

POLICE FOUNDATIONS (LAW)

About the Program

Prepare for an exciting career in law enforcement and crime prevention. In this two-year diploma program, you will gain a comprehensive education combining professional knowledge with practical skills development. This program prepares you a range of careers in public safety, policing, investigations, security and enforcement services in public and private organizations, and corrections.

Seneca's Police Foundations program uses hybrid and online delivery across our curriculum to deliver innovative and flexible learning focused on student needs. For the majority of courses, students can choose between online and in-class options to decide a delivery mode that works best for students and their timetables, while also concentrating on the applied and professional skills needed for successful careers in law enforcement and community safety.

Pathway to a Degree

Graduates of the Police Foundations program with a GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible for advanced entry into semester four of Seneca's Honours Bachelor of Crime and Intelligence Analysis (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/programs/fulltime/CIA.html>). This provides an opportunity for students to enter and complete the degree within two years (or five semesters and a work term), after completion of the two-year diploma.

Police Selection

Applicants are advised that following graduation from Police Foundations, the selection process from Police Services in Ontario include:

- Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada
- written aptitude and communications tests
- criminal records check
- physical fitness testing
- vision, hearing and medical tests

Credential Awarded

Ontario College Diploma

Duration

4 Semesters (Fall start - 24 months, Winter start - 16 months)

Starts

January, September

Program and Course Delivery

This program is offered online and is also available in Seneca's hybrid delivery format. With hybrid delivery, some coursework is online and some must be completed in person. Students choosing hybrid delivery will need to come on campus to complete in-person learning requirements.

Your Career

When you graduate from this program, these are the types of career options you can explore:

- Police services and law enforcement
- Civilian positions in police and investigative services
- Municipal enforcement services
- Transit and special constable positions
- Private and corporate security
- Public safety
- Correctional services

After successful completion of Security & Crime Prevention, you can apply for a training completion number. It will make you eligible to be tested, at your own expense, for the provincially regulated licence to be a security professional.

Program of Study

Course Code	Course Name	Weekly Hours
Semester 1		
COM101 or COM111	Communicating Across Contexts Communicating Across Contexts (Enriched)	3
LAW120	Criminal Law and the Charter	3
LAW130	Criminal Justice and Community Services	3
LAW140	Interviewing and Communications in Law Enforcement	3
PFD150	Career Preparation and Fitness Leadership	4
PFD180	Diversity and Indigenous Peoples in Canada	3
Semester 2		
LAW220	Arrest, Search and Use of Force	3
LAW230	Criminal Code Offences	3
LAW240	Security and Crime Prevention	3
PFD260	Crisis Intervention and Defensive Tactics	3
PFD270	Criminology and Criminal Behaviour	3
PSY100	Introduction to Psychology	3
Semester 3		
PFD310	Forensic Crime Scene Investigation	3
PFD360	Youth in Conflict With the Law	3
PFD370	Ethical Reasoning in Public Safety	3
PFD380	Crime Prevention Through Community Mobilization	3
PFD390	Interpersonal Communications and Mental Health Issues	3
plus: General Education Course (1)		3
Semester 4		
PFD410	Traffic Enforcement Investigations	3
PFD420	Provincial and Federal Statutes	3
PFD445	Evidence and Interviewing	3
PFD470	Career Preparation and Leadership II	4

PFD480	Applied Topics: Public Safety	3
plus: General Education Course (1)		3

Note: The following course will not fulfil a General Education requirement: NAT112 Physiology of Fitness.

Program Learning Outcomes

This Seneca program has been validated by the Credential Validation Service as an Ontario College Credential as required by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

As a graduate, you will be prepared to reliably demonstrate the ability to:

- Complete all tasks in compliance with pertinent legislation, as well as policing standards, regulations and guidelines.
- Analyze all relevant information and make effective and legally defensible decisions in accordance with ethical and professional standards.
- Be accountable for one's actions when carrying out all tasks.
- Develop and implement ongoing effective strategies for personal and professional development.
- Ensure the respect of human rights and freedoms in all interactions.
- Work co-operatively in multidisciplinary teams to achieve mutual goals.
- Collaborate in the development and implementation of community policing strategies.
- Monitor, evaluate and document behaviour, situations and events accurately and discreetly in compliance with legal, professional, ethical and organizational requirements.
- Mitigate risks and maintain order by applying effective strategies in crisis, conflict and emergency situations.
- Take positive actions to help crime victims.
- Conduct investigations by collecting, documenting, preserving and presenting admissible evidence.

Admission Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), or equivalent, or a mature applicant (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/registrar/canadian-applicants/admission-requirements/mature-applicants.html>)
- English: Grade 12 C or U, or equivalent course

Canadian citizens and permanent residents may satisfy the English requirements for this program through successful Seneca pre-admission testing. (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/registrar/canadian-applicants/admission-requirements/mature-applicants.html>)

Recommended upgrading for applicants who do not meet academic subject requirements. (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/registrar/canadian-applicants/admission-requirements/upgrading-options.html>)

Notes

Although not required for admission, completion of a secondary law course is recommended for your success in the program.

A moderate degree of physical fitness is required for the program.

International Student Information

International admissions requirements vary by program and in addition to English requirements (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/international/apply/how-to-apply/admission-requirements/english-requirements.html>), programs may require credits in mathematics, biology, and chemistry at a level equivalent to Ontario's curriculum, or a postsecondary degree or diploma, equivalent to an Ontario university or college. Program-specific pre-requisite courses and credentials are listed with the admission requirements on each program page. To review the academic requirements please visit: Academic Requirements - Seneca, Toronto, Canada ([senecapolytechnic.ca](https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/international/apply/how-to-apply/admission-requirements/academic-requirements.html)) (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/international/apply/how-to-apply/admission-requirements/academic-requirements.html>).

Pathways

As a leader in academic pathways, we offer a range of options that will allow you to take your credential further in another Seneca program or a program at a partner institution.

To learn more about your eligibility, visit the Academic Pathways (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/pathways.html>) web page.