

CRIMINAL JUSTICE - POLICING

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Are you ready to make a difference in your community? Prepare for a career serving others and working collaboratively to ensure our communities are safe, healthy and vibrant in our Criminal Justice – Policing program. In our two-year Criminal Justice – Policing program, you'll gain insight into the criminal justice system, including procedural law, and you will build the competencies that public safety agencies are looking for in successful applicants. Through many experiential learning opportunities, you'll have the opportunity to apply theory and your knowledge in our specialized learning spaces.

Sharing a common first year with students in the Correctional Studies diploma, the crucial skills you will learn to develop include teamwork, ethical accountability and responsibility, written and verbal communication, and problem-solving skills. In your second year, you will develop key competencies in the areas of interpersonal conflict resolution, emotional intelligence, and self-confidence which are essential qualities required for a career in public safety.

Your Investment

Program fees will vary. To view fee information for your program, go to www.lethbridgecollege.ca/programs/ (https://www.lethbridgecollege.ca/programs/) and select your program.

Graduation

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

Note: Employing agencies have additional hiring requirements such as vision standards, hearing standards, a valid driver's license, Standard First Aid and CPR. Learners are strongly encouraged to know the vision and hearing standards and to obtain and maintain their credentials in First Aid and CPR to ensure employment qualifications are met.

Dual Diploma Option

Students pursuing Criminal Justice – Policing or Correctional Studies 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 Correctional Studies 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 one extra semester to earn a second diploma from the School of Justice Studies at Lethbridge College.

ADMISSIONS

New applicants are accepted into the Criminal Justice - Policing 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.

Non-Academic Requirements

Applicants are required to review and acknowledge completion of an online information package relating to the entry/suitability requirements for a career in Public Safety.

Medical Requirements

Although no physical requirements are placed on applicants for entry to the program, applicants should ensure through a medical examination that their cardio-vascular system is suitable to undertake strenuous fitness related exercise. In addition, applicants are advised to undergo eyesight/colour vision testing for compatibility with the requirements of potential future employers.

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-2289	Investigative Techniques	3
LAW-2254	Applied Law	3
PED-1190	Fitness & Lifestyles in Public Safety I	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
CJP-2293	Organizational Awareness in Public Safety	3
LAW-2264	Courtroom Procedures	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
CJP-2296	Career Preparation for Public Safety	3
COR-2262	Drugs in Corrections	3
FWK-2280	Field Work Practicum	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-1158	Creative Problem-Solving	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	Abnormal Psychology	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 - Policing diploma are eligible to receive up to 60 credits towards Athabasca University's

Bachelor of Professional Arts (BPA) in Human Services or Bachelor of Professional Arts (BPA) in Criminal Justice.

Lethbridge College

Graduates of Lethbridge College's Criminal Justice - Policing diploma may choose to enter the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Justice Studies program at Lethbridge College. Courses are provided on campus or through Online Learning.

Royal Roads University

Graduates of Lethbridge College's Criminal Justice - Policing diploma with a GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible for full block transfer into the third year of the Bachelor of Arts in Justice Studies at Royal Roads University. For more information, please visit <https://www.royalroads.ca>

CAREERS

You'll leave our program with a comprehensive understanding of the criminal justice system and a valuable range of practical skills and abilities. You'll be ready to do justice, as either a sworn public safety officer or as a civilian employee, with:

- Emergency Services
- Federal Enforcement Agencies such as Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canada Border Services, Correctional Service Canada, CSIS
- Municipal Police Services
- Private Security and Investigation Agencies
- Provincial Enforcement and Protection Services including Sheriffs

- Provincial Police Services
- Regional Police Services