**CJPP Course Selection Night FAQs**

1. Easy or interesting electives to take for CJPP/BA students?

* ENGL1030
  + How to write essays, watch grammar, easy but helpful in the long run
* NUTR1010, CIS1000, or GEOG1350
  + BA students have to take 2 ‘science’ courses, take them soon to get it out of the way
* First year seminars (UNIV)
  + UNIV classes can also count towards the science credits
    - E.g. UNIV1200: Dark Tourism, You be the Judge
* BA students are required to take 3 humanities courses – a good place to find electives!
  + PHIL1010 automatically counts, EURO1100 (European cinema), WMST1000, THST1200
* PSYC1000 (Intro to Psych) or PSYC2310 (Social Psych)
  + Similar to high school psychology classes
  + Good pre-requisites for PSYC3020 (Psych of Law)
* PHIL2240 (Knowledge and Belief)
  + Good pre-requisite for PHIL3040 (Phil of Law)

1. Are CJPP students able to minor in another course? How do you declare a minor?

* CJPP is a political science and sociology mix so it’s easy to minor or double major in SOC & POLS programs because the classes overlap
* To claim it you go to the BA office (or email them because of Covid) and show you meet the requirements and they will approve it
* Can start your minor at any point in your degree as long as you have a requirements
  + E.g. a good mark in PSYC1000 will get your approved for a Psych minor

1. What is the difference between the CJPP and the future JLS program?

* Focused around having a co-op
* More dedicated pre-law program
  + Statutory law, constitutional law, Charter rights, etc.
* Would be relatively easy to switch into this major because courses might overlap
  + Guelph website has a page on degree transfers
  + Easier to move from BA to BA then from BA to BSc, so do not be daunted by the process!
  + Would probably have to maintain a certain average, take certain classes
* CJPP more sociology related, and JLS is heavy on political science

1. Best CJPP courses to take in second year?

* POLS2300 (with Sharma: engaging, funny, less learning and more of a conversation, easy, like a more thorough version of grade 10 civics)
* POLS2350 (with Baker: engaging, wants his students to succeed, about law and case studies)
* SOC2760 (homicide: already online, lots of videos and movies, but fills up fast)
* SOC2070 (social deviance: with Dubeski or Parnaby, and is similar to homicide)
* UNIV2100 (career ready: about writing resumes, developing interview skills, easy)
* SOC2700 (can take this second semester and is a prerequisite for a lot of upper year classes so you can take them earlier)
* *When you are checking requirements make sure you are looking at the undergraduate calendar from the year you started at UoG because it may have changed since then*

1. What is the best way for a first year to set themselves up for 2nd year?

* Complete all first year prerequisites (like SOC1500) so you can take other classes in the major
* Guelph website will tell you the prerequisite for every class
* SOC1500 and SOC2700 textbooks are good resources for other classes too (explaining theories)
* Create a chart and map out what courses you want to take each semester (and also keep in mind requirements)
* Write out every single assignment you have on a calendar, keep an agenda so you can always see what assignments you have to do
  + UoG bookstore sells large dry erase calendars that have a full semester of days on them
* Join class group chats (usually on facebook) or find one or two friends you know in your program so you have someone to rely on
* Take classes with professors you know and like to follow (also good for when you're looking for references in the future)

1. Is there a club or course that can prep students for LSATs or mock trials?

* Pre-Law Society does mock trials and courts
* Has an intro to law presentation, applying to law school presentations
* Princeton Law Review does a mock LSAT at UoG (before COVID so it may be different now)
  + If they are offering we will post on the instagram page
* Easy to get involved, and watch presentations
* CJPP society is for all CJPP students but our career panel and presentations might involve lawyers and law school information
* If you do have any questions about law school you can dm our instagram page

1. Should we take second year classes in our second semester of first year?

* It is very common to do this
  + Don’t take too many! Start with one or two, moving from first year to 2nd year classes can be a jump
* BUT, this is just an option, you don’t have to
* If you are applying to grad or law they suggest not taking first or second year classes in fourth year (unless making up for a major)
  + So you don’t want to take too many upper year classes right away, save some for your 3rd and 4th years! Take interesting first year courses while you can

1. Are there exchange programs for CJPP? When is the best time to do an exchange/study abroad?

* Guelph has multiple types of study abroad programs; summer abroad (a few weeks), exchanges (1-2 semesters), field schools, research trips
  + Can be a semester, a full year, or a few weeks
* If you are going in the winter you would likely have to stay until June
  + E.g. Australian & UK semester goes from February until late May/early June
* The best time to go depends on you!
  + Recommended time is 3rd year
    - 2nd semester 2nd year, 1st semester 4th year also okay
      * Have to apply the year before, so if you’re interested start thinking about it now!
* Before you go make sure you have a plan to get all your required credits
  + Get some required or tough 3rd or 4th year classes out of the way before you go
* Going on exchange is highly recommended (COVID permitting of course)
* Easy for CJPP students because we have so much space for electives
  + Can easily go away for a semester and take 2.5 credits of any classes you want and still have lots of time to finish CJPP requirements
* You can go all around the world, but keep in mind there might be a language barrier
* Information on the Guelph CIP website
  + <https://www.uoguelph.ca/cip/>

1. What courses should you take for the online semesters?

* Classes with Professor Sharma
  + Very understanding of online learning, lenient, has extended dates for assignments (like politics and environmental science)
* Courses that were already online prior to COVID
  + Classes with DE in the course code
    - No lectures, on your own time
  + E.g. SOC2760 Homicide, POLS3210, POLS2300

1. Is there a difference between SOAN3120 and POLS3650?

* Classes are very similar
* Not a lot of math because the professors know we are a BA
  + Don’t be worried about Stats courses if you’re not a math person! They are tailored to people who have never done grade 12 math

1. What third year courses should you take?

* POLS3300 (Governing Criminal Justice)
  + Already an online class, required for 2020/2021 first years
* PHIL3450 (Ethics in Life Sciences)
  + Good for Phil minors
* SOC3750 (Police and Society)
* SOC3740 (Courts & Penology)
* POLS3130 (Law & Judicial Process w/ Harding)
* POLS3140 (Canadian Charter)
  + Can be time consuming; 4 discussion posts, 2 lectures and a quiz each week
  + But very, very interesting
* 3rd year courses are heavier on material but can be easy if you follow along with lectures and readings
* *Many 3rd/4th year classes, CJPP or otherwise, have prerequisites (e.g. must take two 2nd year SOC classes before taking this 3rd year SOC) so make sure you know what upper year courses you want to take have pre-recs*

1. What can you do after undergrad?

* 3 biggest options: Law school, policing, grad school
  + There are a lot of more options too!
* Even if you don’t want to be a lawyer there is a lot of other legal careers you can have
  + Paralegal, court stenographer, expert witness, etc.
* Can learn more at the career panel we are having later in the semester

1. How can you keep in contact with the CJPP Society?

* Instagram: @cjppsocietyuog
* Facebook: Criminal Justice and Public Policy Society
* Twitter: @CJPPGuelph
* Email: [cjppsociety@gmail.com](mailto:cjppsociety@gmail.com)

**BA & CJPP Requirements**

* [CJPP course requirements can be found here](https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c10/c10ba-cjpp.shtml)
* BA requirements
  + 20 credits total
    - 4 years of 2.5 credits per semester
      * You don’t have to take 5 classes a semester! It’s okay to take an extra semester or take 1 or 2 classes during the summer semester
  + 1.5 credits (3 classes) in at least 2 of the following course codes (“the humanities”):
    - ARTH (Art History), CHIN (Mandarin), CLAS (Classical Studies), ENGL (English), EURO (European Studies), FREN (French), GERM (German), GREK (Greek), HIST (History), HUMN (Humanities), ITAL (Italian), LAT (Latin), LING (Linguistics), MUSC (Music), PHIL (Philosophy), PORT (Porteguese), SART (Studio Art), SPAN (Spanish & Hispanic Studies), THST (Theatre Studies), WMST (Women’s Studies
      * PHIL1010 automatically counts towards this
      * PHIL3040 (Phil of Law) also counts if you choose to take it
  + 1.5 credits (3 classes) in at least 2 “social science” courses
    - Since CJPP students are required to take many POLS, SOC, and SOAN courses, this will be filled no matter what classes you take
  + 1.0 credits (2 classes) in the natural sciences
    - Recommended courses for CJPP students are NUTR1010 and CIS1000
      * A full list of what “natural science” courses BA students can take can be found [here](https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/pdffiles/c10ba.pdf)
  + No more than 6.0 credits (12 classes) can be 1st year classes
  + Must take at least 7.0 credits that are 3rd (3000 level) or 4th year (4000 level)
* Course descriptions
  + <https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c12/index.shtml>