

CRIMINAL JUSTICE - CORRECTIONS DIPLOMA

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Changing Lives, One Conversation at a Time

Are you ready to make a difference in people's lives? If so, a career in Corrections may be for you. In two years, you'll gain the required competencies through courses and experiential learning opportunities in our specialized learning spaces to become an exceptional candidate for a rewarding and challenging career.

Sharing a common first year with students in our Criminal Justice – Policing program, you'll develop key competencies for corrections, including verbal and written communication, teamwork, problem solving and risk management. In your second year, you'll enhance your education by learning principles of behavioural change and other assessment skills.

Your Investment

Program fees will vary. To view fee information, click here (<https://lethbridgecollege.ca/programs/>) and select your program.

Graduation

Upon successful completion of all program requirements, students are awarded a diploma in Criminal Justice - Corrections.

Note: Employing agencies may have additional requirements such as a valid driver's license, Standard First Aid and CPR. Learners are encouraged to maintain their credentials in these areas so that they are current at time of graduation.

Dual Diploma Option

Students pursuing Criminal Justice – Policing or Criminal Justice - Corrections diplomas with the School of Justice share a common first year of courses. The common first year design of our justice programming facilitates opportunities for you to start your journey in public safety together with students from the Criminal Justice-Policing diploma. Together, you'll exchange ideas and beliefs, and have an inclusive educational experience that will strengthen relationships and understandings of all branches within the public safety field. Additionally, all students will have the opportunity to learn the ethical framework that should guide the actions of all public safety professionals. The common first year also enables students to take two extra semesters (6 courses) to earn a second diploma in Criminal Justice - Policing from the School of Justice Studies at Lethbridge College.

ADMISSIONS

New applicants are accepted into the Criminal Justice - Corrections program in the Fall (September) term for on-campus and online study. Students can also start in the Winter (January) or Spring (May) term for online study.

General Admissions Requirements

All applicants must meet the general admission requirements for Lethbridge College programs, as indicated in the Admission section of this calendar.

Medical Requirements

Although no physical requirements are placed on applicants for entry to the program, applicants should ensure through a medical examination that their cardiovascular system is suitable to undertake fitness-related exercise.

CURRICULUM

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Term I		
CJP-1159	Ethics and Critical Thought	3
CJP-1160	Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3
COM-1165	Public Safety Communications/ Interpersonal Relations	3
ENG-1150	Composition	3
LAW-1177	Procedural Law in Canada	3
PSY-1160	Introduction to Psychology	3
Credits		18
Term II		
CJP-1157	Preliminary Response and Investigation	3
CJP-1177	Applied English & Public Safety Writing	3
CJP-1185	Diverse Populations in Public Safety	3
COR-1180	Youth in the Justice System	3
LAW-1178	Criminal and Correctional Offences	3
SOC-1160	Introduction to Sociology	3
Credits		18
Year 2		
Term I		
CJP-2281	Conflict Management	3
CJP-2296	Career Preparation for Public Safety	3
COR-2253	Correctional Assessment	3
SOC-2255	Complex Correctional Populations	3
SOC-2290	Addictions and Mental Health in Justice	3
Approved Elective		3
Credits		18
Term II		
CJP-2278	Criminology	3
CJP-2287	Strategies in Crisis Situations	3
COR-2277	Corrections Administration	3
COR-2295	Correctional Case Work and Practices	3
Approved Elective		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		69

Approved Electives

To fulfill elective requirements, choose one elective from List A and one elective from List B or two electives from List B.

List A - Specialized Electives

Course	Title	Credits
CJP-2280	Introduction to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement	3
CJP-2294	Specialized Policing	3
CJP-2295	Traffic	3

COR-2262	Drugs in Corrections	3
FWK-2280	Field Work Practicum	3
PED-1190	Fitness & Lifestyles in Public Safety I	3

List B - Breadth Electives

Course	Title	Credits
ANT-1195	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANT-2295	Anthropology of Gender	3
ARK-1165	Introduction Into Archaeology	3
BIO-1160	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIO-1162	Microbiology	3
BIO-1169	Structural Human Anatomy	3
BLK-1151	Blackfoot Language I	3
BLK-2251	Blackfoot Language II	3
BUS-1166	Business Law	3
BUS-1170	Introduction to Management	3
BUS-2278	Industrial and Labour Relations	3
ENG-1190	Introduction to Language and Literature	3
HUM-1150	Logic	3
HUM-1180	Introduction to World Religions	3
HUM-1190	Popular Culture	3
INS-1150	Exploring Indigenous Perspectives	3
INS-1155	Introduction to Indigenous Studies	3
PSC-1150	Local Government	3
PSC-1161	Introduction to Politics	3
PSC-1165	Canadian Government	3
PSY-1170	Human Development Across the Lifespan	3
PSY-1177	Psychology of Aging	3
PSY-1179	Adolescent Development	3
PSY-2253	Child Psychopathology	3
PSY-2260	Psychopathology	3
PSY-2270	Introduction to Personality Theory	3
PSY-2275	Introduction to Forensic Psychology	3
PSY-2280	Social Psychology	3
PSY-2290	Brain and Behaviour	3
SOC-1167	Sociology of Aging	3
SOC-2260	Social Problems	3
SPN-1150	Introductory Spanish	3
SPN-1151	Introductory Spanish II	3
VXR-1150	Introduction to Immersive Technology	3

PRACTICUM

Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) Pre-Placement Requirements

This program has a required Work-Integrated Learning Pre-Placement Requirements (WIL) component. The College dictates the legal terms and conditions governing the WIL.

Students must meet and maintain certain requirements to participate in the WIL setting as determined by programs, practice agencies and/or legislated by government bodies. These may include health (e.g. immunizations, screening tests, etc.), privacy and security (e.g. police

information check, IT access, etc.), and OH&S requirements (e.g. CPR certification, Fire Safety, WHMIS, Mask Fit-testing, etc.).

Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) coverage - WIL placement agencies and employers usually require WCB coverage on behalf of the student. Students enrolled in post-secondary institutions in Alberta are deemed to be employees of the Province of Alberta and, as such, provided WCB coverage. In certain instances for students outside of Alberta, WCB coverage may not be provided (e.g. non-Alberta residents taking a course solely through distance learning with a WIL placement outside of Alberta). These students are advised to contact the program prior to application.

Students with disabilities who may require accommodations must schedule an appointment with Accessibility Services at Lethbridge College preferably upon acceptance to the program and no later than the Add/Drop deadline to identify potential impacts of their disabilities in the WIL setting. As part of this process, it may be necessary to collaborate with WIL supervisors to determine appropriate accommodations that do not compromise the health and safety of clients, essential placement requirements, or mandatory licensing processes. Failure to consult with Accessibility Services in a timely fashion may compromise the student's WIL placement and opportunities for success in the WIL setting.

In order to participate in a WIL, a student may be required to complete a Police Information Check or other type of Security Clearance to the satisfaction of Lethbridge College and the WIL organization. Completion of a WIL does not guarantee employment with a WIL organization. Many disciplines are provincially or otherwise regulated (e.g. health professions under Alberta's Health Professions Act); such regulation is beyond Lethbridge College's control. Completion of a WIL and graduation from a certain program do not guarantee one's licensure or admission into a regulatory body. Prospective students are encouraged to consult with a representative of the relevant regulatory body if they have concerns.

WIL sites may include Lethbridge, surrounding rural communities, and may extend beyond these boundaries depending on WIL site availability and approvals. WILs may include day, evening, and/or weekend schedules. Students will be expected to travel to assigned sites and will be responsible for arranging travel and any associated costs.

TRANSFERS

Athabasca University

Graduates of Lethbridge College's Criminal Justice - Corrections diploma are eligible to receive up to 60 credits towards a Bachelor of Professional Arts (Communication Studies), Bachelor of Professional Arts (Criminal Justice), Bachelor of Professional Arts (Human Services), or a Bachelor of Professional Arts in Governance (Law and Management) at Athabasca University. Students should consult Academic Advising at Athabasca University or visit their website (<https://athabascau.ca/registrar/forms/tcas/>) for more information.

Griffith University, Australia

Graduates of Lethbridge College's Criminal Justice - Corrections diploma, with a cumulative GPA of 65% or higher, are eligible to receive transfer credit towards the completion of a Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Griffith University. For more information, please contact an Academic Advisor at Griffith University or visit their website (<https://griffith.edu.au/credit/>).

Lethbridge College

Graduates of Lethbridge College's Criminal Justice - Corrections diploma who choose to enter the Bachelor of Criminal Justice program at Lethbridge College will get two full years of credit towards the degree. Courses are provided on campus or through distributed/online learning. Details regarding this program can be found in this calendar and on the Lethbridge College website (<https://lethbridgecollege.ca/programs-and-courses/criminal-justice-bachelor-degree/>).

CAREERS

At the end of the program, you'll be prepared for work throughout the criminal justice system in positions such as:

- Federal Correctional Officer
- Halfway House Counsellor
- Provincial Correctional Officer
- Victim Services Worker
- Youth Worker