

PROTECTION, SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION (PSIP)

Keep the peace by learning the basics of protection and security

Build a strong foundation of the fundamentals in criminology, sociology, psychology, and the criminal justice system to prepare for wide-ranging career paths wherever security teams are needed, including emergency services, policing, private security, and the Canadian Security Intelligence Services (CSIS) Forces.

Beginning in the first semester, you'll get real-world exposure through field trips to witness security and protection systems in action. To complement your theoretical knowledge, you'll undertake safe, hands-on training in our on-campus scenario room to practice different techniques and skills.

After semester 1, you will be eligible to earn your Security Guard License, and semester 2, you'll be able to earn your Private Investigator License. When you graduate, you can pursue your career or have fast-track options to complete other Cambrian Justice programs.

Please note: A criminal record can be a serious impediment to employment in this particular field. Many law and security employers insist on a clean criminal record.

Program highlights

- Hands-on training in on-campus Justice Lab
- Field trips and tours to visit protection and security systems and organizations
- Placement in semester 4
- Able to earn your Ontario Security Guard license after semester 1 (4 months) and Ontario Private Investigators license after semester 2 (8 months)
- Opportunities to volunteer and work with community partners
- Networking opportunities with potential employers
- Option to earn a second diploma in another public safety program in just 1 year when you graduate

Program of study for 2024-25 Academic Year

Semester 1		Credits
ENG 1002	College Communications	3
SEC 1001	Note Taking and Report Writing	3
SEC 1004	Private Investigating and Specialized Services	3
SEC 2322	Security Guard Private Inv. Duties	3
SEC 4000	Career Options	3
SEC 2410	Security Guard: Powers of Arrest	3
One General Education course. ¹		3
Credits		21
Semester 2		
LAW 1105	Ethics & Diversity Issues	3
PSY 1106	Tactical Communication	3
SEC 1205	Investigations and Evidence	3
SEC 1002	Personal Safety Techniques	3

SEC 2400	Crisis Deescalation	3
SEC 2421	Security Management	3
One General Education course. ¹		3
Credits		21

Semester 3		
LAW 1010	Canadian Criminal Justice	3
FIT 1510	Physical Fitness and Wellness	2
PFP 1065	Community Policing I	2
POL 1500	Canadian Political Studies	3
SOC 1000	Introduction To Sociology	3
SEC 2323	Placement Seminar	3
SOC 1210	Introduction To Criminology	3
One General Education course. ¹		3
Credits		22

Semester 4		
ENG 1126	Commun. Skills/Justice Students I	3
FIT 1501	Physical Fitness & Wellness II	2
LAW 3050	Youth In Conflict With Law	3
PFP 3010	Criminal And Civil Law	3
PFP 4010	Provincial Offences	3
PSY 1003	Concurrent Disorders, Mental Health & Addictions	3
SEC 2324	Security and Communities	2
Credits		19
Total Credits		83

¹ For more information regarding General Education courses, click here (<https://cambriancollege.ca/general-education-electives/>).

Admission requirements

For graduates of the new curriculum (OSS): Ontario Secondary School Diploma (30 credits) or equivalent or mature student status, including:

- Any grade 12 English (C) or (U)

Additional admissions requirement

Recommendations

- Computer competency in relevant software

Program delivery

2024-2025

Fall term start

SEMESTER 1: Fall 2024
SEMESTER 2: Winter 2025
SEMESTER 3: Fall 2025
SEMESTER 4: Winter 2026

Specific program pathways

College or university degree opportunities

If you are a graduate of this program, you may continue your studies at a college or university and you may receive credit(s) for your prior college education. Refer to Cambrian's college and university agreement (<https://cambriancollege.ca/supports-services/articulation-agreements/>) details for further information.

Employment opportunities

Graduates are prepared for employment opportunities with:

- Security guard or private investigation firms
- Public police services (such as the Ontario Provincial Police)
- Canada Customs
- Various Governmental Agencies
- Canadian Armed Forces

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