THE IMPORTANCE OF “WHY?”
UNDERGRADUATE PHILOSOPHY

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“... AS THE EYES STAND IN NEED OF LIGHT TO SEE ... SO THE MIND NEEDS IDEAS TO CONCEIVE ...”
—N. MALEBRANCHE, TREATISE CONCERNING THE SEARCH OF TRUTH, VI, 1
Philosophy opens the mind to the most fundamental problems and ideas of our world. Every day, people act and make choices out of a set of beliefs—beliefs that are not necessarily well-founded.

Philosophy helps you question your beliefs in order to build stronger answers. This, in turn, leads to better choices and more beautiful human living.

Whether it is in politics or ethics, history or economics, philosophy provides the tools to penetrate the foundations of thinking and to then offer new perspectives.

At Dominican University College (DUC), our training in philosophy will help you develop the ability to read critically and communicate clearly, which will serve you well in today’s workforce. Our personalized class sizes will ensure that professors will be able to help you reach your full potential.

More fundamentally, our philosophical training will help you develop your own worldview and offer grounded reasons for your beliefs. Structuring your thought and discovering what is important in life will provide you with greater confidence and widen your perspective.
BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION

CRITICAL THINKING: ASK IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

COMMUNICATE CLEARLY: LEARN TO BE HEARD

CREATIVITY: OPEN NEW POSSIBILITIES

SELF-CONFIDENCE: DISCOVER YOUR “WHY?”

BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY

The Bachelor of Philosophy is a four-year program. Students completing this degree become highly qualified candidates for graduate studies in philosophy, as well as for professional programs such as law school or an MBA. Students become familiar with the fundamental problems in contemporary philosophical discussions, developing the skills necessary for rigorous, critical and independent thought.

DOUBLE MAJOR: PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY

The Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Philosophy and in Theology is a four-year program aimed at students seeking a solid basis in Philosophy and in Theology, two disciplines which reveal the foundational ideas of Western culture. The general objective of the program is to provide extensive knowledge of philosophical arguments and a good background in theological issues.
THE DUC ADVANTAGE

The Dominican tradition is unique. For 800 years, Dominicans have been questioning our culture, laying foundations for human rights, advocating for ecclesial and civil reform, standing with the outcast—and teaching thousands of students to do the same.

At DUC in Ottawa, we carry on the same tradition. Our goal is to welcome students looking for deeper purpose to their education and their lives.

By teaching philosophy, theology and ethics, we provide space for students to engage with ancient and modern thinkers so that they may become aware of our Western tradition and may be able to creatively propose solutions where others see only the status quo.

At DUC, you will experience a demanding education, a supportive environment, and a tradition that fosters a well-rounded life.

“We gave students the tools to do a good job...whatever job they choose...the tools, principles and methods.

As for their future, I was always telling them: “Choose what you like. It’s your freedom. Choose a good career in order to serve the country according to your aptitudes. Please be free. Never call me ‘Master’. I do not want to have disciples. Choose your career and do what you like...You will find those graduates in every field.”

Former DUC professor, Member of the Order of Canada
(CBC Archives, July 24, 1972)
APPLYING TO DUC

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

Contact us at welcome@dominicanu.ca to set up a personal academic consultation today.

YOU WILL NEED

- **ONLINE APPLICATION**
  *OR BY PRINTED FORM AVAILABLE ONLINE OR IN PERSON*

- **ALL ORIGINAL TRANSCRIPT(S)**

- **$50 APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE**
  *$120 FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS*

- **TWO PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOS**

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