible for the cost, software installation, maintenance and repair of their device.

Graduation Requirements

23 Program Courses

1 Communications Course

3 General Education Courses

Graduation Eligibility

To graduate from this program, the passing weighted average for promotion through each semester, from year to year, and to graduate is 60%. Additionally, a student must attain a minimum of 50% or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each course in each semester unless otherwise stated on the course outline.

Program Tracking

The following reflects the planned course sequence for full-time offerings of the Fall intake of the program. Where more than one intake is offered contact the program co-ordinator for the program tracking.

Semester 1		Hours
Program Courses		
LAWS 1005	Introduction to Security Skills	42
LAWS 1017	Canadian Criminal Justice	42
LAWS 1018	Government in Canadian Society	42
LAWS 1019	Human Rights, Equity, and Social Justice in Community Safety	42
Communications Course		
COMM 1016	Communication Essentials	42
General Education Course		
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration.		42
Hours		252

Semester 2		Hours
Program Courses		
FITN 1015	Fitness and Wellness - Foundational Skills	42
LAWS 1020	Introduction to Law in Community Safety	42
LAWS 1022	Interviewing and Documentation	42
LAWS 2048	Mental Health in Community Safety	42
PFPR 1022	Introduction to Policing	42
PFPR 2045	Community Policing Response to Social Issues	42
General Education Course		
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration.		42
Hours		294

Semester 3		Hours
Program Courses		
FITN 2015	Fitness and Wellness - Fitness Testing Preparation	42
LAWS 1021	Public Safety and Emergency Management	42
LAWS 2050	Youth Justice in Canada	42
LAWS 2060	Debwewin miinwaa Naaskodaadiwin Miikaans	42
PFPR 2008	Provincial Statutes	42
PFPR 2030	Police Powers	42
PFPR 2050	Career Preparation for Policing and Community Safety	28
Hours		280

Semester 4		Hours
Program Courses		
FITN 2016	Fitness and Wellness - Occupational Readiness	42
LAWS 2061	Crisis Response and Conflict Resolution	28
PFPR 2032	Forensic Crime Scene Investigation	42
PFPR 2044	Criminology in Policing and Community Safety	42
PFPR 2049	Cybercrime	42
PFPR 2051	Community Safety Capstone	28

General Education Course

Select 1 course from the general education list during registration.	42
Hours	266
Total Hours	1092

Graduation Window

Students unable to adhere to the program duration of two years (as stated above) may take a maximum of four years to complete their credential. After this time, students must be re-admitted into the program, and follow the curriculum in place at the time of re-admission.

Disclaimer: *The information in this document is correct at the time of publication. Academic content of programs and courses is revised on an ongoing basis to ensure relevance to changing educational objectives and employment market needs.*

Program outlines may be subject to change in response to emerging situations, in order to facilitate student achievement of the learning outcomes required for graduation. Components such as courses, progression, coop work terms, placements, internships and other requirements may be delivered differently than published.