

**5) PROPOSED CHANGES TO FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY BRIDGE
[CHANGES WERE REQUESTED AT UCC AT OCT 22 MEETING – UCC
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1. Proposed Bridge and Pathways:

a. General Arts and Sciences Certificate Advance Standing to year 2

- i. We noticed that our transition program required three terms (and the third term was just two biology courses) and the other transition programs to our faculty only required two terms. We wanted to change the transition to forensic psychology to be more in line with the other ones offered in our faculty, but students need a biology course to prepare them for our second year Brain & Behaviour course.
- ii. Thus, we would like to change things such that students can take the two biology courses at Durham College (as the program currently stands) or they can come to UOIT without any biology (i.e., taking all the same courses as are required for our faculty's other majors), but then they must take Essentials of Biology (BIOL 1841 or equivalent) before taking the required Forensic Psychology second year course Brain & Behaviour (PSYC 2050).

b. Proposed Bridge Programs to Forensic Psychology

The bridge would be the following four courses: Research Methods, Data Analysis, Forensic Psychology, and Abnormal Psychology. Research Methods, Data Analysis, and Abnormal Psychology are already offered in spring/summer and are good preparation courses; Forensic Psychology will additionally need to be offered in spring/summer. If students have not taken a biology course in college, they must also take Essentials of Biology (BIOL 1841 or equivalent) as part of the bridge so that they are prepared for the required Forensic Psychology course Brain & Behaviour (PSYC 2050). The remainder of our second, third, and fourth year courses will be rearranged into just two years of university (maintaining all the Faculty of Social Science electives and Forensic Psychology courses of the original degree, but removing a number of general electives).

To begin, we are offering the Bridge Program graduates of the following college diploma programs:

- Police Foundations
- Child and Youth Worker,
- Community and Justice Services / Correctional Worker,
- Protection, Security and Investigation,
- Social Service Worker

In summary, here is what the Bridge Program would look like for Forensic Psychology.

Bridge:

SSCI 2900 Research Methods
SSCI 2910 Data Analysis
PSYC 3210 Forensic Psychology
PSYC 2030 Abnormal Psych
BIOL 1841 Essentials of Biology (or biology in college)

Year 3:

PSYC 2020 Social Psych
PSYC 2010 Developmental Psych
PSYC 2050 Brain and Behaviour
PSYC 2060 Cognitive Psychology
SSCI 3910 Advanced Data Analysis
Three Forensic Psychology Electives*
Two FSSH elective**

Year 4:

One of Forensic Psych Elective* or SSCI 4101 Honours Thesis I
One of Forensic Psych Elective* or SSCI 4102 Honours Thesis II
One of Forensic Psych Elective* or SSCI 4098 Practicum
One Forensic Psychology Elective*
Four FSSH electives**
Two General Electives

New Calendar Copy

Program information – Forensic Psychology Bridge and Pathways programs

General information

The Forensic Psychology program provides college graduates with the opportunity to apply their Police Foundations; Correctional Worker / Community and Justice Services; Child and Youth Worker; Protection, Security and Investigation; or Social Service Worker two year diplomas toward a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Forensic Psychology.

Students enrolled in the Forensic Psychology Bridge program will complete four bridge courses that will position them for entrance into Forensic Psychology as a third year student at UOIT. Additionally, students must take BIOL 1841 (Essentials of Biology) if they have not two semesters of biology at the college level.

Forensic Psychology Bridge students will take the same courses as other Forensic Psychology students in the third and fourth years, but in a different order.

Students who have successfully completed a General Arts and Sciences Certificate - UOIT Liberal Arts Transfer - Forensics option may apply for direct admission into the second year of the Forensic Psychology program. Students who have successfully completed a General Arts and Sciences Certificate - UOIT Liberal Arts Transfer option

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Admission requirements

Admission is competitive. The specific average or standing required for admission varies from year to year. Students are selected by taking into consideration a wide range of criteria including school marks, distribution of subjects taken, and performance in subjects relevant to the academic program. Possession of the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance. Preference will be given to applicants with the best qualifications.

To qualify for the Forensic Psychology Bridge program, the minimum entrance requirement is a two-year Ontario college diploma (or equivalent) in Police Foundations, Correctional Worker / Community and Justice Services; Child and Youth Worker; Protection, Security and Investigation; or Social Service Worker.

Eligible General Arts and Sciences Certificate applicants must have achieved a mark of not less than 70% in each required course in the GASC – UOIT Liberal Arts Transfer courses, with an overall GPA of not less than 3.0 on a 4.3 scale (70%). Admission remains competitive and so is not guaranteed.

Bridge completion requirements

For graduates of Police Foundations; Correctional Worker / Community and Justice Services; Child and Youth Worker; Protection, Security and Investigation; or Social Service Worker, the Forensic Psychology Bridge program consists of the following courses:

- PSYC 3210U Forensic Psychology;
- PSYC 2030U Abnormal Psychology;
- SSCI 2900U Research Methods;
- SSCI 2910U Quantitative Methods; and
- BIOL 1841U Essentials of Biology (or two college biology courses)

After completing the Forensic Psychology Bridge program with a 2.7 cumulative GPA (on a 4.3 scale) or better, with no individual course grade below 2.0 GPA (on a 4.3 scale), students are eligible to become third year students in the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Forensic Psychology.

The sequencing of courses for third and fourth year Forensic Psychology Bridge students differs somewhat from other Forensic Psychology majors.

Third year Forensic Psychology Bridge students will take the following courses:

- PSYC 2020U Social Psychology;
- PSYC 2010U Developmental Psychology;
- PSYC 2050U Brain and Behaviour;
- PSYC 2060U Cognitive Psychology;

- SSCI 3910U Advanced Data Analysis;
- Three Forensic Psychology electives*;
- Two FSSH electives **

Fourth year Forensic Psychology Bridge students will take the following courses:

- One of Forensic Psych elective* or SSCI 4101 Honours Thesis I;
- One of Forensic Psych elective* or SSCI 4102 Honours Thesis II;
- One of Forensic Psych elective* or SSCI 4098 Practicum;
- One additional Forensic Psychology elective*;
- Four FSSH electives**.

2. Calendar updates reflecting new course additions in electives and minor

a. Additions to Forensic Psychology electives:

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*Forensic Psychology electives: PSYC 2100U Directed Laboratory Research (can repeat with no limit but only one per semester) PSYC 3050U Clinical Forensic Psychology PSYC 3055U Treatment in Forensic Settings PSYC 3060U Personality Psychology PSYC 3310U Confessions and Interrogations PSYC 3320U Eyewitness Psychology PSYC 3400U Investigative Psychology PSYC 3500U Stereotypes and Prejudice PSYC 3820U Psychology of Deviance SSCI 3039U Children, Psychology, and the Law Other courses as approved by the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities	*Forensic Psychology electives: PSYC 2100U Directed Laboratory Research (can repeat with no limit but only one per semester) PSYC 3050U Clinical Forensic Psychology PSYC 3055U Treatment in Forensic Settings PSYC 3060U Personality Psychology PSYC 3310U Confessions and Interrogations PSYC 3320U Eyewitness Psychology PSYC 3400U Investigative Psychology PSYC 3500U Stereotypes and Prejudice PSYC 3820U Psychology of Deviance SSCI 3039U Children, Psychology, and the Law PSYC 3999U Special Topics I PSYC 4999U Special Topics II Other courses as approved by the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

b. Additions to Forensic Psychology minor:

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<p>Minor requirements To obtain a minor in Forensic Psychology students must complete the following courses:</p> <p>One of: FSCI 3210U Forensic Psychology or PSYC 3210U Forensic Psychology</p> <p>Two of: PSYC 2010U Developmental Psychology or PSYC 2020U Social Psychology or PSYC 2030U Abnormal Psychology or PSYC 2060U Cognitive Psychology or PSYC 2050U Brain and Behaviour</p> <p>Three of: PSYC 2100U Directed Lab Research or PSYC 3020U Stereotypes and Prejudice or PSYC 3310U Confessions and Interrogations or PSYC 3320U Eyewitness Psychology or PSYC 3400U Investigative Psychology or PSYC 3060U Personality Psychology or PSYC 3820U Psychology of Deviance or SSCI 3039U Children, Psychology and the Law</p>	<p>Minor requirements To obtain a minor in Forensic Psychology students must complete the following courses:</p> <p>One of: FSCI 3210U Forensic Psychology or PSYC 3210U Forensic Psychology</p> <p>Two of: PSYC 2010U Developmental Psychology or PSYC 2020U Social Psychology or PSYC 2030U Abnormal Psychology or PSYC 2060U Cognitive Psychology or PSYC 2050U Brain and Behaviour</p> <p>Three of: PSYC 2100U Directed Lab Research or PSYC 3020U Stereotypes and Prejudice or PSYC 3310U Confessions and Interrogations or PSYC 3320U Eyewitness Psychology or PSYC 3400U Investigative Psychology or PSYC 3060U Personality Psychology or PSYC 3820U Psychology of Deviance or SSCI 3039U Children, Psychology and the Law PYSC 3999U Special Topics I</p>