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Laurier's new online courses provide practical insights into smart technologies

BRANTFORD – In a world where digital technologies are commonplace and ever changing, it can be challenging to stay informed and stay current. In recognition of this challenge, Wilfrid Laurier University's [Centre for Public Safety and Well-Being](#) is launching a new series of online continuing education courses designed to help the average person understand what emerging technologies are, how they work and what they mean to their day-to-day lives as consumers, workers, parents and members of society. The courses explore timely topics such as: **Physiological Biometrics**; **Behavioural Biometrics**; **Cybercrime**; and **Bitcoin and Blockchain**.

Delivered in a fully online format, individuals have the flexibility to learn at their own pace and from any location. Each course contains about 10 hours of learning material delivered via five short modules. The content provides a broad understanding of these current technologies, their benefits and the risks they can present.

"Every day in the news and online, we encounter terms like Bitcoin, iris scans and cybercrime, but many of us don't have a clear sense of what these terms really mean," said Holly Cox, manager of the Centre for Public Safety and Well-Being. "These courses explore and explain these topics in a way that is not only accessible but also practical and useful for people's everyday experiences and interactions with technology."

[Course information](#) and [registration](#) is available online. Participants will receive a certificate for each completed course. For additional information on the Smart Technologies courses or on customized programming options from the Centre for Public Safety and Well-Being, email cpsw@wlu.ca.

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