

Saint Paul University received the authority to confer ecclesiastical degrees in Leo XIII's Apostolic Letter *Cum Apostolica Sedes* of February 5, 1889. In 1929, the Faculty of Canon Law was established as distinct from the Faculty of Theology, and after Pius XI's Apostolic Constitution *Deus scientiarum Dominus* of May 24, 1931, the Faculty was reorganized. Following Vatican II, the program was updated to conform to the needs of today's university teaching and the demands of modern pastoral activity.

Following the wishes of John Paul II in the Apostolic Constitution *Sapientia christiana* of April 15, 1979, the Faculty of Canon Law cultivates and promotes the juridical disciplines in the light of the law of the Gospel and instructs its students in these, so as to form researchers, university and seminary teachers, and others who will be trained to hold special ecclesiastical offices, such as chancery and tribunal positions, and to serve as advisors to bishops and religious superiors.

In 2002, the Holy See promulgated new norms for the teaching of canon law. These required a complete revision and expansion of our programs, effective 2004-2005. The programs and description of courses which follow reflect the application of the new norms.

The ecclesiastical degrees are granted in virtue of the 1889 pontifical charter, and the civil degrees are granted jointly by the Senate of Saint Paul University, in virtue of its 1866 civil charter, and by the Senate of the University of Ottawa, which is federated with Saint Paul University.

The international teaching personnel is actively involved in serving the Church beyond the walls of the University by their publications and expert advice to the Holy See, to bishops and religious superiors, as well as to clergy and laity alike.

Twice a year the Faculty publishes the journal *Studia canonica*. This publication is the only canon law journal in Canada and it enjoys a solid international reputation.

Although the majority of its students come from Canada and the United States, many other countries and continents are represented. The student body is composed of priests, deacons, religious—women and men—and many lay persons. Although several are studying canon law after years of service in various sectors of Church and society, there is an increasing number of young students who are interested in undertaking the ministry of canon law.

Teaching Personnel

* The asterisk designates a member of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies of the University of Ottawa.

***ABBASS, JOBE, O.F.M. CONV.**, J.C.D. (Rome, Orient.) (Full Professor)

***ASSELIN, ANNE**, J.C.D. (Saint Paul), Ph.D. (C.L.) (Ottawa) (Assistant Professor)

BELLEMARE, PIERRE, Ph.D. (Philosophy) (Montréal) (Assistant Professor)

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***MORRISEY, FRANCIS G., O.M.I.**, J.C.D. (Saint Paul), Ph.D. (C.L.) (Ottawa) (Adjunct Professor)

NOBEL, MICHAEL, D.Th. (C.L.) (Paderborn) (Assistant Professor)

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The Faculty of Canon Law offers first cycle and graduate programs leading to degrees in canon law. The civil and pontifical charters of Saint Paul University allow it to offer both civil degrees (in conjunction with the University of Ottawa) and ecclesiastical degrees (under the authority of the Holy See).

The education consists of a study and commentary on the Code of Canon Law and other legislative texts, as well as on the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches. Other courses and directed assignments are geared toward the professional practice of canon law. The Faculty also offers to students courses in ecclesiastical Latin, as well as praxis-oriented courses for persons not seeking a degree in canon law.

Ecclesiastical Programs

Bachelor in Canon Law (B.C.L. or J.C.B.)

Licentiate in Canon Law (J.C.L.)

Doctorate in Canon Law (J.C.D.)

Civil Programs

Graduate Certificate in Canon Law (G.C.C.L.)

Graduate Certificate in Canonical Practice (G.C.C.P.)

Graduate Certificate in Ecclesiastical Administration (G.C.E.A.)

Master's in Canon Law (M.C.L.)

Doctorate in Canon Law (Ph.D. [Canon Law])

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

The ecclesiastical and civil programs in canon law are offered in English and French. All required courses are offered in each language. Certain elective courses may be offered in only one language.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The ecclesiastical programs offer an education to persons wishing to pursue a career in a diocesan chancery or an ecclesiastical tribunal, fulfill an office of canonical consultant in a diocese or religious institute. The third cycle programs aim to form university professors and researchers.

The civil programs offer a complementary education for persons who already have a degree in a related discipline (e.g. secular law) or for canon law practitioners wanting to acquire a specialization in ecclesiastical administration or in canonical practice.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Ecclesiastical Programs

BACHELOR IN CANON LAW (B.C.L. OR J.C.B.) (30 CREDITS)

The program consists of 30 credits of courses or seminars and can be completed full-time in one year or part-time over several semesters.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM

Additional documents required for admission:

One letter of recommendation

a. For secular priests and deacons: a letter of recommendation from their bishop.

b. For the religious: a letter of recommendation from the superior of the institute of consecrated life or society of apostolic life.

c. For lay people: a letter of recommendation from their bishop, or from a professor who has taught the student at the university level, or from a superior who is in a position to evaluate the candidate.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM

Candidates must have a specialized bachelor's degree or equivalent four years of post-secondary studies with at least a "B" average. This must include or be complemented by at least 18 credits in the theological disciplines or by course work and equivalent pastoral experience in keeping with criteria established by the Executive Committee of the Faculty.

PROGRAM EXAMPLES

Concentration: Matrimonial and Sacramental Law

(Courses offered in 2010-2011 + Spring 2011)

Canonical Methodology (compulsory, non-credited)

DCA	5102	General Norms I (compulsory, 3 cr.)
DCA	5125	Matrimonial Law I: Matrimonial Consent (3 cr.)
DCA	5126	Matrimonial Law II: Special Issues and Cases (3 cr.)
DCA	5133	Judicial Procedures (Procedures I) (3 cr.)
DCA	5204	Sacramental and Liturgical Law (6 cr.)
DCA	6114	Tribunal Procedures (Procedures II) (3 cr.)
DCA	6315	Liturgical Law outside the Code (3 cr.)
DCA	6321	Seminar on Tribunal Practice (3 cr.)
DCA	6922	Field Practicum (3 cr.)

Concentration: Service of the Church

(Courses offered in 2009-2010)

Canonical Methodology (compulsory, non-credited)

DCA	5102	General Norms I (compulsory, 3 cr.)
DCA	5103	Universal and Supra-Diocesan Church Structures (3 cr.)
DCA	5123	The Internal Ordering of Particular Churches I: Foundational Questions (3 cr.)

DCA	5124	The Internal Ordering of Particular Churches II: Administrative Questions (3 cr.)
DCA	5203	Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (3 cr.)
DCA	5208	The Faithful, the Magisterium, the Church, and Civil Society (6 cr.)
DCA	6112	Selected Issues in Church Administration I: Administrative Recourse (3 cr.)
DCA	6113	Selected Issues in Church Administration II: Temporal Goods (3 cr.)
DCA	6115	Penal Law (3 cr.)
DCA	6322	Seminar on Chancery Practice (3 cr.)
DCA	6922	Field Practicum (3 cr.)

LICENTIATE IN CANON LAW (J.C.L.) (84 CREDITS)

The three-year Licentiate program is governed by the apostolic constitution *Sapientia Christiana* and subsequent legislation and norms of the Holy See. The program consists in a total of 84 credits, composed of courses, seminars, and practical assignments (81 credits), and the successful completion of a research seminar according to the Faculty guidelines (3 credits).

At the end of the cycle, the student must also pass a comprehensive examination on the entire subject matter of the program. The student is admitted to the comprehensive examination only after having fulfilled all the other requirements of the program.

At least one month before the examination, the student will choose fifteen themes from the list approved by the Faculty. These themes will be approved by the Dean after consultation with the professors. The student will be questioned orally for 60 minutes on these themes before a panel of professors. The passing grade is C+ (66%). If this examination is failed, it may be taken again subject to the norms of the Faculty.

The final mark for the Licentiate is calculated according to the following ratio: average for course and seminar work: 75%; comprehensive examination: 25%.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM

Additional documents required for admission:

One letter of recommendation

a. For secular priests and deacons: a letter of recommendation from their bishop.

b. For the religious: a letter of recommendation from the superior of the institute of consecrated life or society of apostolic life.

c. For lay people: a letter of recommendation from their bishop, or a professor who has taught the student at the university level, or a superior who is in a position to evaluate the candidate.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM

1. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree or the equivalent with at least a "B" average, and a minimum of two years of study in philosophy and theology, either at the undergraduate or graduate level, which should include the study of philosophical anthropology, metaphysics, ethics, Sacred Scripture, fundamental theology, Trinitarian theology, Christology, grace, ecclesiology, sacramental theology (general and particular), moral theology (general and particular), and an introduction to canon law. They also need to have an adequate knowledge of Latin.

2. Applicants who lack sufficient preparation in philosophy and theology or Latin may be admitted provisionally, but must complete the prerequisites, under the direction of the Dean, before final acceptance into the program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**I – Required Courses (75 credits)****COURSES OFFERED ANNUALLY****FIRST YEAR**

DCA 3108/09 Latin I and II (36 h.)

DCA 5102 General Norms I (3 cr.)

DCA 5112 Foundations of Canon Law (3 cr.)

SECOND YEAR

DCA 5306 General Norms II (cc. 29-95; 145-203) (3 cr.)

DCA 6395 Master's Seminar (3 cr.)

DCA 6921 Canonical Latin (3 cr.)

COURSES OFFERED ON A TWO-YEAR CYCLE**YEAR A**

DCA 5103 Universal and Supra-Diocesan Church Structures (3 cr.)

DCA 5121 History of Canon Law: Sources (1.5 cr.); Institutions (1.5 cr.)

DCA 5123 The Internal Ordering of Particular Churches I: Foundational Questions (3 cr.)

DCA 5124 The Internal Ordering of Particular Churches II: Administrative Issues (3 cr.)

DCA 5203 Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (3 cr.)

DCA 5208 The Faithful, the Magisterium, the Church and Civil Society (6 cr.)

YEAR B

DCA 5125 Matrimonial Law I: Matrimonial Consent (3 cr.)

DCA 5126 Matrimonial Law II: Special Issues and Cases (3 cr.)

DCA 5133 Judicial Procedures (Procedures I) (3 cr.)

DCA 5204 Sacramental and Liturgical Law (6 cr.)

DCA 5207 Special Sectors of Law (6 cr.)

DCA 6114 Tribunal Procedures (Procedures II) (3 cr.)

DCA 6321 Seminar on Tribunal Practice (3 cr.)

THIRD YEAR

DCA 6112 Selected Issues in Church Administration I: Administrative Recourse (3 cr.)

DCA 6113 Selected Issues in Church Administration II: Temporal Goods (3 cr.)

DCA 6115 Penal Law (3 cr.)

DCA 6322 Seminar on Chancery Practice (3 cr.)

DCA 7998 Master's Comprehensive Exam

II – Elective Courses (9 cr.)

Students must take a minimum of 108 hours in elective courses over the three-year program.

DCA 5302 Canon Law and the Ecclesiology of Vatican II (3 cr.)

DCA 5303 The Process of Revision of Canon Law in the 20th Century (3 cr.)

DCA 5304 Comparative Particular Law (3 cr.)

DCA 5396 Directed Studies I (3 cr.)

DCA 5397 Directed Studies II (3 cr.)

DCA 5398 Directed Studies III (3 cr.)

DCA 6301 Special Problems in Canon Law I (3 cr.)

DCA 6302 Special Problems in Canon Law II (3 cr.)

DCA 6315 Liturgical Law outside the Code (3 cr.)

DCA 6316 The Laity and the Church's Office of Governance (3 cr.)

DCA 6363 Special Problems in Canon Law III (1.5 cr.)

DCA 6364 Special Problems in Canon Law IV (1.5 cr.)

DCA 6396 Selected Topics in Canon Law I (3 cr.)

DCA 6397 Selected Topics in Canon Law II (3 cr.)

DCA 6398 Selected Topics in Canon Law III (3 cr.)

DCA 6922 Field Practicum (3 cr.)

DCA 6961 Study Visit to the Roman Curia (1.5 cr.)

DCA 6962 Special Issues in Consecrated Life (1.5 cr.)

DOCTORATE IN CANON LAW (J.C.D. AND PH.D.)

The ecclesiastical (J.C.D.) and civil (Ph.D.) doctorates are research degrees. Besides the doctoral seminar (preparation of thesis proposal), the doctoral program consists of six course credits taken within the first two years of the program. Three credits must be in a doctoral level canon law course offered at Saint Paul University (listed below). The other three credits may be taken in another doctoral level course in canon law or a related field offered at the University, or another graduate level course, seminar or directed readings, approved by the Dean. Directed readings may not be given by the thesis supervisor. Any exceptions are reserved to the Dean. Advanced standing is not granted. An additional course in Canonical Latin is required for the J.C.D.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM

Additional documents required for admission:

1. One letter of recommendation

a. For secular priests and deacons: a letter of recommendation from their bishop.

b. For the religious: a letter of recommendation from the superior of the institute of consecrated life or society of apostolic life.

c. For lay people: a letter of recommendation from their bishop, or a professor who has taught the student at the university level, or a superior who is in a position to evaluate the candidate.

2. *A curriculum vitae*.

3. Three letters of reference from persons who have been academically involved with the applicant during the licentiate or master's program in canon law. (Special forms)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM

1. Candidates for the degree of Doctor in Canon Law (J.C.D.) must possess a licentiate degree in canon law. A candidate for the Ph.D. degree in canon law must have obtained a master's degree in canon law or its equivalent. In either case, they must have had an average of "A-" (80%) or its equivalent.

2. Furthermore, before being admitted, the candidates will have to fulfill the requirements of the Regulations on Admission to the Doctoral Program of the Faculty.

3. Only students judged truly apt to succeed in graduate studies and to contribute personally to the field of juridical sciences will be accepted as candidates for the doctorate.

RESIDENCE

A candidate for the doctorate must spend six sessions in residence as a full-time student at the University. The summer session is counted.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Before the thesis is submitted, the candidate must pass a comprehensive examination on ten themes approved by the Dean; the list of topics will have been prepared by the candidate in consultation with the dissertation supervisor. A candidate who fails this comprehensive examination may be permitted to repeat it once.

DISSERTATION

During the year following registration in the doctoral program, the candidate must submit a thesis proposal in writing. This proposal will be examined by a special committee set up and chaired by the Dean. The final approval of the thesis proposal, and the appointment of the supervisor, are the responsibility of the Dean of the Faculty.

In addition to having completed the course requirements, the candidate must write, submit, and successfully defend a dissertation of at least 200 pages in length. This dissertation must constitute a significant contribution to knowledge, embody the results of original research and analysis, and be of such value as to merit publication.

The candidate must fulfill all the requirements of the degree, including the submission of the thesis, within six years after the first registration in the doctoral program, whether or not a leave of absence has been taken during that time.

The candidate must obtain at least C+ (66%) in all examinations. A student who fails an examination at the graduate level has no right to a supplemental examination. The course may be repeated or, with the Dean's approval, another course may be taken. A student who has failed two subjects of his doctoral program must withdraw. The final mark for the degree is calculated according to the following ratio:

Dissertation: 60%

Defence: 10%

Comprehensive examination: 20%

Regular examinations: 10%

COURSES

DCA 8101 Special Problems in Canon Law I

DCA 8102 Special Problems in Canon Law II

DCA 8175 Power of Governance

DCA 8176 Jurisprudence

DCA 8981 Readings in Canonical Sources (*Latinitas canonica*) (for the J.C.D. only)

Civil Programs

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CANON LAW (G.C.C.L.) (15 CREDITS)

The Graduate Certificate in Canon Law (G.C.C.L.) is a second-cycle program that provides a specialization in canon law for non-canonists to complement their own education and career needs.

The G.C.C.L. is intended for two audiences:

1. Students who already have an adequate training in a related discipline, e.g. theology, religious studies, philosophy (ecclesiastical), mission studies.
2. Students and practitioners of civil or common law who wish to acquire a further specialization in canon law.

The 15-credit program may be completed full-time in one semester or part-time over the course of one, two, or three years. Students may choose one of the following concentrations.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM

Additional documents required for admission:

One letter of recommendation

- a. For secular priests and deacons: a letter of recommendation from their bishop.
- b. For the religious: a letter of recommendation from the superior of the institute of consecrated life or society of apostolic life.
- c. For lay people: a letter of recommendation from their bishop, or a professor who has taught the student at the university level, or a superior who is in a position to evaluate the candidate.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM

1. Prospective students must hold an honours bachelor, or an equivalent program, with at least a "B" average.
2. In addition, the candidate must have completed at least 18 credits in one of the following disciplines:
 - 18 credits in theology and philosophy (ecclesiastical), for admission to any of the concentrations;
 - 18 credits in religious sciences or mission sciences, for admission to the concentrations in Church governance or liturgical law;
 - 18 credits in civil law or common law, for admission to the concentrations in matrimonial law or comparative law.
3. The Faculty of Canon Law reserves the right to assess individual applications and stipulate specific prerequisites for a concentration or a course, or to waive one or more prerequisites in view of the candidate's proven pastoral or professional experience.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

CONCENTRATION: MATRIMONIAL LAW

DCA 5102 General Norms I (3 cr.)

DCA	5125	Matrimonial Law I: Matrimonial Consent (3 cr.)
DCA	5126	Matrimonial Law II: Special Issues and Cases (3 cr.)
DCA	5133	Judicial Procedures (Procedures I) (3 cr.)

Elective: 3 credits

The 15 credits in canon law for this concentration satisfy the prerequisites for admission to the Graduate Certificate in Canonical Practice, provided they include the courses on Matrimonial Consent (DCA 5125) and Judicial Procedures (DCA 5133).

CONCENTRATION: COMPARATIVE LAW

DCA	5102	General Norms I (3 cr.)
DCA	5207	Special Sectors of Law (6 cr.)
DCA	5133	Judicial Procedures (Procedures I) (3 cr.) OR
DCL	5302	Philosophy of Law (3 cr.)

Elective: 3 credits

CONCENTRATION: CHURCH GOVERNANCE

DCA	5102	General Norms I (3 cr.)
DCA	5103	Universal and Supra-Diocesan Church Structures (3 cr.)
DCA	5123	The Internal Ordering of Particular Churches I: Foundational Questions (3 cr.)
DCA	5124	The Internal Ordering of Particular Churches II: Administrative Questions (3 cr.)

Elective: 3 credits

CONCENTRATION: LITURGICAL LAW

DCA	5102	General Norms I (3 cr.)
DCA	5204	Sacramental and Liturgical Law (6 cr.)
DCA	6315	Liturgical Law outside the Code (3 cr.)

Elective: 3 credits

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CANONICAL PRACTICE (G.C.C.P.) (15 CREDITS)

The Graduate Certificate in Canonical Practice (G.C.C.P.) is a second-cycle program that complements the Master's Degree in Canon Law.

The certificate program consists of 15 credits of course or seminar work. Nine credits are required core courses. The remaining are drawn from elective courses chosen, in consultation with the Dean, according to each student's educational needs and career plans.

Students may complete the certificate requirements full-time in one semester or part-time over the course of one, two, or three years.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM

Additional documents required for admission:

One letter of recommendation

- For secular priests and deacons: a letter of recommendation from their bishop.
- For the religious: a letter of recommendation from the superior of the institute of consecrated life or society of apostolic life.
- For lay people: a letter of recommendation from their bishop, or a professor who has taught the student at the university level, or a superior who is in a position to evaluate the candidate.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM

- Candidates must have an honours bachelor, or provide evidence of an equivalent four-year formation program, with at least a "B" average.
- The bachelor or equivalent program must include, or be supplemented by, at least 18 credits in the theological disciplines, or equivalent studies and pastoral or professional experience as determined by the Executive Committee of the Faculty.
- Additionally, candidates must have a degree in canon law, or at least 15 credits of course work and seminars in canon law, including a course on the general norms of canon law.
- Courses that are part of parent programs other than canon law may have other prerequisites.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED CORE COURSES (9 CREDITS)

DCA	5133	Judicial Procedures (Procedures I) (3 cr.)
DCA	6114	Tribunal Procedures (Procedures II) (3 cr.)
DCA	6321	Seminar on Tribunal Practice (3 cr.) OR
DCA	6322	Seminar on Chancery Practice (3 cr.)

RECOMMENDED COURSES (6 CREDITS ARE TO BE CHOSEN FROM AMONG THE FOLLOWING)

DCA	5125	Matrimonial Law I: Matrimonial Consent (3 cr.)
DCA	5126	Matrimonial Law II: Special Issues and Cases (3 cr.)
DCA	5204	Sacramental and Liturgical Law (6 cr.)
DCA	5306	General Norms II (3 cr.)
DCA	6302	Special Problems in Canon Law II: Ecumenical Dialogue (3 cr.)
DCA	6315	Liturgical Law outside the Code (3 cr.)
<i>and the seminar not taken as required course:</i>		
DCA	6321	Seminar on Tribunal Practice (3 cr.) OR
DCA	6322	Seminar on Chancery Practice (3 cr.)

The Dean may permit a student to choose elective courses from among other graduate courses. Except for a justifiable reason, the choice is limited to courses offered at the Faculty of Canon Law, the Faculty of Theology of Saint Paul University (sacramental theology), and the Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa (family law).

Course credits obtained for another degree or certificate cannot be applied to the G.C.C.P.

N.B. The core courses for the G.C.C.P. are available every two years beginning in 2009.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ECCLESIASTICAL ADMINISTRATION (G.C.E.A.) (15 CREDITS)

The Graduate Certificate in Ecclesiastical Administration (G.C.E.A.) is a second-cycle program that offers an advanced specialization, within the general discipline of canon law, suited to careers in church administration. From the perspective of canon law, the program provides the students a specialized knowledge of issues related to the governance and management of dioceses, religious institutes, church tribunals, ecclesiastical institutions of education and healthcare, and other similar bodies.

The certificate program requires 15 credits of courses, consisting of 9 credits of core courses and 6 credits of specialized courses, or 12 credits of core courses and 3 credits of specialized courses, in keeping with the student's own educational needs and career plans.

Students may complete the certificate requirements full-time in one semester or part-time over the course of one, two, or three years.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM

Additional documents required for admission:

One letter of recommendation

a. For secular priests and deacons: a letter of recommendation from their bishop.

b. For the religious: a letter of recommendation from the superior of the institute of consecrated life or society of apostolic life.

c. For lay people: a letter of recommendation from their bishop, or a professor who has taught the student at the university level, or a superior who is in a position to evaluate the candidate.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM

1. Candidates must have an honours bachelor, or provide evidence of an equivalent four-year formation program, with at least a "B" average.

2. The bachelor or equivalent program must include, or be supplemented by, at least 18 credits in the theological disciplines, or equivalent studies and pastoral or professional experience as determined by the Executive Committee of the Faculty.

3. Additionally, candidates must have a degree in canon law, or at least 15 credits of course work and seminars in canon law, including a course on the general norms of canon law.

4. Courses that are part of parent programs other than canon law may have other prerequisites.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

CORE COURSES (9 CREDITS)

The following two courses are required:

DCA	6112	Selected Issues in Church Administration I: Administrative Recourse (3 cr.)
DCA	6113	Selected Issues in Church Administration II: Temporal Goods (3 cr.)

At least 3 credits must be taken from among the following three courses:

DCA	5208	The Faithful, the Magisterium, the Church and Civil Society (6 cr.)
DCA	6114	Tribunal Procedures (Procedures II) (3 cr.)
DCA	6115	Penal Law (3 cr.)

Specialized courses (up to 6 credits may be taken from among the following)

DCA	5123	The Internal Ordering of Particular Churches I: Foundational Questions (3 cr.)
DCA	5124	The Internal Ordering of Particular Churches II: Administrative Issues (3 cr.)
DCA	5203	Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (3 cr.)
DCA	5133	Judicial Procedures (Procedures I) (3 cr.)
DCA	6302	Special Problems in Canon Law II: Ecumenical Dialogue (3 cr.)

DCA	6316	The Laity and the Church's Office of Governance (3 cr.)
HAH	6212	Health Care Ethics (UO) (1.5 cr.)
HAH	6260	Health Care System Organization and Policy (UO) (1.5 cr.)
IPA	5149	Professional Issues and Ethics in Health Care Services (3 cr.)
IPA	6152	Theology and Pastoral Care in Health Care Services (3 cr.)
THO	6342	Ethics and Health Sciences (3 cr.)

With permission of the Dean, a student may also choose other elective graduate courses, whether offered by the Faculty of Canon Law or another school of Saint Paul University or the University of Ottawa—especially in Law, Pastoral Theology, Administration, or Management. Course credits obtained for another degree or certificate cannot be applied to the G.C.C.A.

MASTER'S IN CANON LAW (M.C.L.) (54 CREDITS)

The Master's in Canon Law requires two years of residence (four sessions) as a full-time student.

The student must obtain 54 credits. This is composed of required courses (21 credits), a research seminar (3 credits), courses with limited options (at least 21 credits), and elective courses (up to 12 credits). The requirements of the research seminar are indicated in the Faculty guidelines; it includes a research paper of approximately 40 pages.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM

Additional documents required for admission:

One letter of recommendation

a. For secular priests and deacons: a letter of recommendation from their bishop.

b. For the religious: a letter of recommendation from the superior of the institute of consecrated life or society of apostolic life.

c. For lay people: a letter of recommendation from their bishop, or a professor who has taught the student at the university level, or a superior who is in a position to evaluate the candidate.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO THE PROGRAM

Candidates must have a specialized bachelor's degree or equivalent four years of post-secondary studies with at least a "B" average. This must include or be complemented by at least 18 credits in the theological disciplines or by course work and equivalent pastoral experience in keeping with criteria established by the Executive Committee of the Faculty.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED CORE COURSES (21 CREDITS)

All students are required to take the following:

DCA	5102	General Norms I (3 cr.)
DCA	5112	Foundations of Canon Law (3 cr.)
DCA	5121	History of Canon Law (3 cr.)
DCA	5125	Matrimonial Law I: Matrimonial Consent (3 cr.)
DCA	5126	Matrimonial Law II: Special Issues and Cases (3 cr.)
DCA	5306	General Norms II (3 cr.)
DCA	6395	Master's Seminar (3 cr.)

COURSES WITH LIMITED OPTIONS

Students must take at least 21 credits from the following:

DCA	5103	Universal and Supra-Diocesan Church Structures (3 cr.)
DCA	5123	The Internal Ordering of Particular Churches I: Foundational Questions (3 cr.)
DCA	5124	The Internal Ordering of Particular Churches II: Administrative Issues (3 cr.)
DCA	5203	Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (3 cr.)
DCA	5204	Sacramental and Liturgical Law (6 cr.)
DCA	5207	Special Sectors of Law (6 cr.)
DCA	5208	The Faithful, the Magisterium, the Church, and Civil Society (6 cr.)

ELECTIVE COURSES (UP TO 12 CREDITS)

DCA	5133	Judicial Procedures (Procedures I) (3 cr.)
DCA	5302	Canon Law and the Ecclesiology of Vatican II (3 cr.)
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