

INVESTIGATIVE STUDIES DIPLOMA

To respond to society's increasing concern for security, the demand for educated personnel in both the public and private sectors of protective services continues to grow at a phenomenal rate. To meet the emerging challenges and responsibilities of this growing profession, the two-year diploma emphasizes the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct investigations and develop and implement comprehensive security programs.

Evidence of the growth in this profession is often visible. However, there also exists a less visible side of private investigations and security that includes a diverse group of specialists who engage in investigative work for banks, retail outlets, corporations and government. As the roles continue to expand and become increasingly complex, individuals must be well-grounded in the law and investigative techniques and develop a broad understanding of the field.

The diploma consists of 61 credits and can be completed through full-time day or part-time evening studies. The full-time day program is completed over a two-year period, with one intake in the Fall term. Part-time evening studies can be completed over a three-year period or longer, with one intake in the Fall term.

Admission to the program is competitive and is subject to a quota. The competitive admission average may be considerably higher than the posted minimum.

Career Potential

Investigative Studies provides a foundation for individuals seeking positions as investigators, security practitioners and management professionals. Investigators and security practitioners are found within a broad cross-section of public and private institutions and organizations. Some examples include investigators within federal, provincial and municipal government departments, sheriff's department, security consultants and private investigators. Other related career options include emergency planner, customs and immigration officer, border services officer, insurance investigator, public security peace officer, municipal bylaw enforcement officer, animal control officer, special constables, gaming and liquor inspectors, hospital security officers, maintenance enforcement officers, peace officers and transit security officers.

Transferability

Internal Opportunities

MacEwan University is committed to providing bridging and laddering opportunities to certificate and diploma graduates. Graduates of this diploma may be granted up to 60 credits to MacEwan University's Bachelor of Applied Human Services degree and up to 51 credits to the Bachelor of Arts degree. Students are advised to consult a program advisor for specific admission requirements.

External Opportunities

All courses completed for the Police and Investigations, Investigative Studies Major diploma are credit courses and may be transferable individually toward further study at other Alberta institutions. Students presenting a completed diploma may be for a block transfer to other Alberta institutions. For current, detailed information on individual course

and diploma transferability, refer to the Learner Pathways System at www.transferalberta.ca (<http://www.transferalberta.ca>) or contact the receiving institution directly.

Students presenting a completed diploma in the program are eligible to block transfer to a number of colleges and universities outside of Alberta:

- Royal Roads University (British Columbia): 60 credits (two years) towards a Bachelor of Arts in Justice Studies
- Justice Institute of British Columbia (British Columbia): 60 credits (two years) towards a Bachelor of Law Enforcement Studies

Categories of Admission

Applicants may be admitted to the following:

Regular Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 65 percent, with no course grade lower than 50 percent, in the following high school courses:

1. ELA 30-1 or ELA 30-2
2. Social Studies 30-1 or Social Studies 30-2
3. One subject from Group A, B, C, or D

Applicants with nine or more post-secondary level credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Additional Admission Criteria

All applicants must meet the following:

1. English Language Proficiency

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicable to All Admission Categories

All applicants must meet an acceptable level of English language proficiency. We will require official documents such as high school or post-secondary transcripts or proof of successful completion of standardized language evaluation. Full details are available in MacEwan University's academic calendar or online at MacEwan.ca/ELP (<http://MacEwan.ca/ELP>).

2. Other Admission Criteria

To be evaluated through the Program

Applicable to All Admission Categories

Applicants offered admission must present a clear Police Information Check (or equivalent from another policing agency) that includes a Vulnerable Sector Search. The Police Information Check must be submitted by the published document deadline and have been issued within three months of the start of the program intake term.

Equity Admission

The Department of Public Safety and Justice Studies at MacEwan University is committed to principles of equity and diversity. The Department supports equitable representation of groups underrepresented in public safety and justice professions and has reserved up to 10% of admission spaces in each program as equity admission spaces for applicants who self-identify as Aboriginal.

Aboriginal peoples of Canada are defined in the Constitution Act, 1982, Section 35 (2) as including the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada.

In order to be considered for admission under the Equity Admission criteria, candidates must still meet the minimum admission criteria for the program option to which they apply.

Program of Study

Course	Title	Credits
Year I		
Term I		
PSYC 104	Introductory Psychology I	3
PSSC 121	Law and the Administration of Justice	3
PSSC 132	Investigative Law	3
PSSC 151	Security Programs and Risk Management	3
Three credits of university English (includes WRIT 101)		3
Credits		15
Term II		
ENGL 211	Business Communication	3
PSSC 133	Legal Evidence in Investigations	3
PSSC 141	Interpersonal Skills	3
PSSC 252	Investigations I	3
SOCI 100	Introductory Sociology ¹	3
Credits		15
Year II		
Term III		
PSSC 152	Loss Prevention Program Management	3
PSSC 212	Abnormal Behaviour and Crime	3
PSSC 242	Leadership Skills	3
PSSC 262	Integration Seminar	1
PSSC 272	Field Placement	4
SOCI 225	Criminology ¹	3
Credits		17
Term IV		
PSSC 253	Investigations II	3
PSSC 263	Integration Seminar	1
PSSC 273	Field Placement	4
PSSC 293	Emergency Management	3
SOCI 321	Youth, Crime and Society	3
Credits		14
Total Credits		61

¹ The minimum passing grade for this course is a C-.

The minimum passing grade for a course at MacEwan University is a D unless otherwise noted next to the appropriate course in the program of study.

Course Substitutions

Credit Earned in:	May Be Substituted for Credit in Program Course:
CORR 100	PSSC 141
CORR 104	PSSC 121
ENGL 100	ENGL 111
ENGL 101	ENGL 111
ENGL 102	ENGL 111
ENGL 103	ENGL 111
ENGL 105	ENGL 111
ENGL 108	ENGL 111

HLST 101	PSSC 141
INTD 105	PSSC 141
MHST 101	PSSC 141
NURS 101	PSSC 141
PSSC 102	PSSC 252
PSSC 122	PSSC 132
PSSC 123	PSSC 133
PSSC 203	PSSC 253
PSSC 283	PSSC 293
RPPR 103	PSSC 141