

GENERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE - LIBERAL STUDIES

Program: GASL

Credential: Ontario College Diploma

Delivery: Full-time + Part-time

Length: 4 semesters

Duration: 2 years

Effective: Fall 2023, Winter 2024

Location: Barrie

Description

In this liberal studies program, students explore subjects within the humanities and social sciences. Students deepen their critical thinking and analytical skills while widening their worldview. The program opens doors and builds pathways to further studies at either the college or university level. Upon completing the two-year diploma, students are eligible for university articulation agreements that offer excellent credit transfer. With a liberal studies education, students gain confidence in their academic skills and abilities, while developing essential skills for employment.

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 liberal studies education or with organizations that prefer to administer their own training program. The diploma from this program is recognized by several Ontario universities. Program courses provide students optimum transfer credits to other college and university programs.

Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. reflect on knowledge gained in a wide range of Liberal Studies subjects, and their impact on both self and society;
2. communicate both orally and in written form at a level required for entry level employment, and further studies;
3. apply critical-thinking processes and problem-solving techniques to a variety of issues affecting society;
4. use experiential methods to examine various aspects of society in relation to personal and social responsibility and citizenship;
5. assess the validity of material and arguments presented in a variety of Liberal Studies disciplines to improve academic research skills;
6. develop strategies to communicate effectively with people from other cultures;
7. work as an effective member of a team to achieve personal and group goals;
8. assess the effect of personal decisions and actions on the environment;
9. employ entrepreneurial strategies to identify and respond to new opportunities;
10. analyze the impact of colonization on Indigenous cultures and communities.

Program Progression

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

Fall Intake

- **Sem 1:** Fall 2023
- **Sem 2:** Winter 2024
- **Sem 3:** Fall 2024
- **Sem 4:** Winter 2025

Winter Intake

- **Sem 1:** Winter 2024
- **Sem 2:** Summer 2024
- **Sem 3:** Fall 2024
- **Sem 4:** Winter 2025

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

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/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/>)

Graduation Requirements

16 Program Courses
2 Communications Courses
2 Program Option or General Education Courses
4 General Education Courses

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		
HUMN 1006	Exploring Literature	42
HUMN 1017	Critical Thinking Foundations	42
PSYL 1022	Psychology 1	42
SOCL 1003	Sociology 1	42
Communications Course		
Select 1 course from the communications list during registration.		42
Program Option or General Education Course		
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration or contact the program co-ordinator about option courses.		42
Hours		252
Semester 2		
Program Courses		
HUMN 1001	Critical Thinking in Practice	42
HUMN 1015	Interpreting Literature	42
PSYL 1023	Psychology 2	42
SOCL 1004	Sociology 2	42
Communications Course		
Select 1 course from the communications list during registration.		42
Program Option or General Education Course		
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration or contact the program co-ordinator about option courses.		42
Hours		252
Semester 3		
Program Courses		
HUMN 2000	Canadian Literature	42
POLS 1000	Politics in Canada	42
SCIE 2000	Science Concepts	42
SOCL 2000	Race and Ethnicity	42
General Education Course		
Select 2 courses from the general education list during registration.		84
Hours		252
Semester 4		
Program Courses		
HUMN 2007	Sociocultural Anthropology	42
POLS 1001	Global Politics	42
PSYL 2003	Developmental Psychology	42
REAS 2000	Senior Research Seminar	42
General Education Course		
Select 2 courses from the general education list during registration.		84
Hours		252
Total Hours		1008

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.

Students may be able to select their Communications, General Education, and Program Option courses in a different sequence than shown above. Contact the Program Co-ordinator for further details.

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.

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