

## GENERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE - ONE YEAR

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### Program Outline

<b>Major:</b>	GASC
<b>Length:</b>	1 Year
<b>Delivery:</b>	2 Semesters
<b>Credential:</b>	Ontario College Certificate
<b>Effective:</b>	2015-2016
<b>Location:</b>	Barrie
<b>Start:</b>	Fall (Barrie), Winter (Barrie)

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### 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:**

Fall Intake - Barrie

Sem 1		Sem 2
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Fall		Winter
2015		2016

Winter Intake - Barrie

Semester 1		Semester 2
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Winter		Summer
2016		2016

### **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.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/>

### **Admission Requirements:**

OSSD or equivalent with

- 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/policies-procedures/](http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/policies-procedures/)

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 Transfer Centre website for details:

[www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/](http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/)

**Graduation Requirements:****7 Mandatory Courses**

- 1 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

Humanities/Math Course (offering determined by student interest)  
To be selected from College list

**Communications Course**

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

Optional Courses (to be approved by program co-ordinator)  
To be selected from College list

**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 examine short literary texts such as short stories, poems, and essays from various periods and world regions. Students focus on elements and conventions of literary traditions and explore the way in which these forms of writing contribute to our understanding of life's issues. Students learn approaches to analyzing texts.

**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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