

INTRODUCTION

ATKINSON COLLEGE is a faculty of York University, established to offer undergraduate courses to primarily part-time and mature students. The College is at the forefront of mature evening education in North America, and excels at providing innovative, responsive and excellent education (including distance education modes of course delivery) to the community. Atkinson students can also study full-time if they so choose. Courses offered by Atkinson College may lead to the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts (Ordinary and Honours), Bachelor of Science (Ordinary and Honours), Bachelor of Administrative Studies (Ordinary and Honours), Bachelor of Social Work (Honours), and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Honours) conferred by York University at its Spring and Fall Convocations. Students working towards a degree through Atkinson College accumulate credits course by course, proceeding at their own rate. The College operates year round. Classes are held at both the York University and Glendon campuses of York University, and at a number of off-campus locations. The College is staffed by a body of full-time faculty members and administrative personnel.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Atkinson College is named in honour of the late Joseph E. Atkinson who established the Atkinson Charitable Foundation and so made possible the founding of the College in 1962.

Evening courses for mature and part-time students were first offered in the Fall-Winter Session, 1962-63. The first students to graduate from York University through Atkinson College received their degrees in 1966. In recent years an average of 1200 students have graduated annually.

The first full-time faculty members to be appointed to Atkinson College took up their duties in 1965. As the range of degree programmes proliferated, and departments expanded, the faculty grew to its present complement of approximately 140 full-time faculty members, in 21 departments and programmes. This teaching complement is regularly augmented by a corps of qualified and experienced part-time instructors.

In 1967 Atkinson College acquired its own office building and student services centre, to which a seven-storey office tower was added in 1971. In 1973 an Atkinson College residence building was opened, providing apartments to Atkinson students wishing to live on campus.

ABOUT YORK UNIVERSITY/L'UNIVERSITÉ YORK

Founded in 1959, York University soon achieved an international reputation for excellence in teaching, research and scholarship, in both undergraduate and graduate studies.

Now more than 50,000 students from around the world study full-time or part-time at York University's two campuses. The 580-acre York campus in the northwest area of Metropolitan Toronto in the City of Toronto is the home of York University's Faculties of Schulich School of Business, Arts, Education, Environmental Studies, Fine Arts, Pure and Applied Science, and Graduate Studies, as well as Atkinson College and Osgoode Hall Law School. Glendon College, York University's bilingual liberal arts faculty, is located on its own 85-acre campus in a parkland setting in the City of Toronto.

York University offers the contemporary student a vast selection of degree courses and programmes of study, plus all the educational and recreational facilities of a modern multiversity.

York University is distinguished for its excellence in teaching and scholarship, close student-faculty relationships, innovative teaching methods, academic experimentation, and strong dedication to research. It has pioneered in many new and even now, unique directions, always striving to live up to its motto, *Tentanda Via....* "The Way Must Be Tried".

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The material contained in this Calendar has been submitted by the administrative departments and academic units concerned. All general information and course references have been checked for accuracy as far as possible. If errors or inconsistencies do occur, please bring these to the attention of the responsible department.

Atkinson College reserves the right to make changes in the information contained in this publication without prior notice. Not every course listed in this Calendar need necessarily be offered in any given academic year. The Lecture Schedule published prior to each academic session outlines the course offerings for that particular academic session.

It is the responsibility of all students to familiarize themselves each year with the general information sections of the Calendar, as well as with any additional regulations which may be on file in the Office of Student and Academic Services.

It is the responsibility of all students to be familiar with the specific requirements associated with the degree, diploma, or certificate sought. While advice and counselling are available, it is the responsibility of each student to ensure that the courses in which registration is effected are appropriate to the programme requirements of the College.

INFORMATION ON THE WEB

The Atkinson Calendar is up-to-date as of January 1999. The Web version of the calendar will be updated several times throughout the year, to reflect any significant changes which may occur. Please refer to <http://www.yorku.ca/registrar/> for the most up-to-date information on regulations and programme (degree and certificate) requirements.

Students are advised to consult the detailed course outlines at <http://www.atkinson.yorku.ca/course/> before registering in a course. This is particularly important when more than one section of a course is offered during the same academic session as there may be differences in emphasis in terms of course content and/or methodology.