

# HONOURS BACHELOR OF POLICE STUDIES

**Program:** BAPS

**Credential:** Honours Bachelor Degree

**Delivery:** Full-time (BAPS) + Advanced Standing (BAPA) + Part-time

**Work Integrated Learning:** 1 Co-op Work Term

**Length:** 8 Semesters, plus 1 work term

**Duration:** 4 Years (BAPS), 2 Years (BAPA)

**Effective:** Fall 2019

**Location:** Orillia

## Description

The Honours Bachelor of Police Studies degree encourages a broadened critical understanding of the nature, role and function of policing. Students will explore a variety of topics offering opportunities for careers in law enforcement. The program learning outcomes value an integrated learning approach to police education that will provide a diverse range of students with the critical mix of professionalism, technical/legal expertise and analytical skills necessary to succeed in justice-related careers. This multi-dimensional degree complements, rather than duplicates, existing educational initiatives, offering courses that encourage increasing levels of thinking and analysis, which are dynamic in design, rationale and delivery. The learning outcomes are designed to directly calibrate with the policing community and its high professional standards.

## Career Opportunities

This program will prepare our graduates with a variety of career and educational opportunities. The primary career categories include the Ontario Provincial Police Service and municipal police services. Opportunities may also include out-of-province police services, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canadian Armed Forces, By-Law Enforcement, Private Police and Investigators, Canada Border Services and Corrections.

## Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. understand historical, current and future global trends affecting the professional police sector;
2. employ effective problem solving skills with respect to critical incident management in law enforcement;
3. apply computer literacy and effective oral and written communication skills applicable to the policing profession;
4. utilize interpersonal and team building skills in diverse settings and apply leadership skills appropriately;
5. understand national and international political, justice and legal systems including the wide variety of criminal and civil justice agencies and services;
6. research, organize, evaluate, synthesize and analyze evidence and statistical data based on investigation;
7. provide ethical, accountable and effective professional practices to individuals and groups in the community from a variety of diverse backgrounds;

8. assess and analyze the effectiveness and current relevance of judicial policies and procedures;
9. apply knowledge of individual and group behaviour within the context of current social issues and crime and deviance;
10. analyze and apply business strategies to police services;
11. develop short and long term personal and professional goals and networking that assist with ongoing career planning;
12. show an appreciation for life-long learning and a broad range of interests;
13. apply critical thinking and analytical skills inside and outside the discipline;
14. apply learning from one or more areas outside the discipline.

## Practical Experience

Co-operative Education is a mandatory component of all Co-op programs at Georgian College; it has been designed as a process by which students integrate their academic education with work experience related to their programs of study. This integration affects much more than simply earning a salary, including the adjustment to the work environment and the development of professionalism. It also reinforces skills and theory learned during academic semesters, develops professional contacts, job knowledge and career path, improves human relations and communication skills, and promotes personal maturity and financial independence.

Students are requested to register, attend and participate in their scheduled co-operative education classes. These classes are scheduled for all first year students and are expected to be completed in order for students to proceed successfully to their first co-op work experiences.

To ensure students are eligible to proceed onto any co-op work experience, students should refer to Promotional Status and Eligibility for Co-op as outlined in the College Calendar. Co-op policies and procedures can be located on our website:

[www.georgiancollege.ca/student-services/co-op-and-career-services/students-tab/](http://www.georgiancollege.ca/student-services/co-op-and-career-services/students-tab/) (<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/student-services/co-op-and-career-services/students-tab/>)

Georgian College follows the Co-operative Education guidelines set out by the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education (CAFCE) and Education at Work Ontario (EWO) by supporting the learning outcomes designed for the program specific graduate profile and curriculum as set out by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development.

## The Program Progression

### Fall Intake - BAPS (direct entry stream)

- **Sem 1:** Fall 2019
- **Sem 2:** Winter 2020
- **Sem 3:** Fall 2020
- **Sem 4:** Winter 2021
- **Sem 5:** Fall 2021
- **Sem 6:** Winter 2022
- **Work Term:** Summer 2022
- **Sem 7:** Fall 2022
- **Sem 8:** Winter 2023

## Fall Intake - BAPA (advanced standing stream)

*Note: The advanced standing stream follows the Fall 2017 curriculum and semester progression which includes a second work term.*

- **Sem 5:** Fall 2019
- **Sem 6:** Winter 2020
- **Work Term 1:** Summer 2020
- **Sem 7:** Fall 2020
- **Sem 8:** Winter 2021
- **Work Term 2:** Summer 2021

## 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

- minimum overall average of 65 per cent
- six Grade 12 U or M level courses
- Grade 12 English (U)

*Note: Police Foundations diploma graduates can apply to our advanced standing stream through OCAS using the major code of BAPA. Students entering this stream follow the Fall 2017 curriculum and semester progression.*

Mature applicants may also be considered for admission to this program providing their previous school performance and/or recent work record suggests a strong possibility of academic success. In order to qualify, applicants must be 19 years of age by December 31 of the year of admission and must have been away from formal education for at least one year immediately prior to beginning studies. Mature applicants must meet subject prerequisites prior to registration.

Applicants should be aware that first-year enrolment is limited; satisfying minimum entrance requirements does not guarantee admission.

## Selection Process

Selection is based on academic grades and subject prerequisites; applicants must meet minimum averages to receive final acceptance.

## Additional Information

The College has been granted consent by the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities to offer this degree. The college shall ensure that all students admitted to the above-named program during the period of consent will have the opportunity to complete the program within a reasonable time frame.

Non-core courses are required in all degree programs to meet the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities benchmark for depth and breadth in degree-level learning. These courses are designed to give students the tools to develop interdisciplinary perspectives that inform their approach

to their own discipline, their continued education and their life outside work.

Students are required to take: at least one first year interdisciplinary course (INTS1xxx); two introductory courses in their choice of disciplines outside their main field of study, which may include psychology (PSYC 1000 or PSYC 1001), social science (SOCI 1000), humanities (HUMA 1012), or science (SCEN 1000); one advanced course in a discipline (ex. PSYC3xxx, SOSOC3xxx, HUMA3xxx), and; one upper level interdisciplinary course (INTS4xxx). These courses and any remaining non-core course requirements to be selected from the program list.

### Please Note

In Canada the various federal, provincial and municipal acts and regulations outline special requirements for those entering a career as a law enforcement officer. Students wishing to pursue such careers should ensure that they will be able to meet the physical and educational requirements before enrolling. Potential students with a criminal record will need to discuss their personal situations with college before enrolling in the program. In some cases an official criminal record may make it more difficult for students to complete the program requirements and find related employment after graduation.

## Graduation Requirements

27 Core Courses

4 Non-Core Courses

1 Non-Core Psychology Course

4 Elective Courses (Specialty Topics: Core or Non-Core)

4 Elective Non-Core Courses

1 Co-op Work Term

*Note: The advanced standing stream follows the curriculum and progression for the Fall 2017 intake which includes a second work term.*

## Graduation Eligibility

To graduate from this program, a student must attain a minimum of 60 percent or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each course in each semester, and have an overall average of 65 percent in core courses and 60% in non-core courses.

## Program Tracking - BAPS (direct entry stream)

Semester 1		Hours
Core Courses		
POLC 1000	Introduction to Police Studies	42
POLC 1001	Interpersonal Communications	42
POLC 1002	Canadian Criminal Justice	42
POLC 1009	Diversity, Equity, and Human Rights	42
Non-Core Courses		
INTS 1007	Interdisciplinary Modes of Communication	42
Hours		210
Semester 2		
Core Courses		
POLC 1004	Fundamental Concepts of Criminal Law	42
POLC 1005	Human Kinetics for Policing	42
POLC 1008	Community Policing	42
POLC 1010	Document and Case Management	42
Non-Core Courses		
INTS 1002	Introduction to Multidisciplinary Research	42
Hours		210

**Semester 3**

Core Courses		
POLC 2003	Police Powers in Canada	42
POLC 2006	Provincial Offences	42
POLC 2008	Ergonomics and Wellness	42
POLC 2009	Youth Crime and Justice	42
Non-Core Psychology Course		
Select either PSYC 1000 Introduction to Psychology 1 or PSYC 1001 Introduction to Psychology 2 during registration.		42
Hours		210

**Semester 4**

Core Courses		
POLC 2007	Mental Health Issues	42
POLC 2010	Introduction to Forensic Science	42
POLC 2011	Criminology	42
POLC 2012	Principles in Traffic Law	42
Non-Core Course		
SOCI 1000	Introduction to Sociology	42
Hours		210

**Semester 5**

Core Courses		
POLC 3002	Foundations of Interviewing	42
POLC 3007	Criminal Law: Advanced Theories	42
POLC 3012	Policing and Society	42
Elective Courses (Specialty Topics: Core or Non-Core)		
Select 1 course from the available list during registration.		42
Elective Non-core Courses		
Select 1 course from the available list during registration.		42
Hours		210

**Semester 6**

Core Courses		
POLC 3008	Criminal Procedures and Evidence	42
POLC 3013	Principles of Ethical Reasoning and Policing	42
POLC 3014	Introduction to Research Methods for Policing	42
Elective Courses (Specialty Topics: Core or Non-core)		
Select 1 course from the available list during registration.		42
Elective Non-Core Courses		
Select 1 course from the available list during registration.		42
Hours		210

**Semester 7**

Core Courses		
POLC 4005	Human Resources Management in Policing	42
POLC 4014	Mediation and Dispute Resolution	42
Non-Core Course		
MNGM 1000	Leadership	42
Elective Courses (Specialty Courses: Core and Non-Core)		
Select 1 course from the available list during registration.		42
Elective Non-Core Courses		
Select 1 course from the available list during registration.		42
Hours		210

**Semester 8**

Core Courses		
POLC 4001	Professional Standards in Policing	42
POLC 4015	Criminal Behaviour and Analysis	42
POLC 4016	Honours Research Seminar	42
Elective Courses (Specialty Topics: Core or Non-Core)		
Select 1 course from the available list during registration.		42
Elective Non-Core Courses		

Select 1 course from the available list during registration.	42
Hours	210
Total Hours	1680

## Program Tracking - BAPA (advanced standing stream)

**Semester 5**

Core Courses		
POLC 3002	Foundations of Interviewing	42
POLC 3007	Criminal Law: Advanced Theories	42
POLC 3012	Policing and Society	42
Elective Courses (Specialty Topics: Core or Non-Core)		
Select 1 course from the available list during registration.		42
Elective Non-Core Courses		
Select 1 course from the available list during registration.		42
Hours		210

**Semester 6**

Core Courses		
POLC 3008	Criminal Procedures and Evidence	42
POLC 3013	Principles of Ethical Reasoning and Policing	42
POLC 3014	Introduction to Research Methods for Policing	42
Elective Courses (Specialty Topics: Core or Non-Core)		
Select 1 course from the available list during registration.		42
Elective Non-Core Courses		
Select 1 course from the available list during registration.		42
Hours		210

**Semester 7**

Core Courses		
POLC 4005	Human Resources Management in Policing	42
POLC 4014	Mediation and Dispute Resolution	42
Non-Core Course		
MNGM 1000	Leadership	42
Elective Courses (Specialty Topics: Core or Non-Core)		
Select 1 course from the available list during registration.		42
Elective Non-Core Courses		
Select 1 course from the available list during registration.		42
Hours		210

**Semester 8**

Core Courses		
POLC 4001	Professional Standards in Policing	42
POLC 4015	Criminal Behaviour and Analysis	42
POLC 4016	Honours Research Seminar	42
Elective Courses (Specialty Topics: Core or Non-core)		
Select 1 course from the available list during registration.		42
Elective Non-Core Courses		
Select 1 course from the available list during registration.		42
Hours		210
Total Hours		840

**Co-op Work Terms**

Hours		
COOP 1018	Police Studies Work Term 1	560
COOP 2015	Police Studies Work Term 2 (required for BAPA advanced standing stream only)	560
Hours		1120
Total Hours		1120

**Code**
**Title**
**Elective Courses (Specialty Topics: Core or Non-Core) may include:**

BSNS 2004	Organizational Behaviour
BSNS 4003	Risk Management

MNGM 1001	Management Principles
MNGM 2001	Project Management
MNGM 4000	Strategic Management
POLC 3009	Biology of Crime
POLC 3010	Terrorism
POLC 3011	Physical Fitness Training for Policing
POLC 4003	Major Incident Command and Negotiating Skills
POLC 4004	Public And Media Relations
POLC 4006	Advanced Forensic Science
POLC 4007	Contemporary Social Movements
POLC 4008	Organized Crime
POLC 4009	Policing in Cyberspace: Trends and Issues
POLC 4010	Forensic Accounting: Advanced Techniques and Applications
POLC 4011	Police Governance
POLC 4012	Victimology
POLC 4017	Police Studies Advanced Perspectives

## Graduation Window

Students unable to adhere to the program duration of four years (as stated above) may take a maximum of eight 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.

*Information contained in College documents respecting programs 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. The college reserves the right to add or delete programs, options, courses, timetables or campus locations subject to sufficient enrolment, and the availability of courses.*