

# Honours Bachelor of Police Studies (BAPS) Information Package

## Program Overview

Georgian College's Honours Bachelor of Police Studies degree online program has been created to support officers in pursuit of continued education to support their personal and professional development. This multi-dimensional degree complements, rather than duplicates, existing educational initiatives, offering courses that encourage increasing levels of thinking and analysis, in a format that supports individuals working full time in industry.

## Unique Features

- **Fast Track:** Applicants may receive credit for work experience and post-secondary education up to a maximum of 75% of the degree program
- **Offered Fully Online:** Up to date, interactive, easy to use technology supports the learning experience. Learn anywhere anytime. Online delivery accommodates work schedules and location changes.
- **Quality:** The program learning outcomes value an integrated learning approach to police education that will provide a diverse spectrum of students with the critical mix of professionalism, technical/legal expertise and analytical skills
- **Knowledgeable faculty:** Our program fosters ongoing partnerships with educators, police services and others in the justice field. Our faculty are professional with extensive experience, and education in the field.
- **Responsive support staff:** Our team prides itself on being available and accessible to answer your questions in a professional and timely manner in order for you to quickly engage and register in your academic journey.

## Course Delivery Format

Classes are delivered fully online, in 14-week semesters, combining self-directed lectures, group discussions and instructor support. This delivery allows students the flexibility to work full time and study anytime and anywhere.

## Application and Admission Process

The program is open to all current and retired police and military police members who have obtained a rank of first-class constable, or completion of QL3 training, or higher. The Honours Bachelor of Police Studies program is also offered full time, through in-class delivery, for those without the required industry experience.

## How to Apply

Applicants must complete the part time application form, which should have been included with this information package.

With the Part time Studies Program Application Form, we ask applicants to submit:

- Detailed resume outlining work experience
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (college and/or university)
- Official high school transcript if you did not attend post-secondary and you studied grade 13 English, OAC English or English 12U level.
- Proof of successful completion of your first-class constable or QL3 training.

*Please address all application inquiries and documentation to:*

Georgian College, Office of the Registrar  
 Attention: Kris Hibbs, Admissions Officer  
 Georgian College | One Georgian Drive | Barrie, ON | L4M 3X9  
 705.728.1968, ext. 1770 Fax: 705.722.5118  
[Kris.Hibbs@GeorgianCollege.ca](mailto:Kris.Hibbs@GeorgianCollege.ca)

*\*documents can be received by email, fax or mail. Official transcripts must be sealed and sent by mail, or submitted directly by the issuing institution to Georgian College.*

## Police Member Eligibility for Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

We value the experience and education our students bring into this program and provide advanced standing where possible to acknowledge prior learning. The Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU) and the Post-Secondary Education Quality Assessment Board (PEQAB) have requirements outlining how much advanced standing can be provided to college degree students in Ontario. Further information on Prior Learning Assessments and Recognition (PLAR) and Exemptions can be found on our website at: [www.GeorgianCollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer](http://www.GeorgianCollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer)

Transfer of Academic Credit (Exemption)	Evaluation of Experience (Prior Learning Assessment)
Involves examination of completed educational credits/credentials presented by the student in the form of an Official Academic Transcript from a recognized post-secondary institution.	Involves Assessment and Evaluation of actual learning achievements through previous/current employment or life experience.
Focus of assessment is on equivalency of academic credits and course learning outlines.	Focus of assessment is on the evaluation of learning through experience, using a variety of techniques.
<b>Role of Assessor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify the authenticity/validity of the credential(s) – involves course review</li> <li>• Determine the degree of equivalency by examining the learning outcomes required by the program for which exemption is being sought</li> <li>• Recommend or deny the exemption</li> </ul>	<b>Role of Assessor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure the nature and extent of learning</li> <li>• Evaluate it against the course learning outcomes and standards for credit</li> <li>• Recommend or deny the course credit</li> </ul>
<b>Student Role</b> To gather and submit current transcript, outlines and other documents requested by assessor (where applicable).	<b>Student Role</b> Present evidence of the learning outcomes through experience. This includes a detailed resume, proof of completion of first class constable training and additional information upon request.

Please see below the eligibility matrix we follow for advanced standing requests.

*Reminder – the minimum requirement for program entrance and advanced standing requires current employment (or retirement) as a police member at the rank of first-class constable or higher.*

Applicant's Completed Education/Experience	Process Followed	Credits Awarded
<p>No post-secondary (college or university) credits.</p> <p>Currently employed or retired police member at the rank of first class constable, or completion of QL3 training, or higher</p>	<p>Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)</p>	<p>Up to a maximum of <b>50% of the courses (maximum of 20)</b> required for the Honours Bachelor of Police Studies degree</p>
<p>Completed 2-year Police Foundations (PFP) or Law and Security Administration (LASA) diploma (must be credit courses at a recognized post-secondary institution at the diploma level with a grade of 70% or higher)</p>	<p>Exemptions and Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)</p>	<p>Up to a maximum of <b>68% of the courses (maximum of 27)</b> required for the Honours Bachelor of Police Studies degree</p>
<p>Completed or partial degree (must be credit courses at a recognized post-secondary institution at the degree level with a grade of 60% or higher)</p> <p>Currently employed or retired police member at the rank of first class constable, or completion of QL3 training, or higher</p>	<p>Exemptions and Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)</p>	<p>Up to a maximum of <b>75% of the courses (maximum of 30)</b> required for the Honours Bachelor of Police Studies degree</p>
<p>Completed 2-year Police Foundations (PFP) or Law and Security Administration (LASA) diploma as well as some degree level credits (must be credit courses at a recognized post-secondary institution at the diploma level with a grade of 70% or higher – for diploma courses, or a grade of 60% or higher for degree level courses)</p>	<p>Exemptions and Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)</p>	<p>Up to a maximum of <b>75% of the courses (maximum of 30)</b> required for the Honours Bachelor of Police Studies degree</p>

## Honours Bachelor of Police Studies Degree, Graduation Requirements Tracking Sheet

\*Showing Police Member Prior Learning Assessment credits granted

Course Code	Course Name	Grade	Date Completed
POLC1000	Introduction to Police Studies		PLAR
POLC1001	Interpersonal Communications		PLAR
POLC1002	Canadian Criminal Justice		PLAR
POLC1009	Diversity, Equity and Human Rights		PLAR
POLC1004	Fundamentals of Criminal Law		PLAR
POLC1005	Human Kinetics for Policing		PLAR
POLC1008	Community Policing		PLAR
POLC1010	Document and Case Management		PLAR
POLC2003	Police Powers in Canada		PLAR
POLC2006	Provincial Offences		PLAR
POLC2008	Ergonomics and Wellness		PLAR
POLC2009	Youth Crime and Justice		PLAR
POLC2007	Mental Health Issues		PLAR
POLC2010	Introduction to Forensic Science		PLAR
POLC2011	Criminology		PLAR
POLC2012	Principles in Traffic Law		PLAR
POLC3008	Criminal Procedures and Evidence		PLAR
POLC3002	Foundations of Interviewing		PLAR
POLC3007	Criminal Law: Advanced Theories		PLAR
POLC3014	Introduction to Research Methods for Policing		PLAR
POLC3013	Principles of Ethical Reasoning and Policing		
POLC3012	Policing and Society		
POLC4001	Professional Standards in Policing		
POLC4005	Human Resources Management in Policing		
POLC4014	Mediation and Dispute Resolution		
POLC 4015	Criminal Behaviour and Analysis		
MNGM1000	Leadership		
POLC4016	Honours Research Seminar		

Course Code	Course Name	Grade	Date Completed
<b>Select 4 courses from the Special Topics in Policing Pool</b>			
POLC3009	Biology of Crime		
POLC3010	Terrorism		
POLC3011	Physical Fitness Training for Policing		
POLC4003	Theories of Crisis Intervention and Incident Management		
POLC4004	Public and Media Relations		
POLC4006	Forensic Science: Advanced Techniques and Applications		
POLC4007	Contemporary Social Movements		
POLC4008	Organized Crime		
POLC4009	Cybercrime: Trends and Issues		
POLC4010	Corporate and White-Collar Crime		
POLC4011	Police Governance		
POLC4012	Victimology		
POLC4017	Police Studies: Advanced Perspectives		
<b>8 Non-Core Elective courses required</b>			
<i>HUMA, Humanities; SOSC Social Science; SCEN Science; PSYC, Psychology; INTS Interdisciplinary; SOCI, Sociology</i>			
INTS1002	Multidisciplinary Research		
INTS1007	Modes of Communications		
PSYC1000 or 1001	Introduction to Psychology 1 or 2		
SOCI1000	Introduction to Sociology		
	Non-Core Elective, any level <i>Or exemption SOSC 9100, HUMA 9100 (or additional degree level course exemption outside of field)</i>		
	Non-Core Elective, any level <i>Or exemption SOSC 9100, HUMA 9100 (or additional degree level course exemption outside of field)</i>		
	3000-level Non-Core Elective <i>Or exemption SOSC or PSYC, HUMA 9300</i>		
	INTS 4000-level Non-core Elective		
COOP 1018	Co-op Work Term 1 <i>*Academic regulations require students to complete a minimum of one co-op in their program if applicable. Current experience can be used. Please contact Co-op Consultant for information. *Some students will require 2 co-op work terms as per their program start date - a PLAR will be provided for 1 work term in this case.</i>		

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. What is the deadline for applications?**

The program offers intakes at three times per year, to align with our academic semesters. Following the recommended timelines supports timely PLAR and Exemption processing. Application deadlines are:

- August 1 for a September start
- December 1 for a January start
- April 1 for a May start

### **2. What documents will I need to submit to apply?**

- Proof of successful completion of your first-class constable or QL3 training.
- Detailed resume outlining work experience
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (college and/or university)
- Official high school transcript if you did not attend post-secondary and you studied grade 13 English, OAC English or English 12U level.
- Part time Studies Program Application Form

### **3. Is there a registration application fee?**

The cost to apply is \$75 for a one-time part-time registration fee.

### **4. How many credits will I get for my policing experience?**

You may receive up to a maximum of 50% of the program in Prior Learning Assessment credits, which is the equivalent of 20 courses based on your policing experience. You must have obtained a minimum rank of first-class constable or higher. Canadian Armed Forces Military Police applicants must have QL3 training or higher to receive admission and advanced standing. Other situations will be reviewed on an individual basis.

### **5. How much does it cost for the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition, and exemption assessment?**

A service fee of \$500 will be charged upon receipt of documents for PLAR, in advance of the predetermined block transfer (PLAR) course credit being applied. This fee will cover delivery and evaluation of submitted documents against program requirements.

*\*please note that to ensure accuracy, staff outside the Credit Transfer Centre cannot estimate the results for an individual in advance of the full PLAR assessment.*

### **6. Is it possible that a PLAR challenge might be unsuccessful?**

Yes, if there is not sufficient evidence that the learning outcomes have been met, a challenge can be deemed unsuccessful.

### **7. How do college degrees compare to degrees from a university?**

A degree from an Ontario College of Applied Arts and Technology offered under the Minister's consent is reviewed against the same standard as an Honours Bachelor Degree offered by an Ontario University.

The Ontario Qualifications Framework (OQF) outlines the full range of credentials offered by Ontario postsecondary education institutions and the knowledge and skills expected of graduates.

Further information on the quality of Ontario College degrees can be found on the Post-Secondary Education Quality Assessment Board website at: <http://www.pegab.ca/QualityONCollegeDegrees.html>

**8. What is the name of the degree received upon completion of the program?**

Honours Bachelor of Police Studies degree.

**9. How long will this degree take me to complete?**

The duration of the program depends on the number of courses you are able to take each semester, and the number of credits received through Prior Learning Assessment and Exemption requests..

**10. How much will each course cost?**

Typical degree course costs are approximately \$700 per course. This cost may change over time, so please ensure you look at the college website for detailed information.

**11. Do I have to attend any in-class session?**

No, all courses for the completion of this degree are offered on-line.

**12. Will I need any books and how do I purchase them?**

You may be required to purchase a textbook, depending on which course you are taking. Textbooks can be purchased on-line through Georgian Stores, [www.georgianstores.com](http://www.georgianstores.com).

**13. I have already taken a college Police Foundations or Law and Security program, or other degree courses, what type of credit will I get?**

Additional exemption credits may be given up to a maximum of 75% of the program, based on individual consideration.

**14. How will I know which courses to take?**

The program graduation tracking sheet is included in this package and will allow you to track course completion. In addition, all Georgian College students have access to MyPath, to support program/course planning and tracking - <https://www.georgiancollege.ca/mypath>.

Courses are posted on the Georgian College website typically four weeks in advance of the start of the semester. Inquiries regarding course offerings can be directed to [stephanie.carpenter@georgiancollege.ca](mailto:stephanie.carpenter@georgiancollege.ca).

Please note, we are unable to send course offerings each term out to all program students, so students must be proactive in checking the website, or asking for support when needed. Please note each individual is responsible for tracking his or her own unique progress. It is highly recommended that individuals register as early as possible to obtain the classes they require and choose core courses when available as they are not offered each term.

It is our pleasure to assist you in your academic pathway at Georgian College.

For your convenience, our contact information is as follows:

<b><i>To receive general program information or a list of courses offered next term contact:</i></b>		
Stephanie Carpenter Program Assistant	<a href="mailto:Stephanie.Carpenter@georgiancollege.ca">Stephanie.Carpenter@georgiancollege.ca</a>	705.325.2740 ext. 3541
<b><i>To apply for the program:</i></b>		
Kris Hibbs Admissions Officer	<a href="mailto:Kris.Hibbs@georgiancollege.ca">Kris.Hibbs@georgiancollege.ca</a>	705.728.1968 ext. 1770
<b><i>For PLAR/Exemption questions (after assessments are completed):</i></b>		
Melanie Marchand Program Co-ordinator	<a href="mailto:Melanie.Marchand@georgiancollege.ca">Melanie.Marchand@georgiancollege.ca</a>	705-325-2740 x3065
<b><i>For co-op inquiries:</i></b>		
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