We offer undergraduate and graduate degrees in philosophy and theology. Become part of a living tradition. You are welcome here.
Is free will real or an illusion? What is the line between art and not art? Does fate exist? If so, do we have free will? What does it mean to live a good life? How do you define consciousness? Should you tell a lie? What is the purpose of humanity? What is the meaning of your life? What actions in your life will have the biggest consequences? What is justice? Is eating meat ethical? Can human nature be changed? Should it be changed? Is wisdom more useful than intelligence? Will you dare to wonder? Which of your beliefs are justified and which ones aren’t? Does God exist? If so, who is God? What should you give back to society? Is it more important to help yourself or others? What are the limits to power? What existed before the universe? Is math created or discovered?

Got questions? Dominican University College is a place that values wonder.

Dominican University College (DUC) is a first-class research university for students wanting to ask big questions. We are a community of scholars and students dedicated to understanding the foundations of complex human problems so that we may contribute to building more just communities.

We offer a university experience wholly dedicated to the study of philosophy and theology—ancient disciplines with contemporary use. Our professors and students use the critical tools of philosophical and theological thinking to understand our intellectual heritage and challenge ideas and arguments that hinder human flourishing. From ideas about justice, God, or politics, our students are well-trained to make critical contributions to their workplaces, their communities, or the Church.

We invite you to join us. At DUC, you will study in small-sized classes where professors know your name and care deeply about your success. You will train your mind to critically evaluate and build your own arguments. You will be immersed in a culture that will broaden your mind and help you understand why our societies work the way they do. You will articulate your own ideas so that you can contribute meaningfully to the debates and discussions of our times.

Welcome to Dominican University College. Remember your journey.

“DUC has taught me to think, to be logical, to be open. I use these methods in my day to day activity as a principal of a high school because dealing with situations is usually multi-faceted. I am grateful for my philosophical and theological education from DUC; through my education and my current work, learning is an important function for living.”

— Steven Boucher, Undergraduate Philosophy, MA Theology
This is where it begins. Our undergraduate degrees will help you consider the big questions, build your ideas, and develop your story about the world around you. You will be immersed in reading (yes, you will need to spend plenty of time in the library), you will attend lectures by experienced professors, you will be asked to offer (and defend) your point of view. This is what will make you a good thinker and an educated person—someone who has something interesting to say and who knows how to defend your ideas. You will learn to think, to challenge what you’ve heard from other people.

And what about skills (you know, the ones that are supposed to lead to a job)? You will learn those too. It’s part of the package. We will support you in achieving what you really want to do—reflect on deep topics—and you come out with a set of critical thinking skills and a vision of the world that will help you more effectively tackle problems wherever you chose to work.

It will take you several years of dedicated work, but you will gain skills and a worldview that will last a lifetime. It is the opportunity to expand your mind and discover new ideas along the way.
Philosophy opens the mind to the most fundamental ideas of our world. People make decisions (and even build their societies) based on beliefs about what is right, what is just, what will make us happy. Philosophy helps you question these ideas. Whether it is in politics or ethics, history or religion, philosophy provides the tools to reach into the foundations of thinking, and then develop new perspectives for living.

Studying philosophy will help you learn to read critically and communicate with clarity. Philosophy students have a reputation for being insightful and deliberate in their thinking. More fundamentally, philosophical training will help you develop your own worldview. Structuring your thoughts and thinking through reflections on big ideas will provide you with confidence and widen your perspectives.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Certificate in Philosophy
- C.I.P. is a one-year certificate program
- 30 credits in Philosophy

Certificate in Philosophy (Applied Ethics)
- C.I.P. (Eth.) is a one-year certificate program
- 15 credits in Philosophy
- 15 credits in Applied Ethics

Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in Philosophy
- B.A.Ph. is a three-year program. 90 credits, with a minimum of:
  - 48 credits in Philosophy
  - 12 credits in Humanities
  - 30 additional credits

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with a minor in Ethics
- B.A.Ph(Eth.) is a three-year program. 90 credits, with a minimum of:
  - 30 credits in Philosophy
  - 30 credits in Ethics
  - 30 additional credits

Bachelor of Philosophy
- B.Ph. is a four-year honours program. 120 credits, with a minimum of:
  - 90 credits in Philosophy
  - 27 additional credits and
  - 3 credits for the Final Oral Comprehensive Examination

Bachelor of Philosophy with a minor in Ethics
- B.Ph.(Eth.) is a four-year honours program. 120 credits, with a minimum of:
  - 66 credits in Philosophy
  - 24 additional credits
  - The option also requires 30 credits in Ethics, which could include a field work placement

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) with a double major in Philosophy & Theology
- B.A.sp.Ph.Th. is a four-year honours program. 120 credits, with a minimum of:
  - 60 credits in Philosophy
  - 60 credits in Theology

Bachelor of Arts with a major in Philosophy and a minor in Theology
- B.A.sp.Ph. is a four-year honours program. 120 credits, with a minimum of:
  - 60 credits in Philosophy
  - 30 credits in Theology
  - 30 additional credits
Theology contemplates how human beings can best achieve their potential, as individuals and communities. By exploring the sources of Christian thought, theology will help you unpack the mysteries of human beings, creation, and God. Faith leads us to ask many questions. This is why we study theology.

Unlike any other discipline, theology values a student’s deep desire to ask questions about God. Cherishing this desire, the Dominican Order of Friar Preachers founded DUC as a unique place to discover the intelligence of the Catholic faith. At DUC, you will study fundamental texts of the Catholic faith (such as the Bible or the Church Fathers) and discuss how to construct ideas directed towards truth, goodness and beauty. By studying theology, you will enter into a profound and living tradition that will cultivate your intellectual and spiritual life.

A DUC student once said, “theology is for the ones who take themselves apart to understand both themselves and the One who made them.”

Bachelor of Theology - B.Th.

The B.Th program aims to provide an overall vision of the Catholic theological tradition. The general academic objective of this program is to foster critical thinking and to provide a basic theological culture with an overview of Scriptures, the main currents in the history of Christianity, and fundamental questions related to Christian doctrines and practices.

Spread over three to four years, it involves three major themes:

1. God and the human being
2. Jesus Christ and Christian existence
3. the Christian community and commitment

B.Th. is a four year program, 120 credits for students coming directly from high school, a 90-credit program for students who have completed a DEC (Diplôme d’études collégiales) in Québec or at least one year of university. Students coming directly from High School can complete the extra 30 credits either with a 1-year certificate program or elective courses.

Canonical Status

The Theology Faculty of Dominican University College is a Canonical Faculty that can grant ecclesiastic degrees under the following conditions:

• Training in Philosophy equivalent to one year
• A sufficient knowledge of Latin

OTHER PROGRAM OPTIONS

Certificate in Theological Studies
• C.T.S. is a one-year program
• 30 credits in Theology

Bachelor of Arts with major in Theology and minor in Philosophy
• B.A.sp.Th. is a three-year program. 90 credits, with a minimum of:
  • 30 credits in Philosophy
  • 60 credits in Theology

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) with a double major in Philosophy & in Theology
• B.A.sp.Ph.Th. is a four-year honours program. 120 credits, with a minimum of:
  • 60 credits in Philosophy
  • 60 credits in Theology
You have questions and want to dig deeper. Perhaps it was through your undergraduate studies or maybe a meaningful moment in your life. Whatever your reason, you have questions that you would like to explore. This is where a graduate degree fits in. It’s more than a diploma or job preparation—it’s the chance to explore answers to those questions and build your worldview. Pursuing graduate studies gives you the space to pursue in-depth research on a question that matters to you. DUC’s exclusive specialization in philosophy and theology will help you push your research to greater depth.

DUC has gathered a community of experienced scholars in the major areas of philosophy and theology. Our experts will guide you in deepening skills for exploring the questions that matter to you. In addition, you will have access to specialized and multilingual resources for research in your fields of interest.

Pursuing graduate studies is a rare opportunity to organize your thoughts and dig deeper into that big question that you want to explore. We give you the tools you need.
FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY
AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

The Faculty of Philosophy at DUC brings together an international group of scholars who pursue research in the major philosophical traditions. The Faculty's expertise is particularly recognized in the following areas: the history of philosophy, metaphysics, contemporary European philosophy and its historical antecedents. Using this grounding, the Faculty also addresses current issues in such areas as ethics, phenomenology, philosophical economics and the philosophy of law.

PROGRAMS

Master of Arts in Philosophy (M.A.Ph)
The Faculty offers several options at the Masters degree level, including a full-time or part-time option. The breadth of research interests and the variety of study options will allow you to tailor your program to better achieve your goals.

Doctorate in Philosophy (Ph.D)
The Faculty offers a rigorous Doctorate in Philosophy for students looking for a high-level of specialization in a particular area of philosophy. Doctoral students benefit throughout their journey from close supervision and guidance from an experienced advisor in their field of research.

“My training at DUC did not only allow me to accumulate knowledge; it helped me to build and fill a toolkit of mental skills.”

— Élaina Gauthier-Mamaril, Graduate Philosophy

FACULTY OF THEOLOGY
AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Bible and Culture
Continuing an established and thriving tradition, the Faculty of Theology considers the study of Scripture as one of its areas of specialization. Approached from the angle of exegesis and hermeneutics, the study of the Bible at DUC aims to understand the biblical texts, and further, to unpack the resonance of these texts within the Tradition. Ultimately, the Faculty’s research seeks various insights that can respond to and dialogue with contemporary questions.

Ethics and Anthropology
Within a theological framework, this area of specialization seeks to bring about a deeper understanding of the human person. Research is currently conducted in the following areas: 1) the contribution of theological reflection within bioethics and clinical ethics; 2) exploration of the ethical and epistemological practices in health care; 3) the contribution of spirituality in the practices of care and accompaniment in the health care field; 4) development of a Christian anthropology considering contemporary challenges.

Bilingual
Reflecting the Canadian ethos, each program is offered fully in French or English through courses and research seminars. As an official bilingual university, presentations, dissertations, and any evaluation may be submitted in either language. The DUC environment acts as a point of convergence between French and English theological reflection, allowing our students to discover the various academic schools of thought in these traditions.

Canonical Status
Since 1976, the Faculty of Theology at Dominican University College is an accredited ecclesiastical faculty and is able to grant canonical degrees. You are invited to speak with an academic advisor to inquire about the conditions for obtaining such a degree. Normally, a certain amount of philosophy is required to be eligible for this recognition.

PROGRAMS

• Master of Arts in Theology (M.A.Th) and Licenciate (S.T.L) of two years
• Master of Theology (M.Th) - Civil Degree of one year
• Doctorate in Theology (Ph.D / Canonical Degree)
Campus life at DUC is special. Our campus is historic and peaceful; the stone walls and high ceilings will immerse you in a long tradition of questioning and meaning. The large gardens and tall windows make light and beauty a daily fact of life at DUC. The small size of the campus will allow you to form a close-knit community with professors and fellow students. You will live in an environment conducive to peaceful study and forming strong friendships.

Our downtown location in the nation’s capital gives you easy access to all of the cultural and social happenings that enrich student life—museums, libraries, restaurants, parks and green spaces, and more. Studying at DUC is more than getting a degree; it is an experience that will form memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

**LIBRARY**

Our well-reputed library will offer you the reading material and the quiet space that you need to focus on your work. Nestled in a quiet part of the city, DUC’s library is an urban oasis; its quiet and friendly ambiance encourages reading and writing (while permitting the occasional daydream!).

With over 140,000 works, our specialized library provides ample material in multiple languages. DUC encourages all students to engage with primary sources. The 5-floor library collects works in their original language, as well as in multiple translations.

Registered students have full access to Carleton University’s library, as well as several other libraries in Ottawa. *Graduate students may request access to an individual study room in the library.*

**EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES**

DUC offers several opportunities to participate in international exchanges, depending on your program and interests. We have formed partnerships with the following organizations:

- SOPAR
- Université catholique de Lyon
- l’Université catholique de l’Ouest à Angers
- Holy See at the United Nations
- École biblique et archéologique de Jérusalem

To that effect, DUC offers students tools and tutorials, workshops, online learning resources and one-on-one peer mentoring support to help you along the path to reaching your academic objectives and professional goals.

**ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES**

DUC is committed to supporting you in your learning journey throughout your years at the University and beyond. For new students, entering university life is a significant and daunting step. For returning students, continued support is essential for ensuring academic success and for obtaining your degree.

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**RESIDENCE**

Rooms are available at the Dominican priory for male students at a cost of approximately $1000/month including meal plan, internet, cable and access to an indoor pool. Further information about room and board may be obtained by contacting the Dominican community. Contact hotellerieopo@hotmail.com.

Female students may find housing in the neighbourhood around DUC. Rooms in several houses have been passed on between generations of DUC students looking for a comfortable place to live while pursuing their studies. If you would like some help while looking for a place to stay in Ottawa, then please contact us. We would be happy to help you find a place close to DUC.

Students from abroad who are moving away from home for the first time are encouraged to consider Canada HomeStay Network. For more information, please speak with an academic advisor.

*“Having attended three other major Canadian universities, I only have praise for the intimacy and authentic style of education at DUC. This is reflected in the quality of thought of the students and the passion for teaching of the professors.”*

— Andrew Cutler, Graduate Philosophy
BURSARIES & FINANCIAL AID

WE’RE HERE TO HELP
Pursuing university studies requires an important commitment of time and money. This is why we work hard to provide you with strong financial support and strive to keep tuition fees among the lowest in Canada. Together, we will work to find solutions that give you the financial freedom to pursue your studies.

GRADUATE ENTRANCE BURSARIES
DUC Entrance Bursaries are available for applicants who have maintained an A- average (and who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents). Eligible applicants to the Masters and Doctoral programs will receive a Graduate Entrance Bursary, the amount of which is determined on a yearly basis.

There are also opportunities for paid student assistantships for qualified graduate students.

FINANCIAL AID

OSAP
The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) is a financial aid program that can help eligible students pay for College or University. It offers funding in two forms: Grants and Student Loans. With OSAP, students may be eligible for free tuition. OSAP is available to Ontario residents of any age (must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents). The amount of money a student receives depends on their education expenses, course load and personal financial situation. You can find more information and find out how to apply on the OSAP website.

LOANS AND BURSARIES PROGRAM QUÉBEC
The Loans and Bursaries Program enables Québec students with insufficient financial resources to pursue university study. To qualify, students (Canadian citizens or permanent residents) must live in Québec when submitting the application, even if they plan on studying in Ontario.

DUC is proud of its diverse student community. We enjoy meeting and discussing educational options with students from a variety of faiths, backgrounds, and cultures. Our application process, like our education, is personalized. We consider the entire dossier of our applicants - not just their grades.

PRIOR EDUCATION
To qualify for undergraduate programs, candidates must hold a secondary school diploma, i.e. a Diploma of Collegial Studies (DCS/CEGEP), an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), or a diploma in a relevant field.

CREDIT TRANSFER
Students who have completed a 2-year program from CÉGEP may qualify to have one academic year recognized for their program. Students having begun a program in a different institution may have a maximum of 30 credits (1 year) transferred to their new program. As each case is different, applicants will be assessed individually. For more information on credit transfer, please contact the Assistant Registrar.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
Candidates whose first language is not English or French must show a minimum grade of 70% in their language courses on their high school or post-secondary transcript. An IETLS or equivalent language test can be included with the admission request.

MATURE STUDENTS
To be considered a mature student:
• Must be a minimum required age of 25 years.
• Candidates must demonstrate an appropriate knowledge base.
• Candidates must have acquired relevant work experience (résumé or CV required).

MEETING WITH THE FACULTY DEAN
All candidates’ applications will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee. A meeting with the Dean of the relevant Faculty may be required to determine final admission status.

For detailed instructions on how to apply for each program, please consult our website.