

Justice Studies

Honours Bachelor of Applied Science Diploma in Community and Justice Services or Police Foundations

Admission

- >ENG4U and five additional 4U/M courses
- >Estimated minimum range for admission: 75%-80%

Focused Academic Program

In their first year, students build a foundation in justice and related fields. In year two, students take courses that touch on various services and how they are delivered, such as counselling, conflict resolution, forensics and policing.

Students simultaneously take courses that earn them an Honours Bachelor of Applied Science in Justice Studies as well as a college diploma. They choose one of the following diplomas to focus their studies on in second year:

- >**Community and Justice Services:** Targets social issues and explores the development of community programs, ways to work with both victims and offenders, and methods of crime prevention.
- >**Police Foundations:** Prepares students for a career in the various levels of law enforcement in the Canadian justice system.

Years three and four move on to advanced courses that immerse students in issues such as ethics, equality, rights and freedoms, youth and the law and criminology.

Sample First-Year Courses

>Criminal Offences

Students analyze specific elements of selected criminal code offences, including offences against the person, property and public order. Students research case law, assess its impact on criminal offences and use case law to argue and defend decisions.

>Crime and Criminal Justice

Students examine the literature on crime and criminal justice from a sociological perspective. Particular attention is given to cross-national and cross-cultural issues by way of comparison, in order to allow students to gain a broader sense of criminological theory, research and practice.

Industry Connections: 200 Hours

Students take part in at least 200 hours of community service placements in two justice agencies/organizations.

Past placements include Peel Regional Police, Ontario Justice Education Network, Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, The Yonge Street Mission, The Salvation Army, Special Investigations Unit, Ministry of the Attorney General and various law offices.

Note: Students may be required to complete a Vulnerable Sector Screening and/or Criminal Reference Check prior to placement.

Investigate Crime Scenes

Students evaluate staged crime scenes in our very own crime scene investigation (CSI) room. Learn investigative techniques and how to handle evidence. Students can also use mock court to role-play a case.

Law School: City, University of London

The University of Guelph-Humber and The City Law School, City, University of London have partnered to offer students a prime law school opportunity. Our graduates can earn a senior status law degree in two years. With a competitive average from our university, students are eligible for admission to the Graduate Entry LLB (Hons) at The City Law School in London, England, without an LSAT and receive reduced tuition.

Hands-on Classes

In the Canadian Social Problems course, students take part in a street walk with classmates and faculty in downtown Toronto to observe and research social issues, such as poverty and homelessness.

International Experience

Students can participate in international exchange programs or study abroad options.

Semester Elsewhere (1 Semester)

In our exchange program, students can spend a semester overseas at a foreign university. Our latest exchange student spent a semester at Ulster University in Ireland.

Study Abroad (10 to 12 days)

In the International Field Study course, students are part of a small group on professor-guided study tours where concepts discussed in class are put into context. And because all study abroad courses are partially subsidized by the University, the opportunities are within reach.

This year, one of the two justice-themed study abroad trips is heading to India to explore how globalization and technology are transforming the culture and everyday life of India, and to examine how the West has imagined India from the past to the present. They will explore the growth of Bangalore, India's "Silicon Valley", over the last few centuries. Also examined will be the impact of various government economic development initiatives, the role of multinational corporations, and the embrace of new technologies.

Although trips are themed according to a specific program, students may apply for any study abroad of interest.

Alpha Phi Sigma

Our Justice Studies students have the chance to join Alpha Phi Sigma (APS) a 75-year-old honours society, first founded at Washington State University. The organization was formed to help students prepare for careers in policing and the law by encouraging academic achievement, boosting leadership skills and promoting a strong interest in social justice. APS members promote academic excellence by maintaining an honours grade point average, promote community service, educational leadership, and unity.

Student Success

University of Guelph-Humber students represent the University at conferences and competitions against other postsecondary institutions.

In 2017, our CSI students swept the top four spots at the Robert B. Fram CSI Challenge at Mount St. Mary's University, Maryland.

Transfer Pathways

College-to-University

Students who choose to attend college have the potential to continue their postsecondary studies at university.

Block credit transfer pathway

Students can complete a two-year diploma in Community and Justice Services; Law and Security Administration; Police Foundations; or Protection, Security and Investigation from a recognized institution and receive a predetermined block of transfer credit (up to a maximum of 5 credits) that will be applied towards completion of the Justice Studies program, earning them an honours degree and a diploma at the University. Students can finish their studies in approximately three years. Applicants require a minimum cumulative average of 75%.

General college transfer pathway

Students who are not eligible for the college block credit transfer pathway but have a recognized college diploma or coursework may apply and are eligible to receive transfer credit (up to a maximum of 10 credits) towards an honours degree and a diploma. A minimum 75% cumulative admission average is required for consideration. Time for program completion will range based on transfer credit received.

University-to-University

Students who complete courses at another university may apply and are eligible to receive transfer credit (up to a maximum of 10 credits) towards an honours degree and diploma. A minimum 70% cumulative admission average is required for consideration. Time for program completion will range based on transfer credit received.

Need more information? Contact us.

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