“ALL THINGS EXCELLENT ARE AS DIFFICULT AS THEY ARE RARE.”
—SPINOZA, ETHICS, V, XLII
Developing new interpretations and pursuing important questions takes time and training. At Dominican University College (DUC), graduate students experience a rich environment for exchanging ideas and broadening their thinking. Our international faculty provides diverse perspectives on a variety of philosophical questions, allowing students to be better equipped to engage in dialogue across disciplines and cultures. Students with a wide range of thematic and research interests can be accommodated by the Faculty.

The fully bilingual graduate department in the Faculty of Philosophy has two primary fields of research. The first field covers the history of philosophy and metaphysics, and the second focuses on modern European philosophy and its historical antecedents. Ancient Greek Philosophy, medieval thinkers such as Augustine of Hippo and Thomas Aquinas, the Renaissance Philosophy, the early rationalists, German Idealism and phenomenology are some of the areas of investigation in our graduate seminars and Faculty research. One of the principal aims of the Faculty is to understand various philosophical movements in relation to one another.

In addition to DUC’s generous scholarship programs and assistantships, the university supports graduate students’ attendance of conferences and colloquia, both nationally and internationally. The Faculty also organizes and supports a very active program of conferences and public lectures held at DUC during the academic year. Our specialized library, with a large collection of primary and secondary texts, will allow you to further discover the philosophical tradition in order to uncover the roots of contemporary philosophical problems.
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MASTER’S DEGREE

The Master’s in Philosophy is a two-year program, allowing students to explore a philosophical problem in greater depth. The degree helps students develop independent research skills and learn to develop complex arguments. The international faculty at DUC provides students with a diversity of philosophical perspectives.

DOCTORATE

The Doctorate in Philosophy is a five-year program, training students to become experts on a particular philosophical topic. The specialized library and historical focus of the Faculty of philosophy help students uncover the sources behind contemporary problems and develop original solutions to pressing issues. Students graduate with advanced skills for research and argumentation.
SCHOLARSHIPS

DUC Entrance Bursaries are available for applicants who have maintained a B+ average (and who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents). Eligible applicants to the Master’s Degree and Doctoral Program 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.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

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