

# Introduction

The Joseph E. Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies offers some of the largest and most recognized professional and liberal arts programs in Canada. With over 7,000 students, Atkinson has a long and proud tradition of providing university education to students of all ages, preparing them for rewarding careers, helping in career changes and enhancement, and providing intellectual challenge and excitement.

Founded in 1962 to meet the special needs of part-time adult students, today Atkinson boasts award-winning researchers, professors and an extensive selection of full and part-time programs in the liberal arts and professional studies.

Atkinson is widely acknowledged for the breadth of its program and course offerings in the humanities and social, natural and applied sciences, and is acclaimed for developing professional programs that respond to real social and economic needs. Home to York's Administrative Studies, Nursing, and Social Work programs, Atkinson recently launched innovative new degree programs in Health Policy, Management and Informatics, Public Service Studies, Information Technology, and Human Resources Management.

The School of Administrative Studies, Arts and Letters, Analytic Studies and Information Technology, Health Policy and Management, Nursing, Social Sciences, Social Work and the Department of Psychology are the academic units of Atkinson in which all academic disciplines are housed. Please refer to the Atkinson Web site for detailed information on each of the Schools and Department's course offerings and programs of study ([www.atkinson.yorku.ca](http://www.atkinson.yorku.ca)).

Atkinson takes a unique approach to university education. All the professional studies have a liberal arts component, and liberal arts students can easily complement their degree with professional studies courses and certificates. This approach ensures that students are able to gain from a blending of liberal and professional studies, and are able to explore the connections between these two worlds of knowledge and practice.

Providing flexible learning opportunities is central to Atkinson's mission. With its extensive range of professional day programs, as well as evening and weekend, off-campus, and distance (Internet and correspondence) courses, Atkinson makes it possible for students to fit university studies into today's busy lifestyles. Atkinson's outstanding student services and the welcoming inclusive atmosphere that faculty and staff foster, make for a learning environment that responds to individual needs.

Whether the goal is personal development or professional advancement, Atkinson has the experience, the programs, and the commitment to make university experience successful and rewarding.

## About York University

York University, known for pioneering new directions in postsecondary education, is one of Canada's truly remarkable success stories. At York, faculty and students work together, focused on discovery, learning and ways of applying knowledge that will significantly enhance society's ability to meet the challenges of the future.

Since the University was founded in 1959, York faculty members have worked hard to ensure that they share their research findings with their students and the broader community.

Excellence in teaching, renowned academic scholarship and high quality research programs are three reasons why top scholars from across Canada and around the world study and work at York University.

York University is known for its interdisciplinary approach to research and scholarship. The University is home to 20 research centres covering a wide spectrum of interests from Applied Sustainability, and Work and Society, to Earth and Space Science, and Refugee Studies.

York is a community of more than 3,000 full and part-time faculty, 1,800 staff, 40,000 undergraduate and graduate students and 150,000 alumni. The University graduates more than 7,000 student annually from the Faculties of Arts, Education, Environmental Studies, Fine Arts, Graduate Studies, Osgoode Hall Law School, Pure and Applied Science, Schulich School of Business, Atkinson and Glendon.

With its combination of dedicated and talented faculty, opportunities for bright and ambitious students, dynamic curriculum and modern campus set in the heart of one of North America's most influential urban centres, York University – the University for the Future – is setting the modern standard for academic excellence.

## Important Notice

This Calendar is intended to assist readers to understand the academic and administrative structure and policies and procedures of the Faculty and University, and to describe the academic programs offered. The material has been submitted by academic units and administrative departments. All general information and course references have been checked for accuracy, but there may be inconsistencies or errors. If you become aware of any, please bring these to the attention of the Registrar. York reserves the right to make changes in the information contained in the Calendar without prior notice.

Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the general information, rules and regulations contained in the Calendar, and with the specific information, rules and regulations of the faculty or faculties in which they are registered or enrolled or seek registration or enrolment, as well as the specific requirements of each degree, diploma or certificate sought. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the courses chosen are appropriate to the program requirements.

Not every course listed in the Calendar will necessarily be offered in any academic year. York reserves the right to limit the number of students who enrol in any program or course. While reasonable efforts will be made to offer courses and classes as required within programs, admission to a program does not guarantee admission to any given course or class.

If there is an inconsistency between the general academic regulations and policies published in the Calendar and such regulations and policies as established by resolution of a Faculty or of the University Senate, the version of such material as it is established by the Faculty or the University Senate will prevail.

BY THE ACT OF REGISTRATION EACH STUDENT BECOMES BOUND BY THE POLICIES AND REGULATIONS OF YORK UNIVERSITY, INCLUDING THE FACULTY IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS REGISTERED.

York University disclaims all responsibility and liability for loss or damage suffered or incurred by any student or other party as a result of delays in or termination of its services, courses, or classes by reason of force majeure, fire, flood, riots, war, strikes, lock-outs, damage to university property, financial exigency, or other events beyond the reasonable control of the University.

York University disclaims any and all liability for damages arising as a result of errors, interruptions or disruptions to operations or connected with its operations or its campuses, arising out of computer failure or non compliance of its computing systems.

## Information on the Web

Detailed information for Atkinson students on academic advising, degree requirements, programs of study, course outlines and student services is available on the Atkinson Web site, [www.atkinson.yorku.ca](http://www.atkinson.yorku.ca).

## Joseph E. Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies

### Schools and Departments

Brief descriptions of the Schools and Departments are outlined below. Detailed School and Departmental information is available on the Web at [www.atkinson.yorku.ca](http://www.atkinson.yorku.ca).

#### School of Administrative Studies

Office: 282 Atkinson; Tel: 416-736-5210; Fax: 416-736-5963

The School of Administrative Studies is home to a full range of business and administrative disciplines taught by leading experts in a variety of fields. Our innovative programs provide the knowledge and skills that you want and employers demand.

Whether you are planning to pursue a career in business and management, or are already working and want to expand your knowledge of business concepts and practices, the Bachelor of Administrative Studies programs (BAS, BAS Honours) or the Bachelor of Human Resources Management (BHRM, BHRM Honours) will prepare you to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead.

#### School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology

Office: 527 Atkinson; Tel: 416-736-5232; Fax: 416-736-5188

The School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology (SASIT) encompasses degree programs in Business Economics, Conservation and Environmental Studies, Economics, Information Technology, Mathematics, Philosophy, Professional Ethics, and Science and Technology Studies, as well as General Education offerings in Natural Science and Modes of Reasoning. The School's programs bridge liberal and professional studies within an interdisciplinary setting. Leading to a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree, SASIT programs offer rigorous intellectual training, and share an integrated critical and analytical approach to our contemporary social, institutional and physical landscape.

#### School of Arts and Letters

Office: 625 Atkinson; Tel: 416-736-5900; Fax: 416-736-5766

The various disciplines in the School of Arts and Letters provide excellent training in critical and analytical thinking, and effective written expression. All the areas of study within the School of Arts and Letters concern themselves with human experience and values, and how these have been expressed over time. They provide an excellent foundation for many careers, and are a preferred preparation for the study of law. When combined with or followed by professional Certificates, degrees in this area comprise an education that combines broad knowledge, intellectual flexibility and more focused workplace training.

#### Department of Computer Science

Office: 126 Chemistry and Computer Science Building; Tel: 416-736-5053; Fax: 416-736-5872

If your goal is to pursue an exciting, challenging, and rewarding career in a Computer Science field, Atkinson's Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree programs will help you get there. Offered as a joint program with the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences, our Computer Science programs are designed to provide you with both the theoretical grounding and practical knowledge that will make you a sought after professional. You will study with top

ranked professors and students, enjoy the flexibility of day and evening classes, and utilize state-of-the-art computer laboratories and facilities. You may even become involved in one of many exciting research projects in the areas of vision, graphics and robotics, or computer systems.

#### School of Health Policy and Management

Office: Contact the Office of the Dean 223 Atkinson; Tel: 416-736-5220; Fax: 416-736-5750

The School of Health Policy and Management is an interdisciplinary centre dedicated to scholarship, research, and learning relating to human wellness, the health care system, and the institutional structures that deliver and influence health services in Canada and internationally.

#### School of Nursing

Office: 404 Atkinson; Tel: 416-736-5271; Fax: 416-736-5714

Atkinson's School of Nursing focuses on the development of the theoretical, scientific, and philosophical knowledge of human caring. The role of nurses in promoting and preserving health and healing through caring relationships is emphasized within the context of both theory and self-reflective practice. As a graduate of one of our programs, you will be well prepared to practice collaboratively in a variety of settings to enhance individual, family, community, and global health.

#### Department of Psychology

Office: 226 Atkinson; Tel: 416-736-5202; Fax: 416-736-5662

Atkinson's program in Psychology benefits from its integration with the Faculty of Arts' Department of Psychology to form one of the largest and strongest in North America. As an Atkinson Psychology student, you will have access to the Department's rich and exciting course offerings. Faculty members with whom you will interact and study include many nationally and internationally renowned researchers, teachers, and clinical practitioners.

The Psychology program features a broadly-based curriculum through which you will gain exposure to the full range of subjects and specialized fields within the discipline. Some of the topics you will explore in introductory courses include motivation, emotion, learning, sensory processes, perception, memory, cognition, development, social behaviour, intelligence, personality, and abnormal behaviour. Upper-level courses enable you to study specific areas in greater depth, reviewing theories, methods and empirical evidence in the scientific study of human behaviours.

#### School of Social Sciences

Office: 303 Atkinson; Tel: 416-736-5235; Fax: 416-650-3876

The School of Social Sciences encompasses the major disciplines of Geography, Political Science, Social Science, Sociology, and Urban Studies. Afforded by the School's strong interdisciplinary orientation, you can choose to pursue degree programs that are either discipline-specific or that combine areas of study within a particular thematic focus.

#### School of Social Work

Office: 2nd Floor Kinsmen; Tel: 416-736-5226; Fax: 416-650-3861

The School of Social Work at Atkinson is committed to providing you with a professional social work education, characterized by the development of practice strategies that promote human rights and social justice. Recognized as one of the most progressive and socially responsive social work programs in Canada, the School's unique curriculum addresses issues that have significant implications for the lives of marginalized and alienated segments of society. As a graduate, you will be well prepared for a career as a critical practitioner and effective agent of change in the lives of individuals and communities.

## School of Women's Studies

Office: S711 Ross; Tel: 416-650-8144; Fax: 416-650-3900

Women's Studies is both a complement and a corrective to established fields at York and a new academic discipline of its own. Until recently, both the humanities and the social sciences reflected predominantly male perspectives. Women have been largely invisible in literature, art, history, philosophy, politics, social sciences and law. Through cross-cultural and disciplinary assessment, Women's Studies exposes misconceptions about women expressed through myth, ideologies, teachings and writings. It replaces negative cultural images of women with visions that reaffirm women's strength, capability and intelligence.

In December 1997, Women's Studies resources at York University were formally linked under one administrative structure -- the School of Women's Studies. The School of Women's Studies unites academic resources at York University in Women's Studies, bringing together the undergraduate and graduate programs, the non-credit bridging program and the Centre for Feminist Research/Le centre de recherches féministes à York.

A feature which distinguishes the Glendon Women's Studies Program from the other two offered at York is its bilingual focus. Non-parallel courses are offered in both languages. As a result, a genuine dialogue develops between the approaches of anglophones and francophones to theory, philosophy, literature, legal structures and language.

## Degrees Offered at Atkinson

The following are a list of degree programs that are offered by the Joseph E. Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies. Specific requirements for the degrees and programs listed below can be found in the corresponding School and/or Departmental (noted in brackets) section in the Programs of Study Section of this calendar.

## BA (Bachelor of Arts)

### Business Economics

BA (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)  
BA, Specialized Honours (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)

### Canadian Studies

BA (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, Specialized Honours (School of Arts and Letters)

### Classical Studies

BA, Greek (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, Hellenic Studies (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, Latin (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, Latin/French (School of Arts and Letters)

### Communication Studies

BA (School of Social Sciences)  
BA, General Honours (School of Social Sciences)

### Computer Science

BA (Computer Science Department)  
BA, Specialized Honours (Computer Science Department)

### Conservation and Environmental Studies

BA (School of Social Sciences and School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)  
BA, Specialized Honours (School of Social Sciences and School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)

## Creative Arts and Cultural Expression

BA (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, General Honours, Type A (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, General Honours, Type B (School of Arts and Letters)

### Economics

*Areas of concentration include: Industrial Economics, Applied Research Methods for Business Economics, Industrial Relations and Public Policy*

BA (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)  
BA, General Honours (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)  
BA, Specialized Honours (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)

### English

BA (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, Specialized Honours (School of Arts and Letters)

### Fine Arts

BA, Creative Arts Studies, Film (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, Creative Arts Studies, Music (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, Creative Arts Studies, Theatre (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, Creative Arts Studies, Visual Arts (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, Specialized Honours, Film (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, Specialized Honours, Music (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, Specialized Honours, Theatre (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, Specialized Honours, Visual Arts (School of Arts and Letters)

### Geography

BA (School of Social Sciences)  
BA, Specialized Honours (School of Social Sciences)

### Health Studies

BA (School of Nursing)

### History

BA (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, Specialized Honours (School of Arts and Letters)

### Humanities

BA (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, Combined Honours (School of Arts and Letters)  
BA, General Honours (School of Arts and Letters)

### Information Technology

BA, Information Technology and Social Issues (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)  
BA, Information Technology, Health Informatics (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)  
BA, Information Technology, Technical and Professional Writing (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)

### Liberal Studies, Individualized Studies

*Areas of concentration include Communication Studies (School of Social Sciences), Creative Arts And Cultural Expression (School of Arts and Letters), Health Studies (School of Nursing), Public Service Studies (School of Social Sciences), Social And Political Thought (School of Social Sciences) and Individualized Liberal Studies (Office of Student and Academic Services)*

BA  
BA, General Honours, Type A  
BA, General Honours, Type B

## Mathematics

*Areas of concentration include: Mathematics for Teachers*

BA (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)

BA, Specialized Honours (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)

## Mathematics for Commerce

BA (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)

## Philosophy

*Areas of concentration include: Social Philosophy, Foundations and History of Philosophy, Applied Critical Thought, Philosophy of Mind, Ethical Issues and General Issues*

BA (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)

BA, Specialized Honours (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)

## Political Science

*Areas of concentration include: Political Economy (Canadian and International), Political and Social Thought, Public Administration and Public Policy*

BA (School of Social Sciences)

BA, Specialized Honours (School of Social Sciences)

## Psychology

BA (Department of Psychology)

BA, Specialized Honours (Department of Psychology)

## Public Administration and Management

BA, Combined Honours (School of Administrative Studies and School of Social Sciences)

## Public Service Studies

BA (School of Social Sciences)

## Science and Technology Studies

BA (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)

BA, Specialized Honours (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)

## Social and Political Thought

BA (School of Social Sciences)

## Social Science

*Areas of concentration include: Education Studies, Gender and Families, Mass Media and Social Justice Studies*

BA (School of Social Sciences)

BA, Specialized Honours (School of Social Sciences)

## Sociology

*Areas of Concentration include: Crime, Law and Social Policy, Diaspora Cultures, Education Studies, Gender and Family Studies and Social Justice Studies.*

BA (School of Social Sciences)

BA, Combined Honours (School of Social Sciences)

BA, Specialized Honours (School of Social Sciences)

## Urban Studies

BA (School of Social Sciences)

BA, Combined Honours (School of Social Sciences)

## Women's Studies

BA (School of Women's Studies)

BA, Specialized Honours (School of Women's Studies)

BA, Combined Honours (School of Women's Studies)

BA, General Honours (School of Women's Studies)

## BAS (Bachelor of Administrative Studies)

### Administrative Studies

BAS (School of Administrative Studies)

### Accounting

BAS, Specialized Honours (School of Administrative Studies)

### Information Technology

BAS, General Honours (School of Administrative Studies)

### Business Research

BAS, Specialized Honours (School of Administrative Studies)

### General Management

BAS, Specialized Honours (School of Administrative Studies)

### Human Resources Management

BAS, Specialized Honours (School of Administrative Studies)

### Marketing

BAS, Specialized Honours (School of Administrative Studies)

## BHRM (Bachelor of Human Resources Management)

BHRM (School of Administrative Studies)

BHRM, Honours (School of Administrative Studies)

## BHS (Bachelor of Health Studies)

*Areas of concentration include: Health Policy, Health Management and Health Informatics*

BHS, Specialized Honours (School of Health Policy and Management)

## BSc (Bachelor of Science)

### Computer Science

BSc (Computer Science Department)

BSc, Honours (Computer Science Department)

### General Science

BSc (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)

### Mathematics

BSc (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)

BSc, Specialized Honours (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)

### Psychology

BSc (Department of Psychology)

## BScN (Bachelor of Science Nursing)

### Collaborative

BScN Honours (School of Nursing)

### Post-Registered Nurse

BScN, Honours (School of Nursing)

BScN, Honours Integrated Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (School of Nursing)

## BSW (Bachelor of Social Work)

BSW Honours (School of Social Work)

## Certificates Offered at Atkinson

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### Professional Certificates

Accounting (School of Administrative Studies)  
 Anti-Racist Research and Practice (School of Social Sciences)  
 Health Administration (School of Administrative Studies)  
 Health Informatics (School of Nursing)  
 Human Resources Management (School of Administrative Studies)  
 Logistics (School of Administrative Studies)  
 Management (School of Administrative Studies)  
 Marketing (School of Administrative Studies)  
 Public Sector Management (School of Administrative Studies and School of Social Sciences)  
 Real Estate (School of Administrative Studies)

### General Certificates

Professional Ethics (School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology)  
 Refugee and Migration Studies (School of Social Science)  
 Women's Studies (School of Arts and Letters and School of Women's Studies)  
 Women's Studies: Theory and Practice (School of Arts and Letters and School of Women's Studies)

### Advanced Certificates

Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (School of Nursing)  
 Religious Studies (School of Arts and Letters)

*Note: The Faculty of Education offers the opportunity of working concurrently toward a BA, BFA, BES or BSc and toward a BEd. As well, individuals may enrol in the BEd program on a consecutive basis following completion of the first academic degree. For further information about the programs offered by Faculties of York other than Atkinson, please consult the York University Undergraduate Programs Calendar, available at [www.registrar.yorku.ca](http://www.registrar.yorku.ca), or the respective Faculty (call the York main number at 416-736-2100 for the appropriate telephone number).*

## Graduate Studies

York University's Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) offers 39 programs at the Master's and Doctoral level. In addition to discipline-based programs in the social sciences, humanities, fine arts and natural sciences, offerings include professional programs in Administrative Studies, Law, Education, Translation and Social Work. Interdisciplinary research can be conducted through innovative graduate programs in Earth and Space Science, Environmental Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies and Social and Political Thought.

Some programs are offered on a part-time basis, and accommodate part-time students by offering courses in the evenings and on weekends. Furthermore, individual study and research is the norm, especially once course work requirements are completed.

For more information, contact *Graduate Admissions*, Room 150 Atkinson, York University, 4700 Keele St. Toronto, Ontario, M3J 1P3, telephone: 416-736-5329, e-mail: [gradinfo@yorku.ca](mailto:gradinfo@yorku.ca) or visit [www.yorku.ca/grads](http://www.yorku.ca/grads).

For more information, contact the FGS Admissions Office, Room 150 Atkinson, telephone: 416-736-5000.