

Bachelor of Arts

Criminal Justice and Public Policy



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Criminal Justice and Public Policy (CJPP) program demonstrates to students the intersection of law, public policy and social and criminal justice. Graduates of the program are well versed in the subfields of public policy, criminal justice, the Canadian court and legal system, and social justice and have a critical understanding of how addressing the political and sociological issue of crime can improve life.

CJPP students have a wide range of interests and skills that can be applied in many workplaces including government and non-governmental organizations, non-profit and community-based organizations and the private sector.

WHY CO-OP?

As a co-op student, you will gain firsthand work experience, build professional networks, and develop essential interpersonal skills that are essential for pursuing a career in criminal justice and public policy. You will also get paid while earning your university degree. Guelph's co-op program is unique due to the exceptional level of support provided, including a co-op preparatory course, and a personal connection with Co-op Coordinators to assist you during the employment process, and access to senior student mentors.

COURSE SEQUENCING

In the CJPP co-op program, you will participate in four co-op work terms in addition to eight academic semesters throughout your five years at the University of Guelph.

YEAR	FALL	WINTER	SUMMER
ONE	Academic	Academic	Off
TWO	Academic	Academic	Work
THREE	Work	Academic	Academic
FOUR	Academic	Work	Work
FIVE	Academic		

SAMPLE JOBS

Junior Policy Analyst

Conduct research and analysis to support policy review and development. Support program implementation and the preparation of reports and presentations for management. Support stakeholder engagement and provincial consultation exercises.

Crime Analyst

Data cleansing and compilation of crime data. Analysis of crime, collision and enforcement data to assist in the development of proactive initiatives to enhance public safety. Reading and summarization of crime occurrences into database.

Policy Student

Conduct research and analysis to inform policy development. Prepare briefing notes, presentations and other documents for management. Employ innovative approaches to policy development. Assist and support various projects, program evaluation and studies to help advance ministry priorities.

Legal and Risk Operations Intern

Provide primarily technical support to the Legal & Risk Operations team, including the development of various spreadsheets and technical tools to support the quantitative and analytical work of the team's legal counsel and compliance officers. This role will have exposure to the areas of securities law regulation, broker-dealer litigation and corporate/commercial law.

SAMPLE EMPLOYERS*

- Canada Revenue Agency
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- Canadian Intellectual Property Office
- Guelph Police Service
- Infrastructure Ontario
- Manulife Financial Corporation
- Ministry of Government and Consumer Service
- Peel Regional Police
- TD Bank Group
- Workplace Safety & Insurance Board

*Sample co-op employer list only. Employers will vary depending on recruitment needs. During a job search, students are encouraged to be actively engaged and are also supported in establishing and maintaining their own personal contacts.

SALARY INFORMATION

Students receive compensation from their employer for co-op work terms. The rate of pay will vary depending on a number of factors including the industry, the student's program of study, and work term level. For your reference, a Co-operative Education Salary Guide is available on our website, which provides hourly rates (averages and ranges) for each degree program.

SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED

Criminal Justice and Public Policy co-op students exhibit strengths in the following key areas, developed through the combination of educational, extra-curricular and work experiences:

- Critical and creative thinking skills.
- Communication and problem-solving skills.
- Specialized skills in legal research and a clear understanding of legal processes in Canada and in a global context.
- Deeper understanding of the legal landscapes behind issues such as immigration, racial and gender inequality and free speech.
- Knowledge and skills required for critical analysis of legal and justice issues involving social and political topics.