GENERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE - ONE YEAR

Program Outline

Major: GASC
Length: 1 Year
Delivery: 2 Semesters
Credential: Ontario College Certificate
Effective: 2014-2015
Location: Barrie, Orillia
Start: Fall (Barrie, Orillia), Winter (Barrie)

Description
This program offers the student an introduction to college studies, with emphasis on critical thinking and analytical skills developed while studying courses in the Social Sciences and Humanities. Many students use the General Arts and Science program as a transition to further studies at either the college or university level. Students can also choose to continue from the one-year certificate to the two-year diploma in General Arts and Science.

Career Opportunities
While most students choose General Arts and Science as a pathway to further studies, some graduates of the program find employment in occupations requiring a general education or with firms that prefer to administer their own training program.

Program Learning Outcomes
The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

- develop, through general knowledge gained in a wide range of subjects, insight into both self and society;
- develop flexibility and clarity of both thought and expression in order to develop communications competence to a level required by business and industry;
- utilize critical thinking processes and problem solving techniques;

- examine and evaluate various aspects of our changing society to assist in developing a sense of personal and social responsibility as a citizen in society;
- assess the effect of personal decisions and actions on the environment.

The Program Progression:

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Fall Intake - Barrie, Orillia

Sem 1 | Sem 2
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Fall  | Winter
2014  | 2015

Winter Intake - Barrie

Sem 1  | Sem 2
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Winter | Summer
2015   | 2015
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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 http://www.georgianc.on.ca/academics/articulations/

Admission Requirements:

You must meet ONE of the following requirements to be eligible for admission to these programs:

Secondary school applicants:
- OSS curriculum: OSSD or equivalent, with Grade 12 English (C) or (U) (ENG4C, ENG4U)

Non-Secondary school applicants (19 years or older):
- Any credit Communication course taken at Georgian College
- Equivalent courses in English taken through secondary school or Independent Learning Centres (at the general, advanced, college or university level)
- Academic and Career Entrance Certificate (ACE) program with communications
- Mature student testing in English that meets the minimum standards for admission (available through most testing services)*

- Ontario High School Equivalency Certificate (GED)
- English, Literature or Communication credit courses from accredited colleges/universities

Home school applicants:
- Applicants can write the mature student testing in English that meets the minimum standards for admission (available through testing services)*

* available from Georgian College. For a complete listing please contact the Office of the Registrar.

Non-secondary school applicants who are 19 years of age or over by the first day of classes, and who lack the academic entrance qualifications, may be considered for entrance to an appropriate post-secondary diploma or certificate program as mature applicants. Mature applicants must meet all program specific prerequisites including all selection criteria; equivalencies are stated above. Applicants who are unsure whether they meet admission requirements should contact the Office of the Registrar. In addition, those applying as mature students and having no documentation of Grade 12 education must supply, if required, proof of age, such as a copy of an official birth certificate or driver's licence. Refer to Section 2.5 and 2.6 of the Academic Calendar for further details.

Credit transfer and course exemptions:
Applicants who have taken courses from a recognized and accredited post-secondary institution and/or have relevant life/learning experience may be eligible for credit transfer/course exemptions. Courses/experience must match at least 80% of the learning outcomes of a Georgian College course with a minimum grade of 60% or C achieved in previous coursework; some program exceptions apply (see program outline). For further information please visit the Credit Transfer Centre website: georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/

Graduation Requirements:

7 Mandatory Courses
1 Optional Humanities/Math Course (offering determined by student interest)
1 Communications Course
2 Optional Courses (to be approved by program co-ordinator)
1 General Education Course

Graduation Eligibility:
To graduate from this program, the passing weighted average for promotion through each semester, 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.

Mandatory Courses
HUMN1000 Critical Thinking
HUMN1001 Critical Thinking in Practice
HUMN1006 Exploring Literature
PSYL1001 Introduction To Psychology
PSYL1002 Introduction to Psychology 2
SOCL1000 Introduction to Sociology
SOCL1001 Introduction to Sociology 2

Optional Humanities/Math Course (offering determined by student interest)
HUMN1015 Interpreting Literature
MATH1005 Math for Life Sciences

Communications Course
To be selected at time of registration from the College list, as determined by testing.

General Education Course
To be selected from College list

Course Descriptions:
HUMN1000 Critical Thinking 42.0 Hours
Students learn to assess information, reason and solve problems with concepts related to logic and argumentation. As well, students develop the means to analyze and evaluate their own thinking and how it is affected by the world around them.

HUMN1001 Critical Thinking in Practice 42.0 Hours
Students develop the ability to select and critically evaluate the ideas and information available today, including media. There is an emphasis on both critical reading and writing. Current issues, including those of a moral and ethical nature, are used for analysis, stimulating and guiding students to examine with clarity, insight, and creativity.

HUMN1006 Exploring Literature 42.0 Hours
Students explore elements and conventions of literature and are introduced to various critical perspectives. They discover the way in which forms of literature contribute to an

understanding of life's issues. Historical and contemporary fictional literature from various world regions is examined, with short stories and poetry included.

HUMN1015 Interpreting Literature 42.0 Hours
Students analyze the relationship between literature and the societal, historical, and cultural contexts in which they were written. They develop strategies to uncover meaning through interpretation, by applying various critical perspectives. Historical and contemporary fictional works from various world regions are examined, with drama and novel studies included.

MATH1005 Math for Life Sciences 42.0 Hours
The goal of this course is to increase the students' awareness of the role that mathematics plays in today's society. The student will explore mathematical ideas through applications taken from the real world. These ideas will include logic, problem solving, statistics, and modelling (both algebraic and geometric). Students will be expected to apply mathematical knowledge and work cooperatively to solve problems.

PSYL1001 Introduction To Psychology 42.0 Hours
This course provides an introduction to the concepts and theories of psychology and to their application to real life situations. Topics include history, research methods, sensation, perception, consciousness, stress and coping, learning, memory, motivation and emotions.

PSYL1002 Introduction to Psychology 2 42.0 Hours
This course provides an introduction to the concepts and theories of psychology and to their application to real life situations. This course includes topics such as personality, intelligence and creativity, the brain, lifespan development (physically, emotionally, behaviourally), thinking and language development, psychological disorders and therapies, and social psychology.

SOCL1000 Introduction to Sociology 42.0 Hours
Sociology is the study of people and how they interact with each other and various social groups. The course is designed to develop awareness of the relationship between individual beliefs, attitudes and behaviours, and the wider society and culture. Students will develop the ability to apply sociological concepts to current issues that affect individuals, Canadian society and the international community. Topics include sociological theory, research, culture, socialization, interaction, class structure, organizations, deviance, and social stratification.

SOCL1001 Introduction to Sociology 2 42.0 Hours
Sociology is the systematic study of human society and social interaction. Through the application of sociological theories, students learn how human behaviour is shaped by the groups, society and culture to which they belong. Topics include global stratification, race and ethnicity, gender issues, politics, economics, intimate relationships, education,

religion, population patterns, and social change. Students develop the ability to apply the sociological viewpoint to current Canadian and global issues.

Course Description Legend
P = Prerequisite; C = Concurrent prerequisite; CO= Corequisite

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