

Protective Services - Police Foundations



Confederation College is located in the city of Thunder Bay, a culturally diverse community that serves as the education and government hub of northwestern Ontario. Located in the heart of one of the finest outdoor recreation and tourism destinations in Canada, Confederation College students enjoy the benefits of living and learning in a community that provides a rich lifestyle right at your doorstep.

At Confederation College we change lives through learning. We are committed to meeting the needs of our learners, employers and communities, and we are here to help you succeed in meeting your life goals. To arrange for a Thunder Bay campus tour call (807) 475-6110 or [book a tour online](#).

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ADMISSIONS

The minimum admission requirement for a postsecondary program is an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or its equivalent, with minimally 2 senior credits at the college, college/university or university preparation level. Some programs have additional admission requirements. For specific admission requirements, please see the program descriptions included in this publication, visit the [Admissions website](#) or contact our Admissions Office at (807) 475-6213.

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Police Foundations



If you've ever dreamed of a career in law enforcement, then this is the course for you. The two-year Police Foundations program provides you with the skills and knowledge to pursue entry-level policing positions. This pre-employment training is designed to give potential police candidates a broad education in the theory of human relations combined police-related academic and applied knowledge of the law, police powers, community policing, lifestyle management, and investigations.

The program responds to the need for graduates to have a broad focus on the Canadian justice system. Successful completion of the program will prepare you to compete within the Ontario Constable Selection System for employment in public law enforcement or other related careers.

Admission Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (or equivalent) with courses from the College (C), University (U), University/College (U/C), or Open (O) preparation levels.
- or successful completion of the Mature Student Assessment.
- or appropriate credits from the Academic and Career Entrance program (ACE).

Additional Courses Required: Grade 12 College or University Preparation English.

If you do not meet these admission requirements, we encourage you to consider the [College Access](#) or [General Arts and Science Certificate and Diploma programs](#); if you successfully complete one of these programs, you will be eligible to apply to programs in the Community and Protective Services areas.

POLICE FOUNDATIONS**PROTECTIVE SERVICES****FIRST SEMESTER**

Course Number	Title	Credits
CS 007	Persuasive Writing	3
MC 155	Microsoft Office 2007 Applications	3
PF 111	Canadian Justice Systems	3
PF 112	Interpersonal & Strategic Communications	3
PF 117	Human Diversity/Aboriginal People	3
PF 118	Fitness and Lifestyle Management I	3
GE ...	General Education Elective	3
	Total	21

SECOND SEMESTER

Course Number	Title	Credits
LS 211	Career Preparation	3
PF 221	Provincial Statutes	3
PF 222	Criminal Code	3
PF 224	Communications II	3
PF 225	Government of Canada	3
PF 228	Fitness and Lifestyle Management II	3
SY 125	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Total	21

THIRD SEMESTER

Course Number	Title	Credits
PF 331	Criminology	3
PF 333	Police Powers I	3
PF 334	Evidence	3
PF 335	Youth in Conflict With the Law	3
PF 336	Principles of Ethical Reasoning	3
PF 338	Fitness and Defensive Tactics I	3
PY 399	Abnormal Psychology	3
	Total	21

FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Number	Title	Credits
PF 442	Federal Statutes	3
PF 443	Police Powers II	3
PF 444	Investigations	3
PF 445	Conflict Management	3
PF 446	Community Policing	3
PF 448	Fitness and Defensive Tactics II	3
GE ...	General Education Elective	3
	Total	21



Course Descriptions

Career Preparation

LS211

In this course, the student will examine various entry requirements and prerequisites for a multitude of law enforcement and security agencies. Topics covered will include current professional career opportunities and applicable testing for each. Students will have a thorough knowledge of their strengths and weaknesses so that they can focus on the specific requirements of their chosen field of interest.

Microsoft Office 2007 Applications

MC155

This course introduces students to the use of Microsoft Office 2010 applications. Specifically, students will use basic and intermediate features of, Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint to perform tasks commonly encountered in the workplace. A portion of this class will be independent study. Students must have access to a computer with Windows XP or greater and Microsoft Office 2010.

Canadian Justice Systems

PF111

This introductory course provides the student with an overview of Canadian Justice Systems with particular emphasis on the history, function, role, and organization of Canadian law enforcement services. The operation of the criminal justice system will be examined along with areas of civil law. Students will analyze contemporary issues affecting the system. Each of the major components from enforcement through the courts and correctional services will be explored.

Interpersonal & Strategic Communications

PF112

This is an introductory course in group behaviour and interpersonal relations theory. Emphasis will be placed on utilizing effective communication skills with individuals and groups. Group cohesiveness and group decision-making will be discussed. Interprofessional Education will be explored.

Human Diversity/Aboriginal People

PF117

In this course, students will critically identify and examine issues in diversity. Specifically, students will focus on topics pertaining to inequality in various social settings, including, but not limited to: race, gender, ethnicity, class, and sexual orientation. Incorporating social/legal explanations of diversity, students will develop a clear understanding of the impacted groups and possible strategies of community empowerment. Knowledge and awareness of important issues in the Aboriginal culture of Canada are important in Canadian Society. The legal status of Aboriginal people will be explored along with Aboriginal rights and self-determination. Other critical issues relating to land claims, justice, and social services will be studied.

Fitness and Lifestyle Management I

PF118

This course introduces the student to the concepts of wellness and provides practical strategies for developing a healthy lifestyle. Students, through lectures, practical experience, and self-evaluation, will address physical fitness, nutrition, self-responsibility, and social interaction. The student will develop strategies to implement an effective personal fitness program which will assist them to succeed in industry entry-level physical fitness tests.

Provincial Statutes

PF221

In this course, the student will develop the knowledge, skills, and ability to locate, interpret, and apply sections of selected provincial statutes, including the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario and its Regulations. Civil law will also be examined as it relates to the workplace. Students will examine the purpose of each of the statutes, arrest, search, seizure and other special authorities contained in the statutes. Students will develop and employ strategies and procedures for dealing with a variety of occurrences.

Criminal Code

PF222

In this course, students will analyze specific elements of selected criminal code offences including criminal traffic related matters. Other offences will include offences against the person, against property, and against public order. Students will research case law and assess its impact on criminal offences and use case law to argue or defend decisions.

Communications II

PF224

In this advanced course, students will write notebook entries and other professional reports following guidelines used in the workplace. They will complete exercises that familiarize them with professional communication practices including business writing. The student will develop and enhance their reading, listening, and grammatical skills and acquire effective presentation skills.

Government of Canada

PF225

This course is designed to focus on both public administration and the Canadian political structure. It includes the organizational administration workings and interaction among federal, provincial and local governments. Students develop an awareness of dominant and underlying issues related to law enforcement that affect the formal and informal political, public administration, and management process. The course also includes a description of the organization of the three levels of government and interaction between each government level, the democratic election and legislative process. Students will also be introduced to the services of each level of government, the daily problems and issues facing Canadians, and impact on the field of law enforcement by public opinion and special interest groups.

Fitness and Lifestyle Management II

PF228

A continuation of Fitness and Lifestyle Management I, this course builds on the concepts of wellness and provides practical strategies for developing a healthy lifestyle. Students, through lectures, practical experience, and self-evaluation, will address Physical Fitness, Stress Management, Coronary Heart Disease, Substance Abuse, and Athletic Injuries. The student will develop strategies to implement an effective personal fitness program and to successfully achieve occupational fitness standards.

Criminology

PF331

This course provides an examination of various theoretical explanations of criminal and deviant behaviour including the sociological, biological, and psychological perspectives. Criminological theory is related to various types of criminal activity and the reality of crime in Canada including victimology. Criminology is examined through crime statistics and correlates to criminal behaviour. The impact on theory on the development and effectiveness of the criminal justice system is discussed with an emphasis on future trends within the system.

Police Powers I

PF333

This course will examine pertinent sections of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and their impact on Canadian criminal procedure. Citizen and police arrest and release authorities, police powers of search and seizure, with and without warrant, and the use and implications of police discretion will be the main themes of the course. The student will become familiar with police terminology and with the documentation required to affect arrest and release. A focus on police governance and accountability will also be examined. Issues related to the Police Services Act, police complaints, First Nations policing, and management and labour will be discussed.

Evidence

PF334

In this course, students will examine the legal requirements and best practices for conducting investigations. They will learn the rules of evidence and develop the ability to apply said rules in the collection and presentation of evidence in a court of law. Forensic requirements, statute law, and other related issues will be emphasized.

Youth in Conflict With the Law

PF335

This course will enable the student to explain and analyze the historical, philosophical, and contemporary application of statutes affecting youth in conflict with the law. As well, this course will enable the student to examine and analyze, in the context of the Youth Criminal Justice Act and other relevant legislation, the detention, interviewing, and processing through the court structure of young offenders. In addition, the student will be able to summarize and appraise disposition alternatives that may be employed with a view to aiding and rehabilitating a young offender while facilitating public safety and victim response, if applicable.

Principles of Ethical Reasoning

PF336

This course focuses upon ethical issues and dilemmas faced by individuals as citizens and as professionals. It helps students to clarify their values and establish a framework for ethical decision-making. Ethical issues of a general nature which relate to a wide variety of concerns are examined. The student will investigate the ethical codes of their chosen vocation and apply ethical analysis models to dilemmas which typify those often encountered in the proactive of their profession.

Fitness and Defensive Tactics I

PF338

Based on the skills and knowledge gained in Fitness and Lifestyle Management I & II, this course will center on the practical application of bonafide physical and occupational requirements. Students will be required to apply appropriate fitness skills to continue to increase and/or maintain an overall physical fitness level that will allow the student to work towards meeting or achieving occupational fitness standards, including the Physical Readiness Evaluation for Police/Physical Abilities Requirement Evaluation (PREP/PARE) tests. This course will also examine various methods of self defense as well as the arrestee's well-being; including excited delirium and positional asphyxia. Use of force theory, law, and other legal issues related to the use of force will be discussed.

Federal Statutes

PF442

This course is a continuation of Criminal Code. Students will analyze offences related to weapons and controlled drugs and substances by examining the Firearms Act, Criminal Code and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. Provisions of other Federal statutes and their relationship with the Criminal Code will also be examined.

Police Powers II

PF443

This course is the practical application of concepts and theories taught in a number of courses including Criminal Code, Provincial Offences and Police Powers I. The student will demonstrate and respond to various scenarios where the proper application of police power is paramount. i.e. traffic stops/ domestic violence, etc. During these scenarios students will apply and adjust levels of force to affect arrests in fluid/dynamic situations.

Investigations

PF444

In this course students will learn all aspects of case management related to investigation. Students will work with information gleaned from various scenarios and examine documents commonly included in a Crown Brief. In a culminating exercise, students are required to produce a Crown Brief based on a simulated crime scene held during the semester. The Brief will include applicable documents, such as Informations, Synopses, Will Says, and various other reports, designed to organize and present evidence.

Conflict Management

PF445

This course is designed to develop the ability of the participant to intervene in conflict and crisis situations with competence and confidence. The conflict situation will be examined from its inception through intervention by law enforcement. Various problem-solving skills and non-violent intervention techniques will be discussed along with intervention strategies directed toward specific incidents. The student will be taught to recognize behaviour patterns that may lead to violent encounters and the appropriate legal responses to these encounters. These responses will emphasize officer safety through awareness and preparation.

Community Policing

PF446

In this course, the student will be introduced to theory and models of community policing. Problem solving models and alternative dispute resolution strategies will be examined. The students will apply crime prevention through environmental design strategies, problem-oriented policing, and elements of volunteerism. Students will be required to assess a community problem, develop, implement, and evaluate a strategy to resolve it.

Fitness and Defensive Tactics II

PF448

Based on the skills and knowledge gained in Fitness and Lifestyle Management I & II Fitness and Defensive Tactics I, this course will focus on the practical application of bonafide physical and occupational standards. Successful completion of the Physical Readiness Evaluation for Police (PREP) test is required for graduation. Students will also understand the importance of officer safety including prisoner management, contagious diseases and weapon retention.

Abnormal Psychology

PY399

Together with current research discoveries, this course provides an integrated view of the historical and contemporary models of abnormal behaviour. Emphasis is placed on the exploration of the complex causes, manifestations and treatment of common psychological disorders. Upon completion, students should have a critical appreciation of the challenges faced by people who are coping with mental health problems.

Introduction to Sociology

SY125

This introductory course is designed to introduce the student to the field of Sociology. The student will develop a general understanding of the sociological perspective by focusing on the basic concepts of sociology. He/she will be able to use basic sociological terminology, apply the major sociological perspectives to current societal framework. The student will examine topics such as culture, socialization, sexuality, inequality, crime, deviance, population, and the environment.
